



Adult Learning & Development EdD

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024

A note from Dr. Ruttencutter

Hello, and welcome to the inaugural ALD/ACED EdD newsletter! Here's hoping everyone's Spring 2024 semester is going well.

When I took over as program coordinator a few years ago, I had big ideas for all the things I was going to do, including starting a newsletter to create - and maintain - connection among us. Although it has taken a while to get here, here we are! Each semester I will produce a newsletter. Please let me know the kinds of topics and information you would like to read about - from the mundane to the esoteric - I'm all ears.

Until then, I remain scholarly yours,
Gwen

Welcome to the Fall 2023 cohort:

Tory Candea
Kristen Kennedy
Amara Moore
Rebecca Storey

Successfully passed Comprehensive Exams:

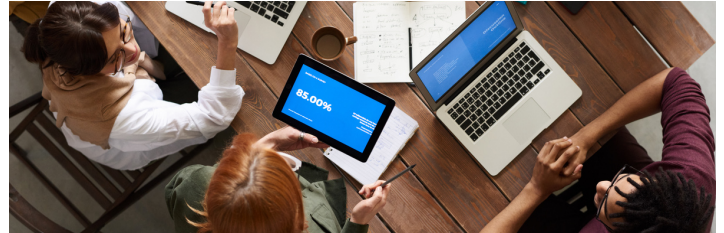
Dave Pomplas
Dave Lakly
Rudyard Watson

Successfully defended Dissertation Proposal:

Barbara Fernandez

Do you have news you want to share? Or suggestions for our program? Send your items to gwescott@valdosta.edu

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 GRADUATES!



Dr. Matt North - SP23 - Engineering & Technology Instructor, Lowndes County High School, Valdosta, GA

Dr. Tosh Burney - FA23 - Communications Officer Supervisor, Gwinnett County Police Department, Lawrenceville, GA

Dr. Cameron Causey - FA23 - Associate Professor & Director, Physical Therapy Assistant Program, Albany State University, Albany, GA

Dr. Pam Dobbins - FA23 - Instructor & Program Coordinator, CTAE New Teacher Institute, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA

UPDATING THE PROGRAM WEBSITE!

Slowly, I have begun updating the program website. Big thanks to the folx who have sent their professional bios and headshots for inclusion in the Meet our Students page. If you have not submitted yours yet, please do, because your inclusion matters!

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AAACE CONFERENCE

Consider submitting a proposal to the American Association for Adult & Continuing Education annual conference -

Oct. 29 - Nov. 1

Reno, NV

[Proposal submissions open soon!](#)

Why AAACE? This is the premiere conference for adult learning scholars and practitioners from across contexts. For presenters, the environment is warm and supportive, particularly for graduate students. If you cannot present in-person in Reno (though the In-n-Out Burger is a big reason to go, as are the Sierra Nevadas!), virtual presentations are offered. Also, AAACE publishes conference proceedings; therefore, if you present, there is a further opportunity to publish.

Want to take the leap, but not sure where to start? Let me know - always happy to help!



RESEARCH RESOURCES

Sage Publishing Webinar Series - How to Do Research and Get Published:

March 6 - How to write a paper: Qualitative methodology

April 3 - Quantitative methodology

May 7 - Research in a digital world

June 26 - Article front matter

July 10 - Journal involvement

**Plus many recordings in the [webinar library!](#)

Nova Southeastern [The Qualitative Report](#)

[UGA QualPage with Dr. Kathy Roulston](#)

[QualLab Ohio State](#)

TECH TIPS FOR RESEARCH

- [Research Rabbit](#) (thanks, Laura Lease!)
- [Elicit](#) (thanks, Dave Pomplas!)
- [Zotero](#)
- Check for plagiarism with Turnitin Draft add-on in Office365 Word

Do you have a Tech Tip to share?
Send to gwescott@valdosta.edu

QUICK TIPS FOR DISSERTATING

- Create - and use diligently! - a system to log your literature
- Outline chapters first using Level I, Level II, and Level III headings; then write to the headings
- Refer to APA JARS chapters for what to include in Method sections
- Use “mentor texts” and writing texts to strengthen writing skills (ask for recs!)

Dude, nice hat! INTERPRETING DOCTORAL REGALIA



Have you wondered what makes the doctoral regalia unique? Here's a quick guide:

- Longest gowns of all regalia, the gown comes to one's calves
- Three velvet stripes on each bell-shaped sleeve; only university presidents have more stripes! They wear four stripes to designate their positions
- Doctoral hood is nearly four feet with chevron colors of one's degree-granting university
- Tam is six- or eight-sided
- Each discipline has its own color; for Doctorate of Education degrees, the color is light blue