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What course did you teach this fall?

I taught Federal Courts online. The students were a mix of 2Ls and 3Ls.

Did you try any new techniques or use any new tools in your class this semester?

One day, I tried using the poll feature in Zoom to do an (ungraded) pop quiz reviewing the unit we had just covered. It turned out to be a hit with the students—so we incorporated interactive review quizzes into several subsequent lectures.

Do you have insights to share about the students you taught this semester?

The patience and resilience William & Mary law students have exhibited during the pandemic have been endlessly inspiring to me. I really believe the hard life lessons we're all learning these days will benefit us as people and professionals far into the future. I've seen so much growth and adaptability in my students, and I'm grateful for the room they've given me to grow and adapt as a teacher, too.

What do you miss about being in the building?

Random conversations in hallways!

Do you have hobbies or pastimes that have helped you combat pandemic fatigue?

Long walks outside—with a friend, with my dog, or just by myself—have been key for me. I've also enjoyed doing a lot of crossword puzzles.