

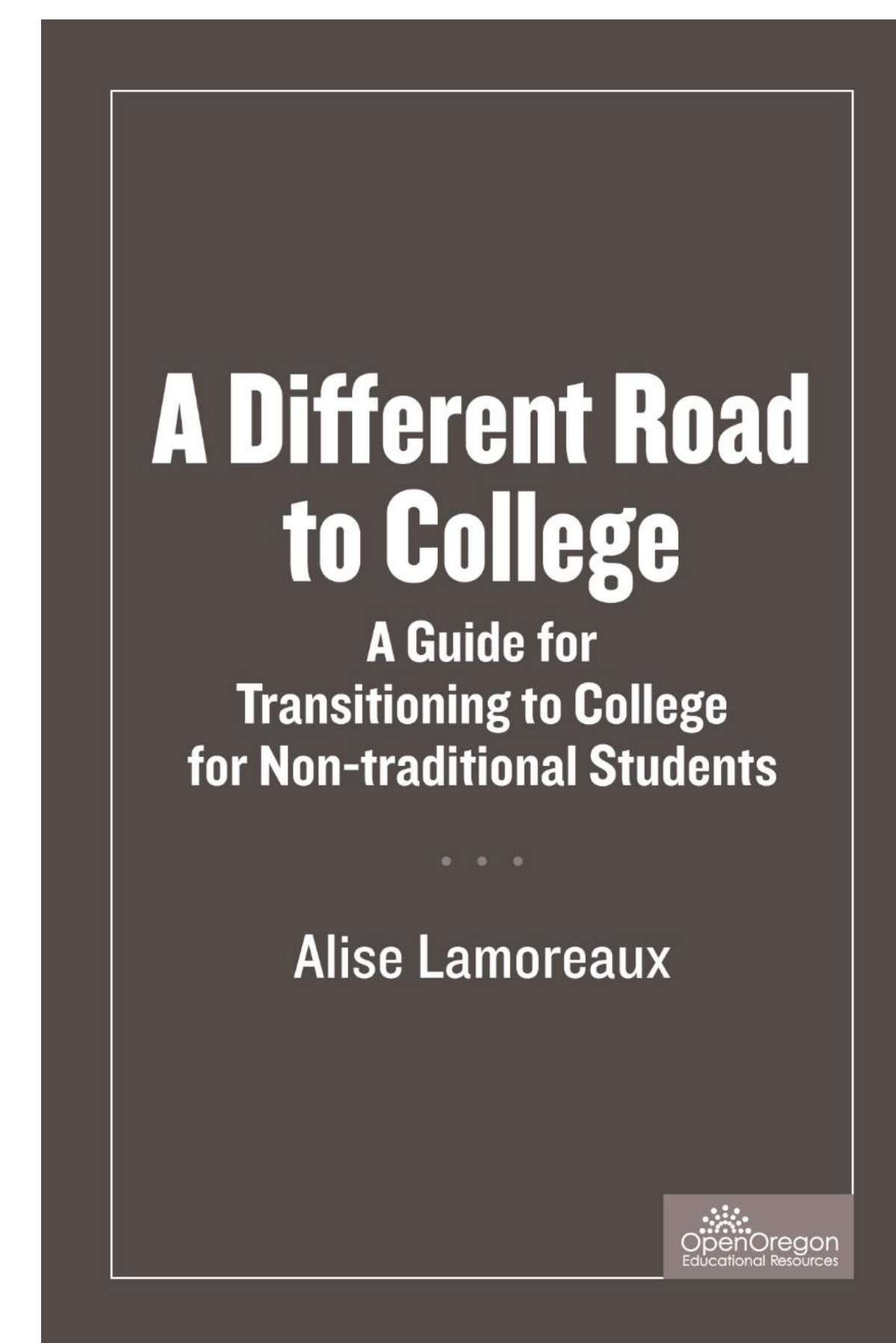
# The Story of an OER: Creation to Collaboration

## 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

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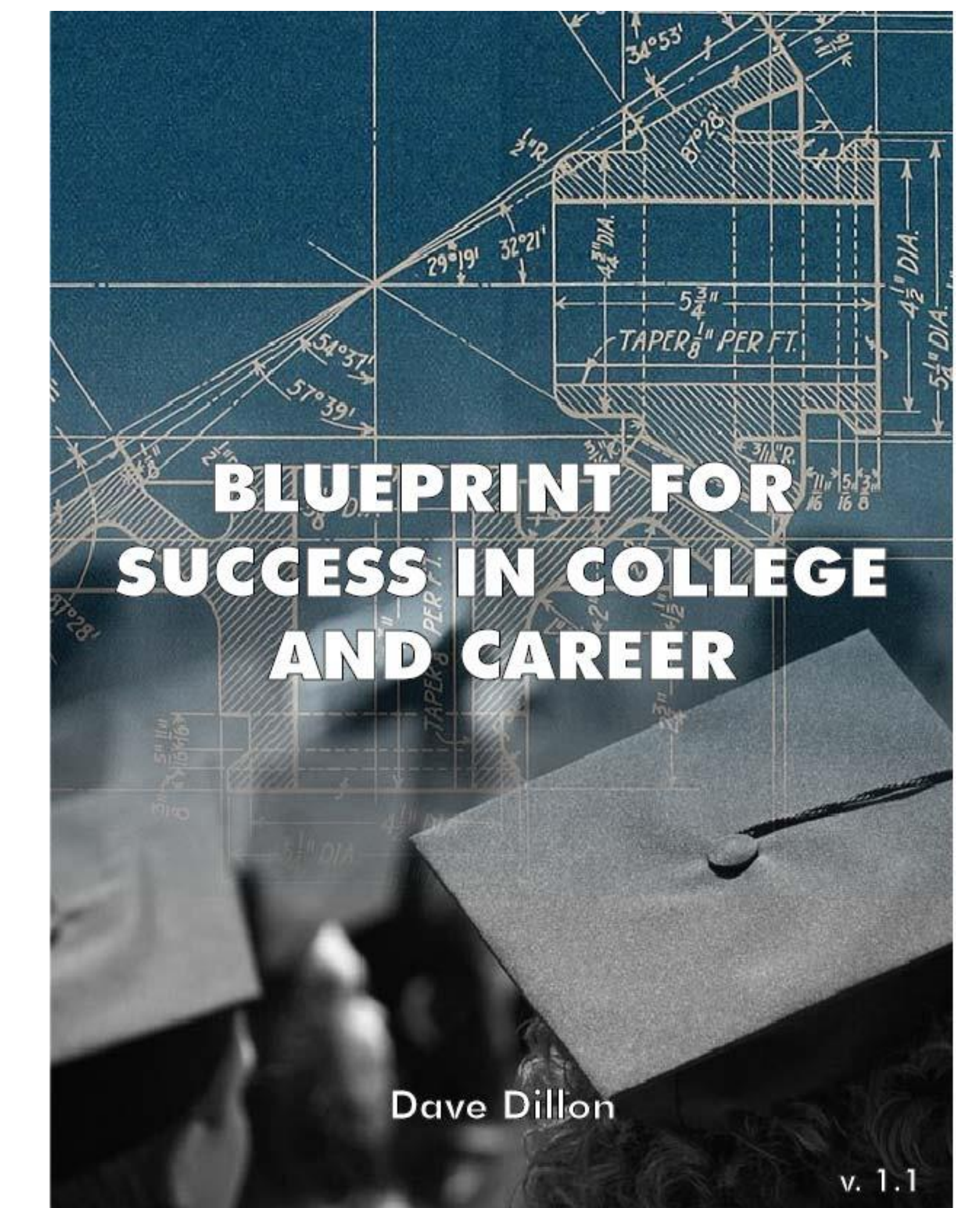
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*All knowledge is connected to all other knowledge.*  
*The fun is making the connection.*

~ Arthur C. Aufderheide



### 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