

Presenter Biographies

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Jeffrey Abramowitz

Jeffrey Abramowitz, J.D., is the Executive Director of Reentry Services for JEVS Human Services and Program Director of Looking Forward Philadelphia. Jeff was a 2018 Fellow for JustLeadershipUSA and has most recently served as the Director of Student Services & Workforce Development for Community Learning Center. Jeff proudly sits on the Executive Board of the Coalition on Adult Basic Education, COABE, where he serves as secretary and chairs the State Advocates for Adult Education Fellowship Program. He previously served as the chair of the Literacy Behind and Beyond the Walls Committee. Jeff is an appointee to the Pennsylvania Reentry Council, serves as chairperson of the Employment Committee, and co-chairs the Reentry Committee for the PA Workforce Development Board.

Jeff is a subject matter expert for the US Department of Education IET in Corrections Project and serves as moderator for US Department of Education LINCS (Literacy Information & Communication System) Community of Practice on Correctional & Reentry Education. He is a past LINCS reviewer, Resource Collection, for the Department of Education and serves on the National Association of State Directors of Education, Barbara Bush Foundation Criminal Justice Work Group.

Susan Baer

Susan E. Baer, Ph.D., is a Contributing Faculty Member in the School of Public Policy and Administration at Walden University, where she teaches doctoral students. She has previous experience as a volunteer tutor for adult reading and writing students.

Lisa Bailey

Lisa Bailey is the Coordinator for the Distance Learning Project.

Rachel Barron

Rachel Baron is a Distance Learning Associate for Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11 Community Education & Workforce Services. She has over a decade of experience teaching adult basic education and high school equivalency, and is a STAR-certified trainer. Rachel has a master's degree in Leadership for High Performance Learning from Carlow University.

Bethaney Coldren

Bethaney Coldren is the eData Specialist for the Distance Learning Project.

Sara Cole

Sara Cole has worked in adult and higher education for over a decade and has taught English language and writing composition in Illinois and Pennsylvania as well as in Belgium through a Fulbright fellowship. They currently work at Literacy Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as an English language instructor and as the agency's Digital Literacy Fellow. As Literacy Pittsburgh's Digital Literacy Fellow, Sara has worked across the agency to help instructors and administrators imbed more digital literacy skills practice across Literacy Pittsburgh's class and tutoring options.

Christine Gloss-Ulrey

Christine Gloss-Ulery is an Instructor and Case Manager for the Distance Learning Project.

Anna Kaiper-Marquez

Dr. Anna Kaiper-Marquez is Associate Director/Assistant Teaching Professor at the Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy and Goodling Institute for Research in Family Literacy at Pennsylvania State University. In addition to research and teaching, she works as Remote and Distance Learning Coordinator for the Career and Family Pathways Program.

Chrissie Klinger

Chrissie Klinger has a master's degree in Learning, Design, and Technology and two graduate certificates related to educational technology. She develops and provides virtual and face-to-face professional development opportunities and technical assistance in the areas of career pathways, workforce preparation skills, contextualizing instruction, and working effectively with workforce partners.

Kathleen O'Connell

Kathleen O'Connell is the English Now! & Workplace Education Coordinator at World Education, Inc. She works with our current English Now! partner programs who are offering learning circles in remote settings. In 2019, she coordinated the national scale-up of World Education's English Now! learning circles project with ten programs in seven different states.

Gretchen Spencer

Gretchen Spencer is Director of Adult Education at Providence Center where she oversees and teaches community ESOL Classes, including parent classes for the Temple L.I.F.E. program. She earned her

M.S.Ed. from Temple University and has worked with adult education programs throughout the Philadelphia area.

Jeremy Tinsley

Jeremy Tinsley, M.Ed. is an instructor and Data Coordinator in the OWL Hub at Temple University. He has a BS in Computer Science and MA in Adult Education/Distance Learning. He is driven to demonstrate the synergy between adult education and technology and the importance of technology in this progression.

Sarah Whitesel

Sarah Whitesel joined TIU11 in 2013, quickly learning a love for adult education through various instructional roles in workforce-related workshops, ABE/HSE ELA classes, and most recently, ESL classes. Sarah earned an MA TESL degree from the University of Delaware in 2020 and has since enjoyed returning to adult education.

Sue Wilt

Sue Wilt's passion for lifelong learning has led her to focus her professional efforts in online adult education platforms. She has diverse experiences of working with instructional teams for the Pennsylvania Distance Learning Project with adults pursuing their HSE certificates and with graduate students in Penn State's Online MBA Program.