

## The Erma Byrd Center Faculty Spotlight is on Concord University's Keith Lilly, History Instructor

An Interview with Concord University's  
Keith Lilly, History Instructor  
by Lisa Moten, Erma Byrd Center Director

Lisa Moten: How long have you been teaching at the Erma Byrd Center?

**Keith Lilly:** *Since it opened in 2007.*

Lisa Moten: What do you enjoy most about teaching at the Erma Byrd Center?

**Keith Lilly:** *I like the standardization of all of the classrooms. And, I like the technology because we didn't have it at the former Beckley site. The staff is really helpful (especially Joseph) when I need anything.*

Lisa Moten: Share your best teaching tip to keep students engaged in learning.

**Keith Lilly:** *I keep them involved in discussion. Additionally, the technology is helpful as I will show images, paintings, or selections from documents to get them to interpret material instead of me just telling them what it means. I want them to "think" as the overall goal is critical thinking.*

*More importantly, technology engages students of this generation. You can't just stand up and talk to them to keep them engaged. They can relate to technology; and, many of them know more about it than you do as they have grown up with it. They are 21st Century people!*



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