

**Lucas Dietrich**  
**Excerpts from Student Course Evaluations**

Nineteenth-Century American Novel

“Very smart and helpful professor. One of Lesley’s best, without a doubt.”  
 “Professor Dietrich has shown that he cares about his students and what they are going through. He also gives some of the most complete and extensive feedback I have received at Lesley.”  
 “Dietrich is a great professor who is clear, funny, and knowledgeable.”  
 “Great classroom presence, friendly and likeable. Good essay feedback.”  
 “Great class, Great teacher.”  
 “Genuinely interesting and diverse texts that embodied the 19<sup>th</sup> century.”  
 “Class discussions were a strength for the course because they helped me understand the texts better. Instructor was engaging and always available for consultation.”

Contemporary Ethnic Literature

“The course was great.” “Everything was great.” “Awesome class.” “9/10.”  
 “The course challenged my thinking almost every week, in and out of class.”  
 “Great professor who challenged my beliefs in a profound way.”  
 “I learned so much in this course and thoroughly enjoyed coming to class. The class discussions were so interesting, important, and enjoyable.”  
 “As an education major there is so much to take away from Professor Dietrich’s instruction to implement in my own social justice curriculum.”  
 “I found the selected readings to be particularly enlightening and our class discussions to be challenging and engaging.”  
 “He referenced many different scholars and activists of color. He also brought up counterarguments to white perceptions of issues. I found his interpretations of American politics to be especially interesting.”  
 “The creative portfolio for the final was really cool and enabled me to do something literary while also being creative.”  
 “The final portfolio allowed me to create a project that I was deeply invested in from a creative standpoint.”  
 “Great mix of assignments and instruction. Fairly graded. Fantastic and interesting texts. Open, honest environment. Very engaging. Exciting class.”  
 “Wonderful instruction. Class was engaging. Clear passion for content.”  
 “Excellent selection of readings. Good balance of creative and academic assignments.”

Survey of Early American Literature

“Excellent instruction, very well-designed course load, informative lecture, well-balanced class sessions. The class was amazing.”  
 “Communicated very well. Posed interesting questions related to the material.”  
 “Study guides and rubrics provided were helpful. Professor Dietrich spoke about gender/race with good insights despite being a white male.”  
 “Instruction was excellent overall. Would love to take a class with him again.”

"[Dr. Dietrich] was a fantastic teacher! He was excited for class discussions which made the class enjoyable. I will certainly recommend him to other students."

"He was very available and willing to help outside of class. Overall, he was a great teacher, and I would recommend him to anyone."

"[Dr. Dietrich] was an amazing teacher whose enthusiasm for the subject material made class enjoyable and very interesting. I really enjoyed my time in this class."

"Overall, I feel Luke is an excellent teacher who I will recommend to others."

"Very good teacher. Topics and discussions were always relevant and interesting. Always comes prepared and in a good mood."

### Short Fiction

"The overall quality of the instruction was excellent. Dr. Dietrich was amazing. Very patient, very kind."

"It is apparent that Dr. Dietrich holds high standards for himself and his students. He answered questions in a thoughtful and timely manner and provided alerts with kind and sincere messages... I really felt like he had my back."

"Great course, well structured, manageable workload, and grading was fair."

"The course was very well organized, with readings relevant to each period. The teacher's notes were very helpful each week to guide us in the historical and narrative context. I felt motivated to dig and work hard to achieve an understanding of the readings."

"I appreciate the constructive comments that were added to the reviewed paper and with each one of the grades."

### English Composition: Writing in the Age of Digital Media

"I felt my writing skills improve drastically. Writing courses are usually my weakest subject, but I was inspired in this class and felt that the effort I put into assignments would be rewarded."

"Always gave helpful feedback. Professor Dietrich also helped me get a piece of writing published."

"[Professor Dietrich] was great and enthusiastic. He constantly updated our grades online so we were never blindsided. He was always available for meetings and always gave us in-depth responses and feedback to our writing on both grammar and content."

"An incredible teacher, 10/10!!"

"Helped improve my essay writing tremendously."

"Overall, the course was very well-taught and very engaging. The readings were interesting and enriched my understanding. Great teacher. Very engaging and available for help. Also very good with communication and answering questions via email."

"Perfect amount of work. Not too overwhelming, but not too easy."

"Our theme was digital media, so it was very easy to relate to topics."

"Always available to talk about assignments. Gave great feedback on essays."

"Very well organized, always supportive."

"This course helped me understand the often invisible structure that underlies writing. Dr. Dietrich is a mensch. The workload made me sweat more than once, but it was good practice."

"Very willing to listen to student voices and engage us in teaching. Really appreciated this. The workload was honestly perfect."

### Writing and the Literary Arts

“The readings were interesting. Assignments were relevant and had clear expectations. The professor explained things well. He was always happy to help.”

“Probably one of the best professors I’ve ever had. I am not an English major, but he made me question my own major.”

“Challenging in a good way.”

“While it was clear there was a lesson plan, class also felt like a time to just come in and discuss [the reading] which was awesome.”

“I developed better close reading and writing skills.”

“Very organized. Followed syllabus. Enthusiastic and understanding.”

“Very open and encouraging for discussion.”

“Passionate about English. Always ready to help out.”

“Great discussions. Valuable feedback on assignments. Clear instructions and assignment expectations.”

“Course was interesting, challenging, insightful, thought-provoking.”

“I really enjoyed class and loved how the largest assignment was in the middle of the semester. At times the reading was heavy, but all readings were beneficial. Great class, thank you!”

“Writing doesn’t come easy to me, but I actually enjoy it now. Also, I never thought I would enjoy certain aspects of this class like drama, but I actually liked Sophocles. Thank you.”