



Celebrating Our Fourth Year Together!

As we mark the fourth anniversary of the **Adult Learning Exchange Virtual Community**, we want to thank you for being part of this growing network of adult and continuing education professionals. Your engagement, support, and contributions have helped make this space a vibrant hub for learning, sharing, and innovation.

Reflecting on Four Years of Growth

As we celebrate this milestone, we take a moment to look back on all we've accomplished together since launching the [Adult Learning Exchange Virtual Community](#) in 2021.

- **Free Webinars:** Over the past four years, we've hosted **46 free webinars**, engaging hundreds of participants from around the world. In addition to individual sessions on timely topics—such as learning design, adult learning theory, AI tools, and inclusive practices—we also offered **five thematic series**. These series provided deeper exploration of key areas in adult and continuing education, allowing participants to build knowledge and apply concepts over multiple connected sessions.
- **A Snapshot of Our Webinar Journey:** As we mark four years of shared learning, we've begun analyzing data from the 27 webinars between April 2024 and May 2025. Early findings are promising, with registration numbers ranging from 9 to 94 participants, averaging just over 34 registrants per session. The results were exciting!

Our three most popular webinars were:

- **Methods for Facilitating Adult Learning**, held in June 2024, with an impressive 94 registrants.
- **Empowering Inclusive Learning: Leveraging AI for UDL Engagement**, hosted in January 2025, with 81 registrants.
- **Transforming Learner Expression: AI Tools for Dynamic UDL Action Strategies**, offered in March 2025, with 75 registrants.

Thank you to everyone who joined us—your participation and engagement have made this growth possible!

- **Podcast Episodes:** With **130 podcast episodes**, the Adult Learning Exchange Virtual Community has become a valuable space for thought leadership, professional reflection, and storytelling in adult and continuing education.
- **Online Forums:** We've grown to **16 online forums**, with the latest additions—[AI Literacy](#) and [Smart Learning Strategies](#)—responding to today's evolving educational landscape.
- **Consulting Partners:** Through **SCOC Consulting**, we've worked with educators, institutions, and organizations to co-create learning solutions grounded in adult learning principles and evidence-based practice. We have 16 consulting partners working with us, offering webinars, podcast episodes, and blog posts. We extend heartfelt gratitude to our consulting partners. Check the [bios](#) of our consulting partners.
- **Digital Library:** Our [Digital Library](#) continues to serve as a professional learning archive, featuring nearly **40 recorded webinars** and downloadable resources.
- **Local and Global Reach:** Our work has been enriched through collaboration with the **United States** and **international partners**, including the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education, the University of Oklahoma, PIMA, and Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, thereby expanding our collective understanding of lifelong learning in domestic and global contexts.
- **Community Contributions:** We've welcomed contributions from educators, administrators, researchers, practitioners, and graduate students, creating a space for cross-generational exchange, mentorship, and peer learning.

News About People



This year, we were thrilled to connect in person with two pioneers in adult education—**Dr. Alan Knox** and **Dr. Terry Gibson**—during a visit with **Dr. Rosemary Lehman**, **Dr. Simone Conceição**, and **Joy Knox**, in Madison, Wisconsin. Their lifelong dedication continues to inspire our work and reinforce the importance of intergenerational conversations in the field.

We are also pleased to share that **Dr. Simone C. O. Conceição**, moderator of the Virtual Community and CEO of SCOC Consulting, has been selected to join the **Fulbright Specialist Roster**, opening opportunities for global collaboration in adult and continuing education.



Find Us on BlueSky

We've expanded our digital presence! SCOC Consulting is now on [BlueSky](#), where we share insights, event announcements, and updates from the Virtual Community. Follow us to stay connected and continue the conversation in a decentralized social space.

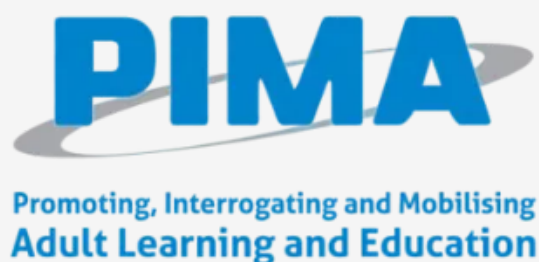




Our [Digital Library](#) offers **nearly 40 recorded sessions** and accompanying resources from past webinars. Whether you missed a session or want to revisit a topic, the library is available on-demand to support your professional learning at your own pace.

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PIMA (PASCAL International Member Association), a global network of adult learning and education professionals committed to advancing lifelong learning for social, economic, and ecological justice, invites you to submit brief abstracts (50–100 words) for a special issue on Generative AI and Lifelong Learning. The special issue is scheduled for publication in late 2025 or early 2026. For more information, please contact PIMA Bulletin Editor Leslie Cordie at lesliecordie@auburn.edu.



Interested in Offering a Webinar?



Do you have a topic, project, or research you'd like to share with our community? We invite you to propose a webinar for the upcoming fall or spring season. The Virtual Community thrives on diverse voices and experiences—submit your ideas and join our dynamic programming.

[Learn More](#)

Member Feedback – We Want to Hear from You!

As we celebrate four years of service, we reflect on how far we've come—and look ahead to what's next. Your input is vital in helping us continue to offer meaningful, relevant, and engaging opportunities for adult and continuing education professionals.

We invite you to complete our [Member Feedback Survey](#) to share your experiences, interests, and suggestions. Whether you've attended webinars, contributed to a forum, explored our Digital Library, or listened to the podcast, your feedback will help guide our future programming and community engagement.

July 2025 Webinars

The Power of Narrative in Research Writing - July 11 | 12:00 PM CST

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AI-Powered Research and Writing: Enhancing Scholarship - July 18 | 12:00 PM CST

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ABCs of Publishing a Children's Book - July 25 | 12:00 PM CST

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Looking Ahead

Please note that we will be on **hiatus during August** as we prepare for the fall programming. Check our [events](#) page for fall webinars coming soon!

We encourage you to take this time for reflection, renewal, and continued learning through our archived resources.

Thank you for helping us build a space where adult educators can connect, learn, and grow together. Here's to another year of meaningful exchange!

Warm regards,

The Adult Learning Exchange Virtual Community Team

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