

**Statements of Teaching Philosophy
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In his essay, *Meditation in a Toolshed*, C. S. Lewis describes
its roof, through which a beam of sunlight
experiences of viewing the beam
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¹ He notes on the difference between sunlight that shines into the
beam of light from the outside and
beam

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Thank you for selecting me for the Howard A. White Award. I appreciate the wonderful support I have received from Dean, the law school administration, and all my colleagues in helping me

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The mediocre teacher tells.
The good teacher explains.
The superior teacher demonstrates.
The great teacher inspires.

-William Ward

I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think.

-Socrates

When I reflect on the truly special teachers throughout the world, I am struck by the fact that they are not just good teachers, they are great teachers. They are the ones who have made a difference in the lives of their students. They are the ones who have inspired them to reach for their dreams. They are the ones who have shown them that they are capable of more than they thought they were. They are the ones who have made a difference in the world.

thinking the best choice refers to our tendency to cling to our ideas of perseverance effect, which is of clearly disconfirming evidence. Although there are many ways to teach this critical thinking principle, I have found over the years that this anecdote and many others like it are by far the most impactful and staying power than nearly every other teaching method available. Satirical pieces, which use humor as a means of shedding light on a wide range of very