



RISING STAR

WEEKLY PROFILE OF
A TAMPA BAY YOUNG
PROFESSIONAL

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Q: What do you do in your day job?

A: Teach and lecture undergraduate classes. Advise students. Work on committees. Develop, hire and schedule adjuncts for the speech department. Also, research, scholarship, and international development for my discipline.

Q: When you were five, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A: A police officer or president.

Q: What was your very first job?

A: Soccer referee at the YMCA, and a camp counselor.

Q: How do you balance work and your social life?

A: Organization! I make sure I work hard so I can play hard. I take full advantage of my vacation time as an instructor; I just booked my 15th cruise today.

Q: Where is the last place you went on vacation and what did you do there?

A: I toured Italy for three weeks this summer as a working vacation leading a study abroad group of UT students. We started in Venice and ended in Rome... identifying the interpersonal differences between the Italians and the Americans.

Q: What are your favorite charities? Why?

A: Golden Retriever Rescue of Central Florida and Susan B. Komen Foundation.

Q: What's your favorite quote?

A: "You will make all kinds of mistakes; but as long as you are generous and true and also fierce you cannot hurt the world or even seriously distress her. She was made to be wooed and won by youth." — Winston Churchill

Q: What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?

A: Earning a full-time tenure track position at my age here at University of Tampa.

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