

A Word On Dr. Laurie Lattimore-Volkman  
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Dr. Lattimore Volkman has the innate and impressive ability to operate gracefully in the unique space that exists where academia meets student. This space must be dictated by mutual respect, and a mutual love of learning, and many—on both sides, find themselves unable to locate the balance.

It's no secret that love of teaching is a big factor in compensation for an adjunct, which is what makes it even more impactful when they open their time to be available for their students.

When I started covering sports for CisternYard News, Dr. LV met with me multiple times to grab coffee, read my drafts, and give me best practices for my own journalistic process. Her wealth of experience in journalism paired with her own passion for sports gave these conversations layers of depth that have been invaluable to me as I have emerged into my own career. If you're looking for someone who inspires and equips students to excel during and after college, you've got the right woman.

During my semester with Dr. LV, she assigned two video projects so that we could learn how to write scripts, cut video, and manipulate audio. These were challenging and required a lot of creativity and patience, and needless to say I learned a lot.

After graduation, I moved to New York to start my first job as a Training Specialist at a SaaS company. One big responsibility of this team is to create materials to equip clients and employees to use the software. And as I'm sure you've guessed, a huge portion of those materials are videos.

Because I was prepared to work with editing software, I was ready and able to take on a huge project head-on, and establish myself as a force for video content creation. This expertise recently resulted in my first promotion. So, if you're looking for someone who prepares students for big moments in their careers with the potential to help define their trajectory, you've got the right woman.

I could go on and on about the culture Dr. LV creates in the classroom. Webster's defines 'distinguished' as "successful, authoritative, and commanding great respect," and while Dr. LV was absolutely all of those things, it only begins to cover the force she is in the classroom. If you're looking for a distinguished person that also inspires, encourages and motivates students... for not much more than the love of doing it, well, you've found the right woman.