My name is Elizabeth Childs and I will be teaching SLS 1000 for Columbia Southern University. As an educator, it is my goal to enhance student learning as a transformative experience. Ideally I want students to feel personally changed and inspired by their participation in the course I am teaching. Promoting an understanding that external forces help to shape the construction and utilization of knowledge is central to my philosophy of teaching because it helps students sharpen critical thinking skills in order to enable them to overcome conventional limitations.

One way I will assist students in learning will be that I will make myself available on a daily basis in order to provide positive feedback and support as they work their way through SLS 1000. I believe that positive and consistent support and feedback from me will help my students to progress with success in the course. Encouragement from me and knowing that I value what students have to say through online assignments and discussion will be an important part of the support that I provide.

Upon graduation from the University of South Alabama with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education I began my career as a first grade teacher. After one year in the classroom I felt compelled to continue growing and learning more about the field of education and teaching young children; therefore, I completed my M.S. in Early Childhood Education at Spring Hill College. After six years of teaching, I decided to further my education by obtaining Certification in School Counseling from the University of South Alabama. After working as a school counselor for four years I decided to return to the college classroom once again and enrolled at Argosy University where I received my Ed.S. and then Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. I have continued to grow as an educator by joining the American Counseling Association, American School Counselors Association and Alabama School Counseling Association. Additionally, I became a member of an international honorary organization for women educations, Alpha Delta Kappa, and continue to grow as an educator through my affiliation with ADK.

My husband and I have two children, one who is a junior at the Alabama School of Math and Science and one who is a freshman at the University of Alabama. I spend most of my personal time with my family. I enjoy shopping, boating and frequenting local restaurants when time allows. I can be reached anytime by email at Elizabeth.Chils@columbiasouthern.edu or on my cell phone at 251-776-2919 any time after 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. I look forward to working with the staff at Columbia Southern University.