

Michelle Turnbull and Professor Paul Ricciardi, Coordinators for the College Now Humanities Course, recently completed the design and production of a new OER reader entitled *Modern Humanities: Arts and Ideas*. College Now Humanities faculty members Matthew Forman, Maria Rosario, Monica Walker and Andrew Wilder were also instrumental to the creation of various units within this new OER text.

Mentored by Professor Shawna Brandle, KCC's outgoing OER Coordinator, Turnbull and Ricciardi spent this past spring semester working with the Humanities faculty in culling other OER texts, that would be collected, remixed, and compiled to serve as the new text for the Humanities course for College Now.

Michelle Turnbull, a former Humanities faculty member for College Now, transitioned to course coordination several years ago. She says, "What is so exciting about this new text, is that it is now available for free, not only for Kingsborough students, but for students across the world! This reader is already being downloaded in places as far away as India!

Paul Ricciardi, an Associate Professor of Theatre Arts in the Department of Communications and Performing Arts says, "Michelle and I have wanted to create an OER for the Humanities course for some time now. I also co-coordinate the Introduction to Theatre class offered through College Now. My colleague, Theatre Arts Program Director Professor Ryan McKInney was able to source an OER text for our theatre class some time ago. This gave Michelle and I the inspiration to do the same for the Humanities class!"

Turnbull and Ricciardi recently submitted a proposal to present *Modern Humanities* at the 2021 Open Education Conference, where they hope to share with others, their highly collaborative process that lead to a comprehensive OER Humanities reader. In the fall Turnbull and Ricciardi will pilot *Modern Humanities* with the College Now Humanities course.