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Education
Ed.D. in Educational Leadership (Higher Education), Argosy University
Ed.S. in Educational Leadership (K-12), Nova Southeastern University
M.S. in Instructional Design and Development, Lehigh University
B.S. in Elementary Education, Kent State University

Biography
Background:
- I have been working in the education field for about 17 years. During this time, my roles have included being an elementary (K-5) teacher, an administrator, an adult education (GED) teacher, and a curriculum/technology specialist. At the post-secondary level, I have had the opportunity to teach various courses in computer science, research, leadership, and teaching methods, both at ground campuses and online. I truly enjoy being a part of the CSU family!

- I was born and raised in a small, rural town in eastern Ohio. I have lived and worked in Winston-Salem, NC and Allentown-Bethlehem, PA. I moved to my current location, Fort Myers, FL, nine years ago. Southwest Florida is a great place to live and work, not to mention the beautiful year round weather! In my spare time, I enjoy reading, writing, swimming, running, listening to music, and spending time with my dog, Paxton.

Please do not ever hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns that you may have as a student at CSU. My personal goal is to see each and every one of you be successful in school and to assist you along your path to achieving your professional and career goals. All relationships are built on communication. This is where we start our relationship. In a virtual world, access is boundless. To this end I would like to invite you to a dialogue. Throughout the course, there are three main ways you can reach me:

1) Email me directly at michael.miller@columbiasouthern.edu
2) Post a question in the Ask the Professor forum
3) Call via telephone, 7 days a week, 10am-10pm (EST), at (239) 745-5690.

I typically respond to all communication within 24 hours or less.

I look forward to the pleasure of our learning engagement and the joy of seeing you succeed. I am honored to be of service to your passion for learning and look forward to working with you!

Classes:
- LSS1300 Learning Strategies for Success
- LSS1100 Learning Strategies for Success in Graduate Programs

Teaching Philosophy:
- My philosophy of teaching draws from several research and philosophical traditions, as well as from the teaching experiences of myself and my colleagues. Whether teaching in a traditional setting or online, I make use of the constructivist pedagogy. Simply stated, I firmly believe that knowledge and understanding cannot be transmitted between people; it must be constructed over time by each individual. In other words, learning is a deliberate process of sense-making that inevitably includes times of confusion, struggle, and reconciliation of difficulties. This relatively simple recognition has deep implications for instruction, which are learner centered. As an educator, I see that knowledge can be built and applied according to the individual experience. I see the learner as an active participant in his or her learning experience, seeking out information and making connections while building this knowledge. As a constructivist, I also see learning as a social experience, making dialogue and collaboration crucial. All of these strategies ultimately assist in leveraging educational tools to enhance the learning environment in dynamic ways.

Advice for Current Students:
You are at the driver’s seat of this new journey. I am delighted to sit next to you as your navigator, but you are in control of our journey together. You can steer it in the right direction and lead it successfully to its destination.