

# Adult and Higher Education Spring 2021



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# Program Greetings

The Adult & Higher Education (AHE) program is housed in the Department of Health & Community Studies, Woodring College of Education at Western Washington University. We are located on the fourth floor of Miller Hall.

We are pleased to provide this newsletter to keep you informed about work and activities

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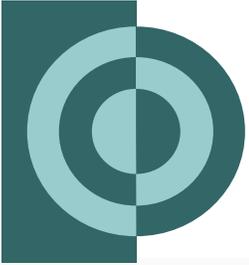
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# Welcome New AHE Students



Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Advice from your fellow students

*Don't hesitate to build relationships with your fellow students, that is what makes this program so great! -Tyler*

Freddy Collins  
Carly Davis  
Cy Delgado  
Andrea Driscoll  
Lauren Fryhle  
Lisbeth Gonzales Vasquez  
Carmen Green  
Korry Harvey  
Abigail Hecht  
Jeanne Holdal  
DawnMoon Jaques  
Emily Lust  
Rebecca McLean  
Daniel Pry

*Don't be shy or afraid to connect with your classmates outside of class. Send a Canvas message and share your phone number if you feel comfortable. Virtual study groups and peer support is so helpful, especially when we don't have the opportunity to meet together in-person. Friendships formed with my classmates have kept me going when times are tough! -Kari*

Don't be intimidated by classes on Zoom. Before class starts, talk to each other! It seems odd at first but will help you get to know your classmates.

*Take advantage of Western's resources, including your fellow students*

Enjoy the perks of remote learning.

Commuter -10 feet, a few seconds

Parking — never a problem

Weather — no coat or umbrella required

Pets —definitely welcome

Eating —food and drinks in class? Go for it.

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# SUPPORT SERVICES & RESOURCES

AT WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Follow these links to the department websites. Where you'll find more information on services they offer and contact information



## GENERAL RESOURCES

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[Bookstore](#)

[Career Services Center](#)

[Counseling, Health and Wellness](#)

[Counseling Service - Self-Help Resources](#)

[Disability Access Center](#)

[Ethnic Student Center](#)

[Financial Aid Office](#)

[Graduate School](#)

[MyWestern](#)

[Registrar's Office](#)

[Student Health Center](#)

[WWU Campus Support Services and Resource Guide](#)

## LEARNING COMMONS AND PARTNER RESOURCES

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[Learning Commons](#)

[Center for Instructional Innovation and Assessment](#)

[Center for Community Learning](#)

[Research and Writing Studio](#)

[Student Technology Center](#)

[Teaching-Learning Academy](#)

[Tutoring Center](#)

[Library Services Guide for Graduate Students](#)

[AHE Research Guide](#)

[Zotero Research Management Software Guide](#)

# AHE Happenings



## Job Opportunities

**Northwest Youth Services** is looking for a Whatcom Housing [Case Manager - Permanent Supportive Housing](#). They also have several other positions to be filled. You can find more information [here](#). Please submit a cover letter and resume to [humanresources@nwys.org](mailto:humanresources@nwys.org).

**Skagit Valley College** is looking for a detail-oriented [Veterans Program Specialist](#) for their Whidbey Island Campus in Oak Harbor. They also have several openings at their Mount Vernon location. You can find more information about them [here](#).

**The University of Washington** is hiring a Counseling Services Coordinator for their Earth and Science Services dept. The listing can be found at [UWHires](#), Req #: 187814.



## Graduate Student Advisory Committee (aka GSAC)

GSAC is an group of AHE grad students dedicated to graduate student experience at WWU. GSAC meets via Zoom.

GSAC meets approximately once a month to discuss planning for the Spring 2021 Event, and other topics most relevant to improve student life in the program.

We need your ideas and your participation. If you're interested in joining, have questions, or have an idea or something to share for the newsletter, please contact Lisa Eddleman at [eddleml@wwu.edu](mailto:eddleml@wwu.edu).



## Dedicate Yourself to Service

Alan Alatorre-Barajas

Congratulations on earning your degree  
I commend you for your hard work  
many see your accomplishments through your extensive resume

The position you hold happened for a reason  
most likely you are the indicated one for it

It is only a position  
it is not you  
and most likely a temporary home

It exists to serve

it requires listening to voices other than your own  
other than your superiors

Listen to those you are meant to serve  
look for those that are missing

Be the change and provide the change your service needs

Be present as you are a present to many

Do not take for granted your dedication to service



## Call For Conference Proposals

Click below for more info

[Lilly NC  
Apr 30,21](#)

[Lilly MI  
May 31,21](#)

**APRIL**

**22**

**6:30 PM**

**SPRING  
CONNECTIONS**

**CONNECT WITH ALUMNI AND  
CURRENT STUDENTS OF AHE**

**ASK A PANEL OF ALUMNI  
ABOUT LIFE AFTER AHE**

**DOWNLOAD THE ZOOM  
LINK TO OUTLOOK**

**TALK CAREERS,  
NETWORK, AND  
SOCIALIZE**

# AHE Student Spotlight

## Shovia Muchirawehondo

Shovia Muchirawehondo is an AHE student in her second year of the program. Shovia is a published author of *The Inner Eye*, a book of poetry written as an undergraduate while working on her Sociology degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also worked there as the Diversity Director of Student Affairs. Her varied career has taken her from the Wisconsin State Legislature as a

Legislative Aide to teaching in Ghana West Africa (“the best time of my life!”) to the wireless industry in Atlanta GA. She moved to Bellingham WA a few years ago.

She is a community activist, working with Bellingham’s League of Women Voters to promote change in policy and influence voter participation among racially diverse people. She has worked with the Whatcom Human Rights Task Force and speaks to students in the Bellingham school district promoting equity and diversity.

She also does consulting work related to equity & diversity.

She was introduced to the AHE program by a friend and will graduate in August 2021. She says the classes are awesome and likes that the program goals mesh well with what society is going through right now. She has taught at the elementary school level and wants to teach adults. Her philosophy: you can’t be a good teacher if you’re not willing to learn and evolve.

The mother of four sons, Shovia enjoys biking, and poetry, both reading and writing it. Her passionate commitment to equity and social justice is apparent when you speak with her.



# AHE Student Spotlight

## Tina Miller

“Knock-Knock.”

“Who’s there?”

“FERPA.”

“FERPA who?”

“I’m sorry, but I have no information I can disclose about that individual....”

Hello all – I’m Tina Miller, and I’m completing my 10th class in the AHE program. I entered the program in Fall 2017, and have been more-or-less steadily part-timing my way through ever since.



*Who is that masked Registrar?*

In my professional life, I’m the Senior Associate Registrar & Chief Residency Officer at the University of Washington Seattle campus. I’ve been working in student administration at the UW for 25+ years, mostly in the Registrar’s Office. My undergraduate degree is from the UW – yes, I’m a lifer there – and I majored in Editorial Journalism after a brief stint as a music major.

After many (many) years of debating whether to get a Master’s degree, I finally decided to take the plunge with the AHE program because I was attracted to the focus on social justice, particularly in relation to policy issues. I had finally reached the point in my career where I could impact policies, & decided maybe it was time to learn how to do it right.

When I began the program, I was a little worried about going back to school after over 20 years & worried that I would feel out-of-place as an older student who is firmly planted on the Higher Education Administration side of things. However, I’ve not found that to be the case. My classmates have been diverse & welcoming, & due to the flexibility of the program I’ve been able to tailor projects & assignments to my current role & areas of interest – and even became a YouTube sensation in the Registrar world thanks to I T 546! Check out the video [here](#).

I currently live in Seattle with my amazing (and supportive – he brings me grilled cheese sandwiches during online classes) partner Tim, & two cats & a dog who make occasional audio & visual appearances on Zoom. I’m a reader, a sewer, & a crafter, & yes, I am knitting during lectures. If you ever want to talk fabric, yarn, ghost stories, pets, or Washington State Residency laws, I’m your gal. Just don’t ask me about student records. Because, FERPA!

# Upcoming Conferences

## AAACE 2021 Conference

**Moving the Needle: Digital Divide, Social Justice, and Adult Education**

October 5-8, 2021  
Sandestin Beach, FL

[More Info](#)

American Association for Adult and Continuing Education

## Proliteracy 2021 Conference

**Adult Education Literacy**

October 5-8, 2021  
San Antonio, TX

Proliteracy

[More Info](#)

## Lilly 2021 Conferences

**Enhancing Online, Onsite, and Hybrid Teaching and Learning**

May 5, 12, 19, & 26 2021  
Virtual

**Innovative Strategies to Advance Learning,**

Aug 2-4, 2021  
(Hybrid), Asheville, NC

**Advance Teaching and Learning**

Oct 13-16, 2021  
Hybrid. Traverse City, MI

**Teaching for Active and Engaged Learning**

Jan 6-8, 2022  
San Diego, CA

[More Info](#)

Lilly Teaching and Learning Conferences

## CAEL 2021 Conference

- ◆ Working & Learning Nation
- ◆ Reskilling and Upskilling Adult Learners
- ◆ Expanding Opportunity for Adult Learners and Workers
- ◆ Transforming Education and Workforce

November 17-19, 2021  
San Diego, CA

[More Info](#)

Council for Adult and Experiential Learning

## Chuckanut Writer's Conference

June 21-27, 2021  
Virtual

[More Info](#)

Interested in sending proposals or papers for any of these conferences? Check out **AHE Happenings**