

Montcalm Community College Faculty Bio: Greta Skogseth, M.A.

Greta Skogseth, M.A., has been a Language Arts Instructor at Montcalm Community College (MCC) for more than 20 years and feels that MCC is the perfect fit for her.

“Much like many of our MCC students, my mom turned to a community college to complete her education. The college provided her with a quality and affordable education; most of all though, her instructors treated her with respect and encouragement,” Greta said. “Her experience at a community college made a huge impact upon me. When I graduated from Central Michigan University (CMU) with a degree in English Language and Literature, I knew that I wanted to work with students earning an education at a community college.”

Greta graduated from CMU with a Bachelor of Science in English and a master’s degree in English Language and Literature. She was a graduate assistant and adjunct faculty member at CMU, in addition to Delta Community College and Saginaw Valley State University. In 2001, Greta returned to Michigan after leaving a tenured position at Lincoln Trail College in Illinois.

Greta has two daughters, Emma and Alison, who are her greatest accomplishments, she says. She also has two pugs, Tulip and Sherman, in addition to her grand dog, Margo.

In Greta’s free time she loves crafting and trying recipes on Pinterest. She said, “you’ll also catch me watching guilty pleasures on TLC and crushing candy on Candy Crush. Most of all though, I keep current on children’s and young adult books. I am a book addict.” She teaches our Children’s Literature course, and she says that her favorite book is *Bridge to Terabithia*.

One of Greta’s most memorable travel experiences was visiting the Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany. She has traveled to Germany seven times in her life. She said that even though she had to hobble up the steep mountain and limp up the stairs of the castle, it still causes her to have goose bumps decades later.

Greta shares some facts about herself:

- She was born on Labor Day.
- Her mom left the hospital without naming her.
- She is usually awake at strange hours of the night.
- Toys from her childhood make her happy.
- She doesn’t wear coats (even in the winter), but she owns many.