



# Mr. Monaghan

Northern Illinois  
University

# Dean

### **A Learning Experience that Changed Me:**

Earning an out-of-school suspension as a junior in high school. Ask me for details.

### **My Favorite Book:**

"Building Stories" by Chris Ware

### **My Hobbies and Interests:**

Life long multi-instrumentalist, long-time bicycle commuter, self proclaimed "amateur cook."

### **Prior Experience in Education:**

The past six years I served the community of North Lawndale in Chicago at DRW College Prep in a number of roles, primarily as an English Teacher, Advisor, and Advisory Team Leader. Prior to that I worked as a paraprofessional at a few schools in the suburbs of Chicago. Throughout my time in education, I have sponsored student clubs for poetry slam, music production, urban cycling, student radio, and meteorology.

### **Something Super-Unique About Me:**

Only my fingerprints. I remind you of someone you know.

### **Why I am Excited About Being A Staff Member of a Founding School:**

It's focus on equity and diversity, rigorous academics, and cultivating curiosity and creativity.