

# Let's Talk About It – Program Scholar

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**Kimberly Madsen** has taught junior high and high school English and Spanish and currently teaches composition and literature at the College of Southern Idaho. Kim is currently at work on a Ph.D. in English through Idaho State University where, in her previous student days, she was fortunate to take classes that sparked her interest in themes and issues of the West and of America. As well, Kim loves to read and study travel writing, and she has focused her recent attention on Mark Twain, and on nineteenth century, women's travel narratives, particularly those of Isabella Bird.

Kim enjoys many outdoor sports such as camping, fishing, hiking, skiing, and snow-shoeing. She especially loves running, as her dog Gus takes her out for early morning runs several mornings a week. Kim is also a musician and has played guitar for longer than she cares to admit.