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

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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.

~ Arthur C. Aufderheide