

Teaching Evaluation Highlights

For Jason LaBau

Official Department Chair Evaluation at Cal Poly Pomona:

“**Dr. LaBau is an outstanding teacher.** Several students from his classes have gone on to declare majors in history and have attributed their decision in part to Dr. LaBau’s influence. He **integrates discussion** as well as lecture in his classes, and **makes use of music and visuals** to help students to better understand the past.”

“His teaching scores are among the best in the department and **his teaching strategies are exemplary.**”

Peer Teaching Evaluations at Cal Poly Pomona

“When students enter the classroom, Dr. LaBau provides them with a ‘pre-class’ discussion question... This **innovative idea** enables students to engage in historical thinking and provides a springboard for initial class discussion.”

“I was impressed with the way Dr. LaBau’s approach to instruction has created an **active learning environment** in which students feel comfortable participating in class discussion, not an easy task considering the large class size.”

“Prof. LaBau has a **relaxed and easy manner** and the student[s] seemed to genuinely like him. I believe students are learning a great deal from his course.”

Anonymous Online Student Evaluations, Cal Poly Pomona, Koofers.com

“**Always cheerful** in class, sometimes he cracks jokes, **great help during office hours**, super nice and organized. I personally don't like history, but LaBau made it so interesting. The books that he assigns are great resources because one of the books gave different perspectives so I was getting really into the readings. The exams were hard but they weren't brutal... **Take him if you want to learn about history and explore different outlooks, but if you want an easy A take a different professor.**”

“I have never liked history, but after this class my mindset changed. **He has a passion for what he does.**”

“Enthusiastic professor who "gets" most students views of the class. Always came prepared to class and was always in a good mood. Always starts the class by talking about non-history related things and **kept lectures interactive**... Overall an amazing history professor who cares about the big picture and not the small details.”

“Very fun professor. Always wants to know how the students weekends where before he gets to his discussions. **Very knowledgeable** and is **always entertaining**”

“Passionate, interesting, adorable, friendly professor; **teaches well and knows his stuff**”

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Anonymous Online Student Evaluations, Cal Poly Pomona, Rate My Professors

“Prof. LaBau is awesome and organized. I definitely recommend taking this class. He is really helpful and **cares about his students**... He is enthusiastic about history and lectures are fun.”

“He's **super organized** :) and very helpful! Clear lectures and encourages discussions... Would DEFINITELY take him again!”

Anonymous Student Evaluations, CSU Fullerton

“The Professor was very **engaging & funny** – kept me interested in subject matter.”

The course “**challenged me** to look beyond the meaning of different texts and how they relate to society”

“This class was [especially] difficult for me, but the teacher did his full job in assisting me as much as he possibly could throughout the course. **He’s a challenging, yet brilliant teacher.**”

In addition, a student recently sent me the following in an email:

“I took your History 202 class last quarter, and I have always hated history class. I did not enjoy it until I took your class. I learned a lot, but more importantly, I retained so much information that makes me understand events that happen in everyday life.

“Today I watched the movie 'Selma' in the theaters. I would have never thought I would pay money to see a historical movie on the first day of release-moreover cry during it. I want to thank you for teaching me about how life was in America back then. I was able to analyze the film and understand why George Wallace was a big character. I understood why they showed the four young black girls in the church, and why they spoke of religion so often.

“I was forced to take your class, but I'm so thankful I had a great professor to tell me this story of America.”

Those teaching moments that extend beyond the classroom make me proud of what I do.