

Tallmon Bio

Dr. James M. Tallmon taught rhetoric at the college level from the time he entered graduate school, for thirty years, until he left the ivory tower to be a headmaster teacher (grades 7 & 8) at a Classical Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY. Dr. Tallmon and his wife, Bonnie, have four grown children and recently welcomed their third grandbaby, after having relocated to Austin to be near their first! Tallmon teaches an array of courses within the Trivium for Wittenberg Academy online, is a lecturer at Texas State University and, as of Fall 2018, is also teaching part time, grades 6 & 7, at Austin Classical School. He is the country's foremost authority on teaching in tandem dialectic and rhetoric to cultivate wisdom and eloquence in the classical liberal arts way.

Dr. Tallmon, is a popular presenter at the annual conference of, and has served on the Board of Directors for, the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education. He also served on the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Education. He holds his Ph.D. in Rhetoric & Ethics from the University of Washington and you can find his Rhetoric Ring at: www.rhetoricring.com

Highlights from Dr. Tallmon's CV

- National Educational Debate Association Director of the Year, May 2008
- Patrick Henry College, Professor of Rhetoric, Director of Distance Learning and Director of Debate, 2007-13
- Honors Faculty of the Year, Dickinson State University, May 2007
- Toastmasters International "Communication and Leadership" Award, 2006
- Dickinson State University, Director, Theodore Roosevelt Honors Leadership Program; taught Argumentation, Honors Speech, 21st-Century Leadership.
- South Dakota State U, elected to Phi Kappa Phi honor society, 2002
- Best Inspirational Speaker, South Dakota State University Toastmasters, 2000
- Authored a top five PhD dissertation in Speech Communication, 1993
- Seattle Pacific U., Adjunct Professor of Argumentation, Fall 1992
- U. of Washington, Graduate TA, taught Honors Public Speaking, Essentials of Argument, and Oral Interpretation, Fall 1989-1992
- Colorado State U. Assistant Forensics Coach of the Year, 1987
- Numerous Distinguished Service Awards in a variety of organizations.