



## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, everyone! I hope that you are having a productive 2021. I can't believe that we are already in the month of March. We've had a challenging 12 months with the COVID-19 virus, but we've been resilient and have continued to educate our amazing students.

We have some great events in store for you in 2021. You'll learn about our 1st asynchronous conference that will take place in April in this newsletter. We look forward to each of you participating and sharing your knowledge on distance learning. We will "Share the Vision: Engage, Inspire, Connect". In addition, we are also planning the October annual conference. We had such a great time at the last conference, and will continue to showcase how we are enhancing the quality of online learning.

Thank you for all that you've done during this pandemic. Together we will continue to thrive in this ever changing world - despite all obstacles.

Yours in Education,  
Aisha Haynes

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# Meet New ADEIL Board Members

## At-Large Board Members (2020-2022 term)

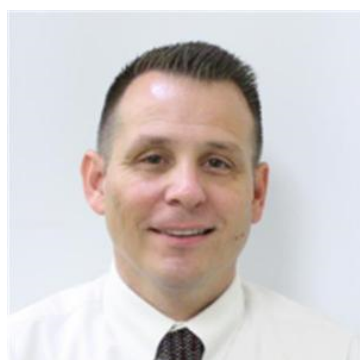
We are so excited to have the individuals below join the ADEIL Board of Directors. Please take time to learn more about these awesome new board members!

[Dara Anderson](#), Angelo State University



[Meg Milligan](#), Troy University

[Eric Peloza](#), University of Wisconsin-Extended Campus



[Chad Turley](#), Brigham Young University

# Announcing the 1st Annual Asynchronous Spring Conference

April 12-16, 2021

We invite you to [submit a prerecorded presentation](#) at our first ADEIL asynchronous conference, April 12-16, 2021: *Share the Vision: Engage, Inspire, Connect*. Each day, presentations and discussion opportunities will be posted to the [ADEIL LinkedIn page](#). We are looking for links to prerecorded quality presentations (up to fifteen minutes), intended for all levels (basic through advanced) of practitioners in distance education and Independent (asynchronous) learning. Videos, narrated slides, podcasts, and any other prerecorded format is acceptable. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about your presentation at the ADEIL LinkedIn page. [Learn more about the spring asynchronous conference](#).

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## Call for Committee Members

An excellent way to engage with ADEIL and stay involved is serving on an ADEIL committee. The **Awards Committee** is in need of new members. If you are interested in serving on the Awards Committee, contact Gloria Washington at [thomasgy@sc.edu](mailto:thomasgy@sc.edu).

# 28th Annual ADEIL Conference Recordings



If you haven't had a chance to [view the recordings from the 28th Annual ADEIL Conference](#), they are still available! Check out over 20 presentations from your colleagues from around the world!

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## Call to Host Annual ADEIL Conference

We are looking for a host institution for the 29th Annual ADEIL Conference that will take place in October. If you are interested in submitting a proposal to host the conference, contact Rich Freese at [jrfreese@wisc.edu](mailto:jrfreese@wisc.edu).

## ADEIL Member Spotlight



**Gloria Washington**, Instructional Designer at the University of South Carolina - Columbia (**Center for Teaching Excellence**), ADEIL Board Member, and chair of the ADEIL Awards Committee, authors a monthly blog, *Pedagogy Before Technology*. Below are two entries created by Gloria in 2021.

### **Challenges with Remote Teaching During the Pandemic**

### **Teaching During COVID-19: First-Person Stories from Educators**

We would like to showcase your work! If you are interested in having your work or the work of someone else showcased, or have ideas to be highlighted in the newsletter, email Aisha Haynes at haynesa@mailbox.sc.edu.

# The Reading Space

Below are three [Faculty Focus](#) articles that may be of interest to you. The articles discuss strategies to improve online teaching, increasing student motivation and engagement and interactive digital tools.

[Effective Online Strategies to Improve Your Online Teaching](#)

[Boosting Student Motivation Through Connected Reflection](#)

[Enhancing Student Engagement and Interaction with Online Digital Tools](#)

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## Join the ADEIL Conversation

We invite you to the [join the conversation on distance education and independent learning on LinkedIn!](#) Our goal is to increase the group membership by 20% this year. Don't wait - join today!

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*Online learning can be a lifeline to those who have obstacles, such as geographical or physical disabilities. - Paul Levinson*