

## The Erma Byrd Center Faculty Spotlight is on Concord University's Larry E. Smith, Adjunct Instructor, Fundamentals of Speech

An Interview with Concord University's  
Larry E. Smith, Adjunct Instructor,  
Fundamentals of Speech, by Lisa Moten,  
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### Public Speaking



*Fearful?*



**Confident!**

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

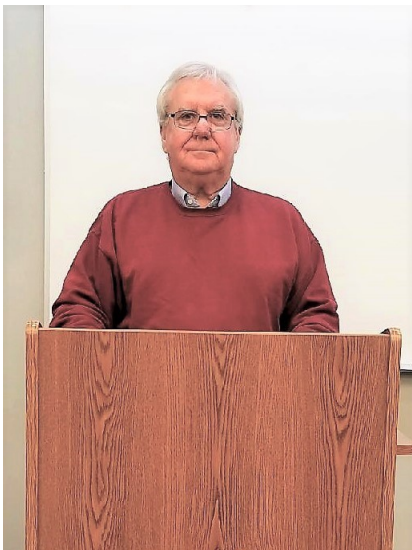
**Larry E. Smith:** *I have been teaching at the Erma Byrd Center for three years.*

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

**Larry E. Smith:** *I enjoy the convenient location, knowledgeable and friendly faculty and staff, and the quality of students.*

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

**Larry E. Smith:** *In order for students to successfully navigate a public speaking course, regular class attendance is important to ensure the greatest chance for learning and understanding. The primary focus of a speech class is to help the student become a better public speaker. This includes the organization and delivery of a speech as well as dealing with public speaking anxiety and understanding the power of words to enact change. The first step in achieving this goal is regular class attendance.*



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