

Panel 1: Using Free/Affordable Textbooks

Open Access Week Symposium: Textbook Equity Day
October 26, 2022

What is Textbook Equity?

Campuswide initiative aiming to ensure that all UNI students have access to high-quality course materials that are **affordable**, **accessible**, and **inclusive**.



Why?

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- U.S. students who face the most barriers are non-white, Pell-eligible, international, and/or part-time.¹
- Transitioning to free course materials can reduce course withdrawals by an average of **29%** (n=78,000).²

Introductions

In what course have you used free/affordable course materials?

How long have you done so?

**Total student cost savings:
Est. \$144,921 per year**

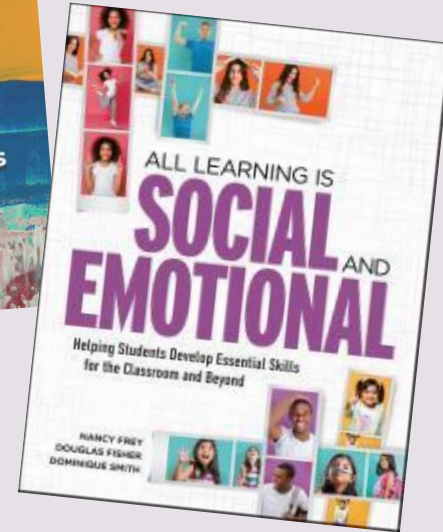
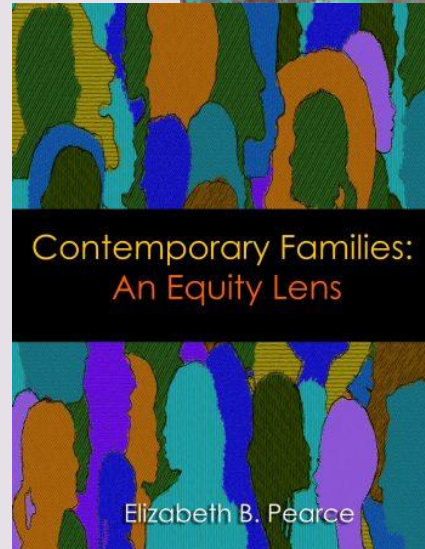
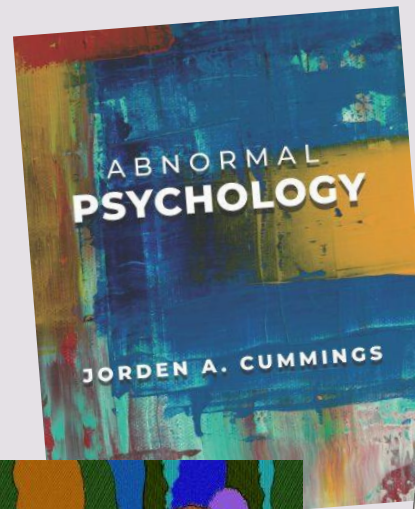
Dr. Seth Brown (Psychology):
saving students \$26,896/year

Dr. Eva Chen (EPFLS):
saving students \$25,726/year

Dr. Nathan Taylor (Family Services):
saving students \$92,299/year

What motivated you to select free/affordable materials for your course?

Were you transitioning from commercial texts?



How have your students responded to the free/affordable materials you chose?

What have been the biggest challenges or surprises for you and your students?

(How) do you include your textbook equity work in materials for promotion/tenure/evaluation?

What's next for you in terms
of open educational
resources?

Learn more!

Textbook Equity guide:

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to receive a customized list of
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Panel 2: Creating Free, Openly-Licensed Textbooks

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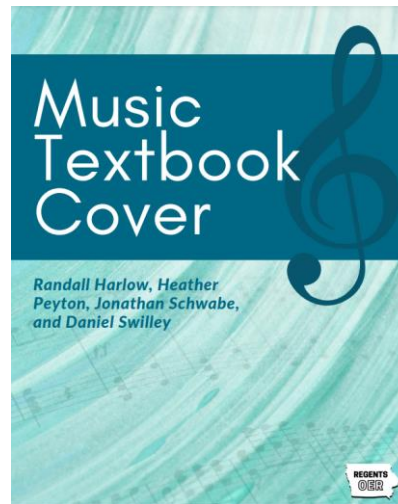
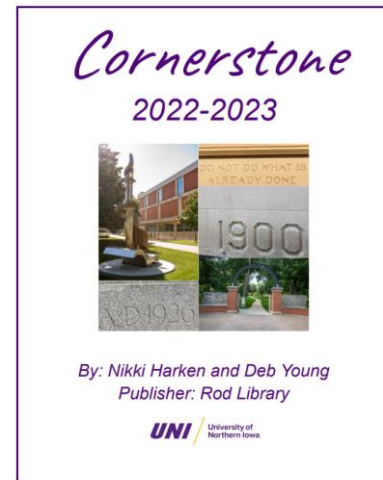
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For which course(s) did you create a free, openly-licensed textbook?

Was it from scratch or a remix of existing material?

Prof. Nikki Harken
(Comm & Media):
Team saving
students
\$93,552/year



Dr. Randall Harlow
(Music): Team will
save students
\$33,640/year



What motivated you to create a free,
openly-licensed textbook for your course?

What were the biggest challenges or surprises you/your team faced?

If you've already piloted or implemented your book in a course, how have your students responded?

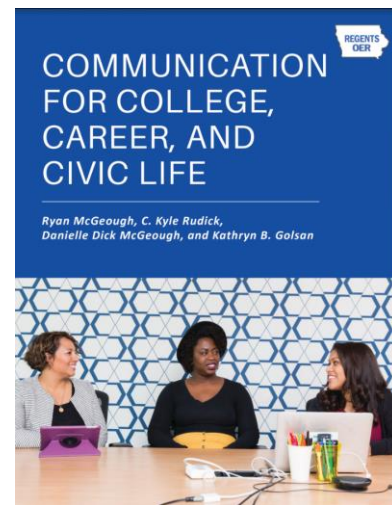
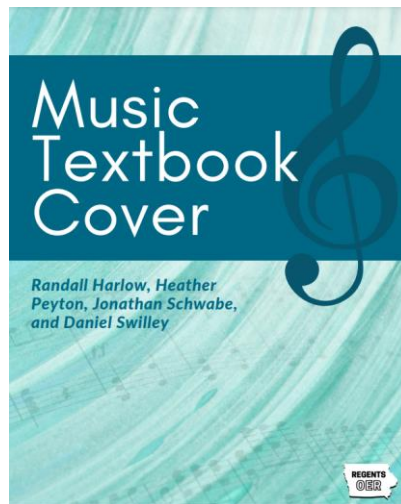
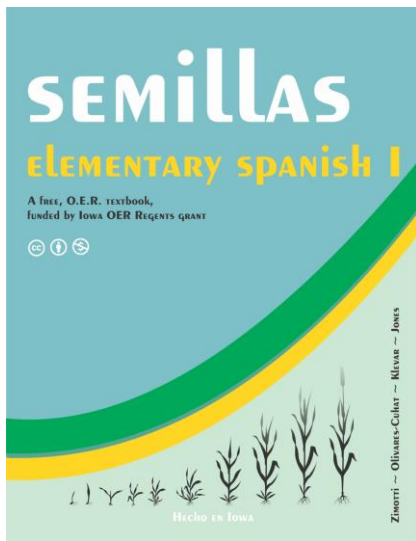
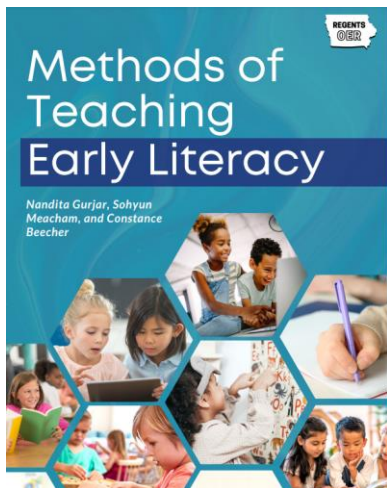
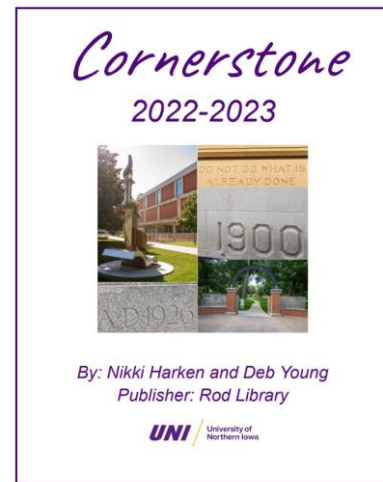
How do you include your open textbook project in materials for promotion/tenure/evaluation?

What's next for your open textbook?

UNI-published Open Textbooks

Total student cost savings:

Est. \$300,000 per year



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