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Robert-Louis Abrahamson

Robert-Louis Abrahamson's teaching of English, writing, communications, speech, theatre, and the humanities with UMUC Europe, is inspired by his lifelong passion for literature: "I want to open students to the delight and wisdom that come from engaging fully with literature," he says. Whether teaching medieval myths or introduction to public speaking, Dr. Abrahamson, a collegiate professor, has been sharing that passion with students online and in the United Kingdom since 1985.

Dr. Abrahamson's classrooms are like chemistry labs, in which he believes students should "experiment with ideas and words" while he acts as a catalyst. In his courses, students do not merely reiterate memorized information; they discover their intellectual capabilities through

a deep exploration of literature with the goal of making it personally meaningful.

Outside of the classroom, he continues to engage the broader academic community through conferences and by publishing and presenting articles and lectures, as well as hosting his own radio show in Cambridge: *Evening under Lamplight*. He is also currently editing a volume of Robert Louis Stevenson's essays for the Edinburgh University Press.

Prior to joining UMUC Europe, Dr. Abrahamson, originally from Philadelphia, taught with Rutgers University and was a tutor in literature with Cambridge University Continuing Education. He earned his BA from Amherst College, and both his MA and PhD from Rutgers University.