



Vanguard

September 2018
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Lisa Gilchrist, Editor

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President's Update

President's Update
By Cindy Banyai

Early in my career I spent time living and working in Taiwan, having initially studied international relations and eventually working as a teacher to gain cultural experience. One Chinese saying has stuck with me this whole time - "crossing the river by feeling the stones." This was the phrase used to describe relations between Taiwan and mainland China. The meaning is that no one really knows the future or how to plan for it, but that one needs to continue reaching out and adapting in order to make progress. This is where I feel we are together as a society. We are jubilantly celebrating our 50th year, but the landscape of our field and the composition of our organization has undergone dramatic shifts that make a path forward murky.

As I noted in my last update, your board has been working to try to paddle together and we will be meeting for an intensive workshop and to tour the upcoming conference facilities in Columbia, Missouri October 6-7. Our workshop will focus on moving the organization toward Policy Based Governance, helping to craft clearer boundaries and expectations of board members, staff, and committees. If there are pressing issues or thoughts that you have about our organization, please reach out to me or any member of our Board - we are here for you!

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CDS News

CDS Conference 2019

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Community Development Society at the 2019 Conference in Columbia, Missouri. Look forward to special celebrations, an inspiring program, and dedicated family activities all located in the hub of community development.

Mobile workshops will include heritage and agritourism, community resiliency, entrepreneurship, community arts, trails, energy sustainability, and neighborhood development.

The conference Call for Proposals opens September 21, 2018 and closes November 15, 2018. Notification will go out to international proposals by February 1, 2019 and to other proposals by March 1, 2019. Follow us on Facebook for

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Meet our CDS Board Members

Caitlin Bletscher: CDS Secretary

Caitlin Bletscher is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Human Development in the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences at Washington State University. She teaches courses in communication and leadership, global issues, systems thinking, global citizenship, and community leadership. Prior to her time in academia, she spent several years working with internationally displaced and migrant populations in the domestic and international fields among nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies, and university outreach.

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Meet the New Vanguard Editor

Welcome Lisa Gilchrist

While it has been my honor and my pleasure to serve as the Vanguard Editor for the past five years, the time has come to pass the torch to a new bearer. I am happy to announce that through inquiry, proposals, and interviews, the CDS Communications Committee in partnership with the CDS Secretary, Caitlin Bletscher, have recommended Lisa Gilchrist, Director of Stony Plain Family and Community Support Services, to be the next Vanguard Editor. Lisa has some exciting ideas about how to improve Vanguard to ensure it continues to serve our members as the primary communications piece for our society. She and I have been working together over the past couple of months on this transition and she will take over as solo editor October 2018. Congratulations and welcome Lisa!

More about Lisa

Lisa Gilchrist has been Director of Stony Plain Family and Community Support Services since May 2016. Her team's community development efforts center on preventing and reducing poverty, ending family violence, supporting positive mental health, and enhancing inclusion and diversity with a focus on volunteers, seniors, and youth. Stony Plain is located in Alberta, Canada just west of the provincial capital of Edmonton.

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Data Viz

[HHS: National Center
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Family/Professional
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Deadline: Jan 24

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[EDA: Planning
Program and Local
Technical Assistance
Program](#)
Applications accepted
on continuing basis



INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY 2018



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Reading on the Rise
Globally, the youth literacy rate **increased from 83% to 91%** over two decades; the number of illiterate youth declined from 170 million to 115 million.



Gender Inequality
In the most recent years for which data are available, young **women** accounted for **59%** of the total illiterate youth population.

Connecting Research and Practice

“One challenge we face in improving literacy rates internationally is bridging research and practice and supporting efficient, research-based strategies.”

MARCIA DAVIDSON
AIR Principal Literacy Specialist and Researcher



Largest Illiterate Population
Southern Asia is home to almost one-half of the global illiterate population (49%).

A Need for Evidence

“Research can support public policy to improve literacy by providing evidence on how to utilize limited resources. Without strong evidence, it’s difficult to know what to prioritize.”

POOJA REDDY NAKAMURA
AIR International Literacy Expert

Learning Styles

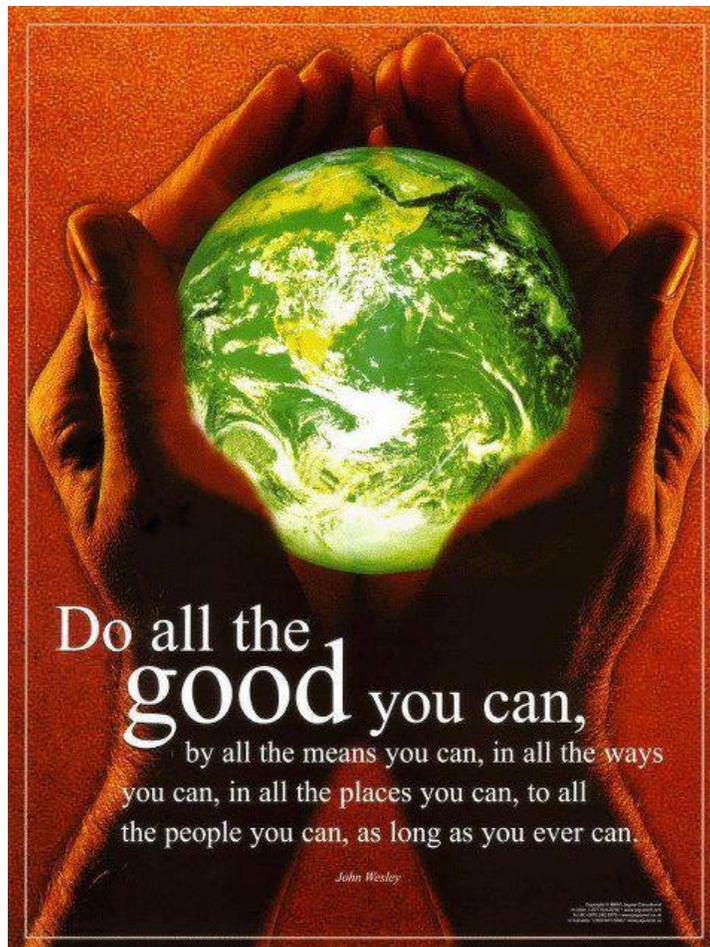
“A common misconception of literacy is that there are only one or two ‘proven’ ways to teach reading to young children. In fact, individuals learn in many different ways.”

TERRY SALINGER
AIR Fellow and Literacy Expert

SOURCES: UNICEF, Literacy, July 2018; UNESCO Institute for Statistics, July 2017 (UIS Fact Sheet No. 45) American Institutes for Research | AIR.ORG

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