

MAPS Summer Faculty Profile

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How long have you worked at WCU? 3 years

About Me: I attended Washington and Lee University for undergrad, where I studied history. I did my graduate work at Notre Dame. Since then I've been teaching at Western, where I primarily teach Global Issues, but also occasionally American Government and some upper level courses in international relations and comparative politics. I'm married with 2 daughters (with another on the way this summer). In my free-time I like to watch and play basketball and play with my kids.

Why should students be excited about taking your course this summer?

If you take Global Issues this summer, you will get to learn about what is going on in the world. We begin by examining different ways for explaining how countries interact with each other. We then use those theories to explore international history as well as topics such as nuclear weapons, terrorism, civil wars, international trade, globalization and human rights. We also explore several topics ripped straight from the headlines, such as North Korea's nuclear program.