The Story of an OER: Creation to Collaboration
The Journey of an Idea

A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.
~Father James Keller

Introduction
- Fall of 2015 Open Oregon offered a workshop on OERs and an opportunity to review a current textbook
- Attended another Open workshop learned more about OERs and who creates them
- Textbook review lead to an idea for new type of college success textbook
- 2016 Open Oregon offered grants to author, adopt, or adapt an OER
- Received a grant to author A Different Road to College: A Guide For Transitioning the Non-traditional Student
- Published book Fall 2016 adopted it for a class I teach

Authoring
Designed to meet the needs of ABSE students transitioning to college
Target Audience for the Book: Non-traditional Students
- Entry to college delayed at least one year following high school
- 24 years or older
- Having dependents
- Being a single parent
- Being employed full-time
- Being financially independent
- Veterans of US armed services
- Homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Attending college part-time
- Not having a high school diploma
- First-generation college student

Biggest Challenge?
- How do I know what I know?
  Researched based with student experiences

Published
Published location:
University of Minnesota Open Textbook Library
Adopted:
Everything You Want to Know About College Before You Start in the Adult Basic and Secondary Education department at Lane Community College

OER Permissions
- Retain: Make and own copies
- Use in a wide range of ways
- Revise: Adapt, modify, and improve
- Remixed: Combine two or more
- Redistribute: Share with others

Adapt/Remix
- Blended content from 3 authors into 1 text published in 2018
- Created broader based textbook currently being used in 16 colleges/universities across the United States
- Awarded 2019 Textbook Excellence Award by TAA (Textbook & Academic Authors Association)

Future Adaptation Plans
- Podcast/Audio Version read by students
- 2 colleges currently have plans to remix textbook to customize for their schools
- Continued adoption by colleges/universities across the United States

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All knowledge is connected to all other knowledge.
The fun is making the connection.
~Arther C. Aufderheide

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