

Member at Large

Ray Whelihan

Associate Professor with primary teaching responsibilities in the equine area, including Coach of the Varsity Hunt Seat Equestrian Team. With over 30 years of faculty service, many students have been supported and encouraged to explore and realize their potential to make equestrian involvement a fulfilling lifetime endeavor.

Education: B.S. Animal Science UMASS Amherst  
MS Ed Educational Psychology and Statistics SUNY Albany

Equestrian Philosophy:

With a preference for plain bay thoroughbreds, and the occasional gallant grey, philosophy centers on simplicity, correctness, and a less is more approach resulting in manifestation of favorite quotations "Ride your horses so your horses like you" M.O. Page, and "The hardest thing for a rider to do is to sit still, to sit still, and to keep sitting still." R. Kipling. Through appreciation of the generous nature of the horse, the in-depth study of horsemanship practices intellectually realized over centuries, and incorporating advancements in equine medicine and nutrition, we ask of our horses only what should be asked, in the manner it should be asked, and enjoy our equine relationships to the fullest.