

Where Do We Go From Here?

Post-Election/End-of-Semester Check-in

In the chat, please introduce yourself and tell us a little bit about you.



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"Literacy is at the heart of success in higher education and in life. Literacy instruction that is culturally and linguistically informed, equitable, and relevant has the power to change lives and ultimately the world."

Jeanine L. Williams, PhD Founder/Principal Consultant



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Williams Higher Ed offers customized solutions to supports your institution through every phase of rethinking, reimaging, and redesigning your approach to postsecondary literacy and learning.





The Literacy Lounge— a virtual space for critical conversations on literacy and learning in higher education.



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Agenda and Format

An informal conversation where we will:

• Reflect on fall 2020

• Discuss the impact of a new administration on our work

• Look forward to spring 2021

Plus an opportunity to "ask me anything"

You can type your comment/question in the chat or you can unmute yourself and speak.



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Reflecting on Fall 2020

- What have you learned?
- What are you most proud of?



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Biden-Harris Plan for Education Beyond High School



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Invest in community colleges and training to improve student success and grow a stronger, more prosperous, and more inclusive middle class.

- Providing two years of community college or other high-quality training program without debt for any hard-working individual looking to learn and improve their skills to keep up with the changing nature of work.
- Creating a new grant program to assist community colleges in improving their students' success.
- Tackling the barriers that prevent students from completing their community college degree or training credential.
- Make a \$50 billion investment in workforce training, including community-college business partnerships and apprenticeships.
- Invest in community college facilities and technology.



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Strengthen college as the reliable pathway to the middle class, not an investment that provides limited returns and leaves graduates with mountains of debt they can't afford.

- Make public colleges and universities tuition-free for all families with incomes below \$125,000.
- Target additional financial support to low-income and middle-class individuals by doubling the maximum value of Pell grants, significantly increasing the number of middle-class Americans who can participate in the program.
- More than halve payments on undergraduate federal student loans by simplifying and increasing the generosity of today's income-based repayment program.
- Create a "<u>Title I for postsecondary education</u>" to help students at under-resourced four-year schools complete their degrees.
- Create seamless pathways between high school, job training, community college, and four-year programs to help students get their degrees and credentials faster.
- Support and protect post-9/11 GI benefits for veterans and qualified family members.



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Support colleges and universities that play unique and vital roles in their communities, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions.

- Make HBCUs, TCUs, and under-resourced MSIs more affordable for their students.
- Invest in the diverse talent at HBCUs, TCUs and MSIs to solve the country's most pressing problems.
- Build the high tech labs and facilities and digital infrastructure needed for learning, research, and innovation at HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs.
- Provide support to continuously improve the value of HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs by investing \$10 billion in programs that increase enrollment, retention, completion, and employment rates.
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- Expand career pathways for graduates of HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs in areas that meet national priorities, including building a diverse pipeline of public school teachers.
- Triple and make permanent the capacity-building and student support for HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs in Title III and Title V of the Higher Education Act.

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Looking Forward to Spring 2021

- What are your plans?
- What support do you need?



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ASK ME ANYTHING...





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Coming Soon...

- A framework for cultivating linguistic awareness and dexterity
- Curriculum materials that reflect this framework
- Faculty workshops on implementing this framework
 - Redesign learning activities, assignments, and assessments





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Equity and Justice in Postsecondary Literacy and Learning Workshop Series

Starting January 2021



A series of workshops to further explore issues of equity and justice in our personal lives, in our classrooms, and at our institutions.

More information forthcoming!

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SAVE THE DATE: Join Us for Our Next Live Web Conversation! *Thursday, 2/18/2021 @ 1:00pm EST*

Be on the lookout for an email with more details





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Thank You For Attending!

We would love your feedback and we would like to know how we can serve you in future events.



Please take a moment to complete a brief survey. The survey link is in the chat.



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