You knew you were headed for a career in CS when...
I realized from taking graduate level physics and mathematics course while still in college that I wasn’t go to make it as an Astrophysicist! I had taken a course in programming and liked it, so I switched to computing for graduate school and the “rest is history”.

What is your favorite class to teach and why?
I love teaching Professional Communications, even though at times it can be frustrating as well as lots of work and lots of grading. Still, helping students improve their communication skills is rewarding and worthwhile.

One piece of advice I have for students is...
The same thing my father told me when I went off to college - make sure at the very least that you meet and try to chat with every one of your instructors, without exception.

If you could have dinner with a famous computer scientist, living or dead, who would you choose?
I’d like a chance to chat with Donald Knuth. I was out in California one time and actually stood outside his office door at Stanford — it was awesome.

What is the most interesting project you’ve worked on?
Rather than single out one technical project, I continue to find it interesting to work with all of its administrative computing systems that I use in my day-to-day work as undergraduate program coordinator. The complexity and interconnections of these systems, as well as the constant evolution of each of the pieces, provides me with an on-going case study.