

Who Am I?

To help students understand why you chose to be a professor in your discipline, ask them to do a little research on your background. Create a handout with pertinent questions and ask your students to work in pairs. Encourage them to use their syllabus, the college website, and any other practical places to locate information. Some questions might include the following:

- What was my major in college?
- Where did I go to college?
- What was the subject of my thesis/dissertation?
- In what areas have I published research?
- Why did I choose to work at this college?
- What are my teaching philosophies?
- What types of activities do you think I enjoy?

After students answer the questions, debrief with the class and talk about your background and why you became an instructor.