First, I'd like to point out that I'm excited about teaching online courses. This mode of instruction has helped to bring educational opportunities to millions of non-traditional, adult learners who lead busy lives and find it difficult to attend traditional, ‘brick and mortar’ universities. As a result, our student population is made up of adult learners with a broad range of professional life experiences that helps to make the online learning environment unique as compared to the traditional classroom. With that said, the online learning environment requires a great deal of commitment on the part of the student and professor. Thus, I have high expectations for both of us. I am confident that by working together, you and I will both meet our goals - your goal being the successful completion of the course and advancing in your program of study, and my goal being to coach and assist you in that effort.

Second, I'd like to explain a little about my background. I've been working with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for over twenty years. I began as a safety engineer and moved into management as a team leader in 2001. In that time I've obtained a MS degree in Environmental Engineering, obtained a license as a Professional Engineer (PE) in the State of Missouri, and achieved certifications as a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) and Certified Safety Professional (CSP).

I currently reside in O'Fallon, IL with my wife and two stepchildren. My hobby right now is writing science fiction novels, although if I ever publish, it will be with a pen name because another author currently uses my surname.