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What courses did you teach this fall?

I taught Legal Writing and Research, Lawyering Skills and Advanced Lawyering Skills. My students were all LL.M.s this semester. I taught two sections of each class—one in-person and one remotely. It was a joy to be in the building—albeit masked up and socially distant.

For both modalities, my Teaching Assistants really helped students (especially first semester students) connect with our law school from near and afar. I want to thank LL.M. Bashaer Alsulami, 2Ls Max Chu, Rucha Pandit, and Yuechu Li, and 3Ls Yasmine Palmer and Brianna Mashel for their hard work and leadership.

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

Despite Zoom fatigue, students wanted to connect with their professors on a personal level, as well as academically. I endeavored to check in with all of my students to let them know that they were never out of mind even if far away.

Do you have hobbies or pastimes that have helped you navigate the stressors and uncertainties posed by the pandemic?

I am a huge fan of cooking even during non-pandemic times, but I have really spent a lot of time preparing vegan and vegetarian food since March. My best dish? Vegetarian French Onion Soup.

Did you read or watch something for pleasure during the semester that you would recommend to others?

I got back into author Pat Conroy after visiting Daufuskie Island, South Carolina. I read “The Water is Wide” and am currently reading “Prince of Tides” that I somehow missed until 2020.