Ana-Maria Piso: PCEPS Teaching Statement

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As an aspiring faculty member, I believe teaching is an essential part of my training. I found myself drawn to pursue graduate studies and continue on the academic career path largely due to the wonderful teachers, professors and mentors whose classes, research supervision and professional guidance I’ve had the privilege to benefit from. I would therefore like to give back to the academic community by teaching and mentoring future generations of scientists.

**Teaching Experience**

As a first year graduate student, I was a Teaching Fellow (TF) for the Harvard College course “Life as a Planetary Phenomenon”, led by Professor Dimitar Sasselov. This is an introductory science class for non-science majors that addresses the fundamentals of life and evolution in the context of astronomy, physics, chemistry and geology. My duties as a TF were to lead weekly two-hour sections, grade homework and exams, and participate in staff meetings with the other Teaching Fellows.