Philosophy professor teaches, runs own Louisville bookstore

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Timothy Fout, adjunct professor of philosophy, grew up in Shelbyville, Ind. Fout runs his own bookstore in Louisville.

Timothy Fout, adjunct professor of philosophy, is a busy individual.

Besides teaching at IU Southeast, he also teaches at the University of Louisville and Bellarmine College. Running an independent bookstore in Louisville is another profession he is involved in.

"IUS is different in size from the U of L or Bellarmine," Fout said.

"IU Southeast is a much cleaner campus and class sizes are smaller, which gives me the opportunity to know the students."

Bellarmine is actually smaller than IU Southeast, but Fout said there is more diversity here than at Bellarmine.

"I love learning and going to school and I've probably spent 47 out of my 50 years either as a student or teacher," Fout said.

Fout also praised the staff here at IU Southeast.

"If you have a problem, the staff is right on it," Fout said.

Fout grew up in Shelbyville, Ind. He graduated high school from the Latin School of Indianapolis in 1970.

Fout recanted one of the jobs he held before he started teaching.

In 1977 he worked as a cook at Santa Claus Land, which is now known as Holiday World.

"I remember the individual who played Santa Claus there," Fout said.

"He would come into the kitchen every day after work and take home left-over gizzards and livers to his dog."

Fout went on to undergraduate school at St. Meinrad, a Catholic university in Indiana, and IUPUI in Indianapolis.

He graduated from St. Meinrad in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

"I loved the tranquility of St. Meinrad," Fout said.

At St. Meinrad, he met Gill Ring, a philosophy professor who stands as one of his favorite teachers.

Fout received his master's degree in philosophy from the University of Louisville in 1980.

He remembers his first teaching job, which was at the University of Louisville.

"I was teaching logic to a group of students about the same age I was," Fout said.

"I had a bit of stage fright."

"It took me about the whole semester to overcome it," Fout said.

Fout and his wife, Judy, used to do a lot of camping out west with their two children.

They made good use of a pop-up camper while vacationing in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and other states.

"We sold the camper when the kids went off to college," Fout said.

"Maybe we'll get another one when we get grandchildren."

Fout's son, Justin, 24, is a graduate of Magdalen College in Warner, N.H.

His daughter, Sarah, 21, is a senior at Ave Maria University in Naples, Fla.

Fout and his wife own and operate A Reader's Corner Bookstore in Louisville which opened on Dec. 1, 1997.

"The bookstore was my idea, perhaps in a moment of insanity," Fout said.

"I still believe reading books is the best way to retain knowledge."

Fout admits his wife had some doubts about running a bookstore, but now she is there more than he is.

"When Judy is not at the bookstore when I'm running it, customers ask me where she's at," Fout said.

"She can relate better to customers than I can."

About 90 percent of the books sold at the Fouts' bookstore are used.

A Reader's Corner Bookstore carries books on history, psychology, fiction, children's books, religion and other subjects of interest.

The bookstore is sustained through loyal customers. It is very reader friendly with a separate room for coffee and soft drinks.

There is even a connection for wireless computers there.

"I really recommend the Kizito cookies we sell there," Fout said.

"They are made by a woman from Uganda who has her own store in Louisville. Her cookies are a favorite of our customers."

Fout said some of his favorite authors are Graham Greene, Flannery O'Connor, Richard Taylor and Wendell Berry.

A Reader's Corner Bookstore is located at 138 Breckenridge Lane in Louisville.

Monday through Friday, the store is open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

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IUS faculty member stresses positivity

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In today's world, being positive isn't always easy.

Rebecca Carlton, lecturer of communication studies at IU Southeast, said she finds great satisfaction in remaining positive at all times.

"I take pride in being positive," Carlton said.

Many times when Carlton begins one of her classes, she asks her students to name something positive that has happened to them since their last meeting.

She said she thinks this is a way to have her positive attitude rub off on her students.

Carlton is a former student of IU Southeast. She graduated in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in communications. After graduating from IU Southeast, she went on to earn her master's degree in speech communication from Ball State University in 1992.

When she finished school, Carlton became a full-time professor at Sullivan University in Louisville and also taught part time at IU Southeast.

Carlton, who has a lot of pride in her alma mater, got the opportunity she had been waiting for in 2001, when she became a full-time lecturer at IU Southeast.

She currently teaches public speaking, advanced public speaking, interpersonal communication, and group methods.

"I'm really blessed to be here," Carlton said. "It's a wonderful place."

Carlton currently teaches with some of the people who taught her during her years at IU Southeast.

She said she finds meeting with her former professors very rewarding.

Although her schedule here at IU Southeast keeps her busy, Carlton still has time to pursue a couple of hobbies.

The first of these hobbies is being a mother to her two sons, Dylan, 10 and Devin, 6.

"I'm proud of my kids," Carlton said. "I love being a mom."

Carlton said that she was settled and ready by the time she had children, which allows her to be a good mother. Being a mother is time consuming, but she doesn't mind.

When it comes to spending time with her children, Carlton's opinion is positive, like her attitude.

"It's very wonderful time," Carlton said.

Dylan has contributed to another of Carlton's hobbies, learning and discovering new things about trains.

Dylan's fascination with trains has inspired Carlton and her family to seek out train-related activities. When the family goes on a trip, they frequently look for train exhibits and other train activities for Dylan.

Carlton also enjoys playing golf, although she does not consider what she does "playing golf."

"I have golf clubs and I hit the ball," Carlton said with a laugh.

Carlton began playing golf with her husband, Dwight, after they played miniature golf quite a few times. Carlton said she figured they might as well go ahead and start to play real golf.

Carlton's life is very busy, but she remains positive and seems to enjoy every minute of it.

"My life is surrounded by golf and trains," Carlton said.

'Don't stay in bed, unless you can make money in bed.'

– George Burns