

I'm PHRE To Do What I Want... (Or, Life After TSU)

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- Who Was I Then?
- How Did I Get Here?
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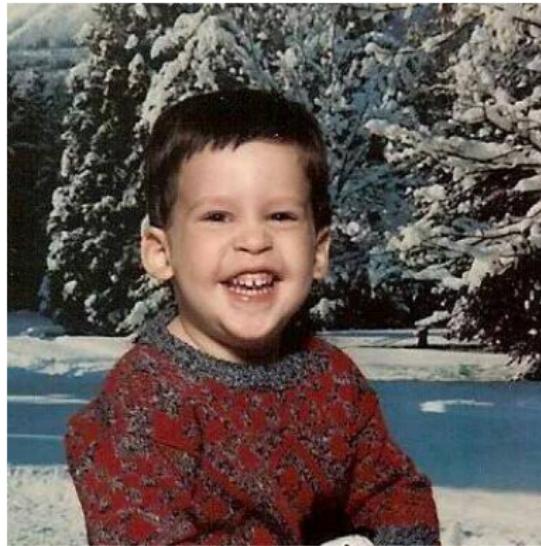
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Who Am I?

- Mathematics professor
- Firm believer in the liberal arts
- Avid music listener
- Trail runner

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Why Listen To Me?



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Why Listen To Me? Persistence

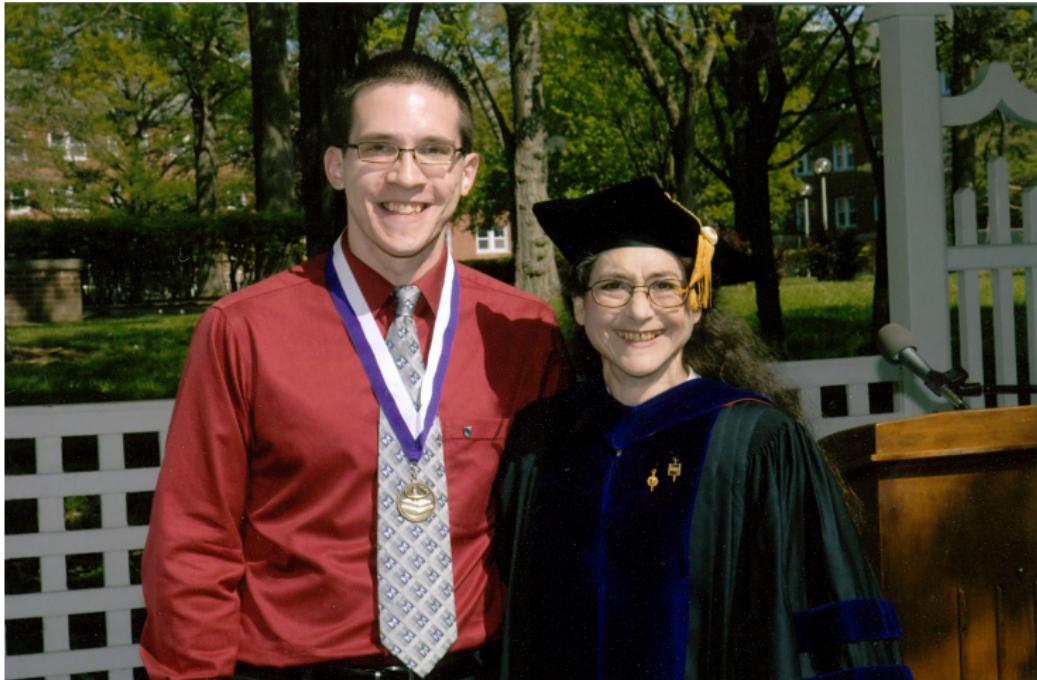


As An Undergraduate (In 4 Years!)

- B.A. in Philosophy & Religion (With Departmental Honors)
- B.S. in Mathematics
- Minors in Asian Studies & International Studies
- General Honors (LINK: Honors Scholar)
- ΦΛΦ fraternity, Student Ambassador, KME, and MAA
- Grader for Dr. Pflueger, MTCS professors; Pickler Library

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Work Smarter *and* Harder



After Truman...

- Ph.D. in Mathematics from Iowa State University (2008-13)
- Graduate study, MSLIS at University of Illinois (2013-14)
- Quincy U. - Assistant Prof. of Mathematics (2014-17)
- Lewis U. - Assistant Prof. of Mathematics (2017 - Present)
- Finishing MSLIS from University of Illinois (2018-19?)

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Celebrate Your Accomplishments



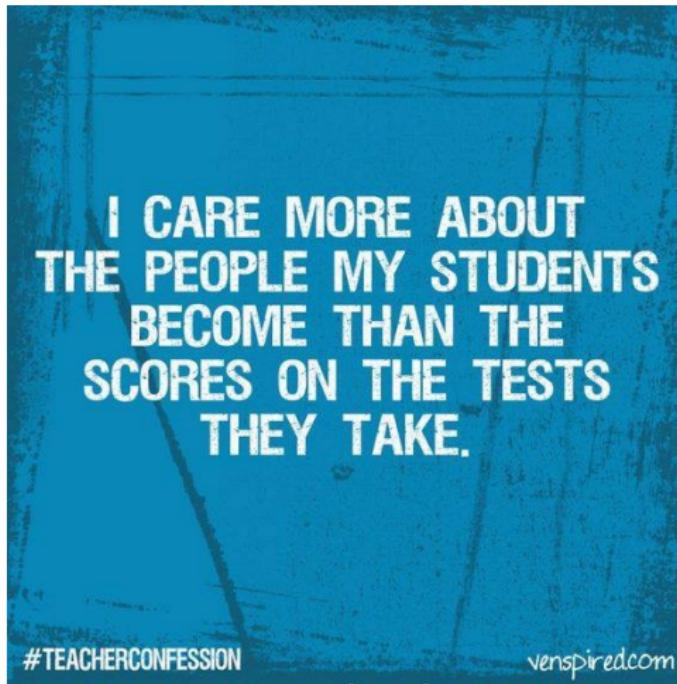
How Did PHRE Help?

- Leverage connections creatively
- Mathematics is important, writing & speaking are importanter
- Dissertation: “Commutative Idempotent Groupoids and the Constraint Satisfaction Problem”

How Did PHRE Help?

- Co-developing a Philosophy of Mathematics seminar at Lewis
- My teaching philosophy, epoché (“suspension of judgement”)
- Link: The Lesson of Grace In Teaching

Care More



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Try New Things



When You Don't Know...

GOOD MATHEMATICS IS NOT
ABOUT HOW MANY ANSWERS
YOU KNOW...IT'S ABOUT HOW
YOU BEHAVE WHEN YOU DON'T
KNOW.



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Fail Better



Ever tried.
Ever failed.
No matter.
Try again.
Fail again.
Fail better.

Samuel Beckett

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Could I Really...?



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What Now?

Lean On Others



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You Just Might Succeed



Questions?