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# VISION SEMINAR

## CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND LEADERSHIP

FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEAN & DIRECTOR OF THE  
UNIVERSITY WRITING PROGRAM

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WALLACE CLEAVES MARCH 9, 2023

# INTRODUCTION

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- Miyiiha, Netwaanyan'e Wallace Cleaves. Tongva ne' xaa. 'Aweeshkone xaa, 'ekwaa'a xaa Tovangar.
- Hello, my name is Wallace Cleaves. I am Tongva. I am happy you are here with me today in Tovaangar (The Tongva homelands).
- I've taught in the UWP for more than twenty years.
- I've been a lecturer and served as a union officer.
- I've been an Associate Professor of Teaching and Associate Director of the UWP for five years.
- I Co-authored the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the *St. Martin's Guide to Writing*.

## ALSO...

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- I'm a medievalist, and I conference, present, and publish in the field.
- I am the current director of the California Center for Native Nations at UCR, and a member of PNAAC, the President's Native American Advisory Council for the UC system.
- I am the Vice-chair of BOARS (the board of admissions and relations with schools) for UC systemwide and served as chair of UCR's Undergraduate Admissions Committee.
- I'm the president and co-founder of the Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy, our community's Land Back 501c3 that acquired the first land owned by us in almost 200 years.

# CHALLENGES

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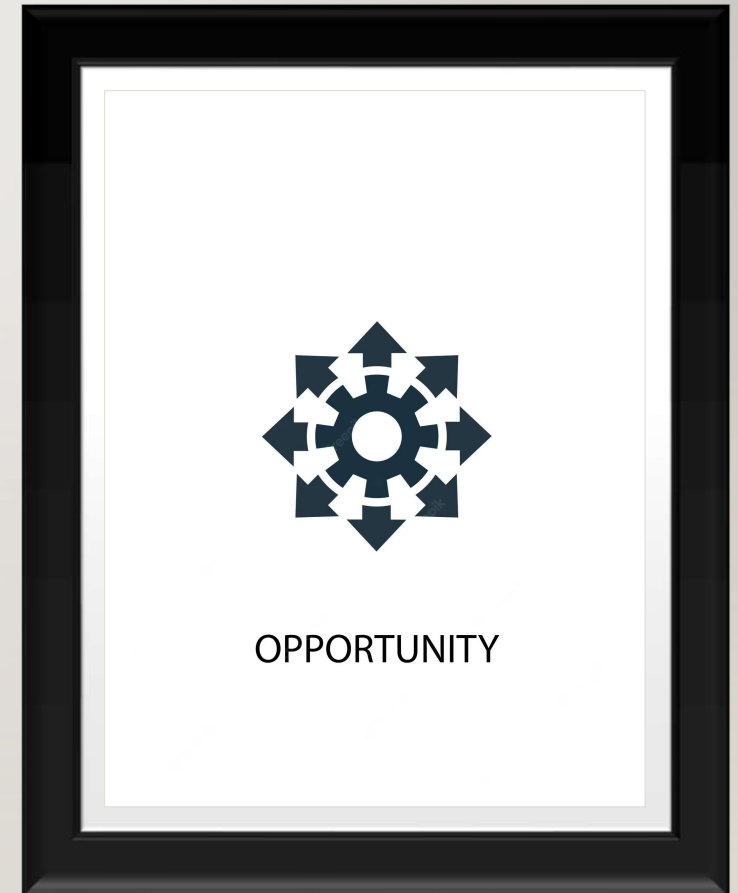
- The transition to Undergraduate Education and the ongoing effort to become a department.
- The wake of the pandemic and the effects it has had on our students' preparedness.
- The changing field of composition (and beyond) and the move away from testing and placement.
- The development of AI writing (ChatGPT).
- Budgetary and demographic shifts to come.



# OPPORTUNITIES

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- The transition to Undergraduate Education and the ongoing effort to become a department.
- What we learned from the pandemic, how to integrate technology and how to improvise.
- To demonstrate and communicate that our commitments to both standards and student success are complimentary.
- To collaborate and develop a more inclusive culture of the University Writing Program.



# LEADERSHIP

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- Consensus Culture, dedicated to collaborative and inclusive leadership
- Associate Director experience and committee and team development
- Served as acting Director of the UWP in 2019 and have worked with UE
- Leadership of committees, searches, and research centers at UCR and UC systemwide
- Experience mentoring and working with undergraduates and graduate students
- Experience and service at all levels, TA, Lecturer, and Professor

# THANK YOU 'AWEESHKONE XAA

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- I appreciate your time and attention and welcome your questions. I will do my best to answer them.