One of the most challenging parts of assembling an academic job application is writing the teaching philosophy statement. That’s because the task requires precisely what new faculty candidates often lack—classroom teaching methodology and experience. This seminar will walk you through the major philosophical questions that are at the heart of a teaching statement. You will see the writing process as an important step in becoming a centered, reflective educator. Bring your draft statement with you for notes!

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