



Tackling Challenges in Higher Education: Dismantling Barriers by Understanding Microaggressions

Who We Are

AAUW seeks to promote inclusion and awareness for all members to create an equitable, sustainable and inclusive membership reflective of today's world.

What to Expect

The 2021 AAUW AZ Fall Forum will highlight the ways microaggressions create barriers for students, and how an intersectional perspective can help us better support students as they navigate challenging environments. Following our guest speakers and student panel, there will be time for small group discussions and brainstorming how we can increase our educational outreach efforts by incorporating an intersectional approach.

Guest Speakers



Hilda Ladner is the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer for Pima Community College. She works with units throughout the College to create a climate where all members of our community feel a sense of belonging. At Pima, Hilda leads efforts to assess campus climate for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and administers the College's DEI Strategic Plan. Her career in higher education has always focused on expanding access and success for students most underserved in higher education. Hilda earned a Master of Education degree in Multicultural and Bilingual Education and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Modern Languages from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona, where she later served as director of the Multicultural Student Center.



Dr. Jill Williams is an Associate Research Professor in the Southwest Institute for Research on Women (SIROW) at the University of Arizona and serves as the Director of the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Program. As WISE Director, Dr. Williams oversees the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategic efforts to support the recruitment, retention, and success of female-identifying students in the sciences and engineering, as well as institutional research aimed at identifying and understanding inequities in STEM student outcomes. Dr. Williams holds an MA in Women's Studies from the University of Cincinnati and a PhD in Geography from Clark University.