



Center For Excellence in
Christian Scholarship



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Dr. Warren grew up in Texas spending the early half of her childhood in west Texas and the other half in the east Texas town of Gilmer. She grew up with a total of six siblings including half-siblings and step-siblings. She considers herself blessed to have had the support and love of parents, step-parents, and many siblings throughout her life.

While attending Kilgore College for one year, Dr. Warren worked in the bookkeeping department of Gilmer National Bank where she developed a love for accounting procedures. She then transferred to Baylor University where she originally declared accounting as her major. Because of her love for mathematics, she decided to take Calculus as an elective. She enjoyed the calculus course so much that she changed her major to mathematics and finished a B.A. degree in mathematics and continued to also complete a M.S. in mathematics at Baylor University.

B.A. in mathematics, Baylor University, 1986
M.S. in mathematics, Baylor University, 1988
M.A. in statistics, Baylor University, 1997
Ph.D. in statistics, Baylor University, 1999

Areas of Expertise:
Mathematics
Statistics

Professional Affiliations:
Mathematical Association of America
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Dr. Warren's first job after college was in Dallas working as an actuarial assistant at Reserve Life Insurance Company. She passed the first three actuarial exams in the two years that she worked there. She then moved back to East Texas and taught mathematics at Gilmer High School. Wanting to use more of her upper level mathematics, she applied for a teaching position at ETBU in 1992. She started teaching at ETBU as an adjunct in the summer of 1992. She taught a course in College Algebra that summer and had the distinction of having a 12 year old child taking her class. This child later graduated from ETBU with a degree in mathematics at age 15.

Dr. Warren was granted a two year leave of absence from ETBU in 1996 so that she could continue her education. Returning to Baylor University, she completed a M.A. degree in statistics and completed all the course work for a Ph.D. in statistics. When she returned to teach at ETBU in 1998 she was also working on her dissertation to complete the Ph.D. She finished the dissertation and earned the Ph.D. from Baylor University in 1999.

Dr. Warren is married to Dr. Mark Warren who is the director at the Upshur County Library in Gilmer. The Warren's live in Gilmer where they are active members of First Baptist Church. They have three sons, Brad, Ryan, and Jackson. Brad is a graduate of the University of Texas Law School but currently teaches mathematics at Kipp Academy in Austin. Ryan is a graduate of ETBU School of Business and is currently working toward a master's degree in accounting at UT

Tyler. Jackson is in the 7th grade at Gilmer Bruce Junior High and enjoys basketball and cross country.

In her 22nd year of teaching at ETBU, Dr. Warren considers herself blessed to have wonderful colleagues and a loving, caring environment in which to work. "I can definitely see how the Lord has orchestrated the events of my life. I am very grateful that He led me to ETBU."

What brought you to ETBU?

I did not know very much about ETBU and I originally called the math department to inquire about working on a Ph.D. in mathematics at ETBU. When I spoke with the department chair, Dr. Rutledge McClaran, that day, he chuckled and informed me that ETBU did not offer a Ph.D. in mathematics. In our conversation, he asked if I would be interested in teaching as an adjunct at ETBU. He needed an adjunct for a College Algebra course that summer. After teaching that course as an adjunct, a full time position opened up the following fall and I was offered the job. I frequently tell my students that I think teaching at the college level is the best job on the planet.

What makes a student successful in your class?

Students who have been successful in my class are those who come ready to learn. Paying attention in class and completing the homework assignments are the keys to success.

What is the most valuable lesson you have learned from your ETBU colleagues?

I have learned generosity from my colleagues. I have been amazed over the years at how selfless and generous my colleagues are. They tirelessly give of themselves to students, to the university, and to other faculty.

What is the most valuable lesson you have learned from your ETBU students?

The most valuable lesson I've learned from my students is to be vulnerable and not take myself so seriously. I've learned that it's okay to mess up. It's okay to be silly. Students respond to someone who is real and authentic. I try to achieve this daily but many times I fail.

How do you promote Christian Scholarship in your classroom?

I encourage my students to honor the Lord in all they do. This includes their education at ETBU. I remind them that the Lord has them here to complete an education so that He can use them both here and somewhere else in the future.