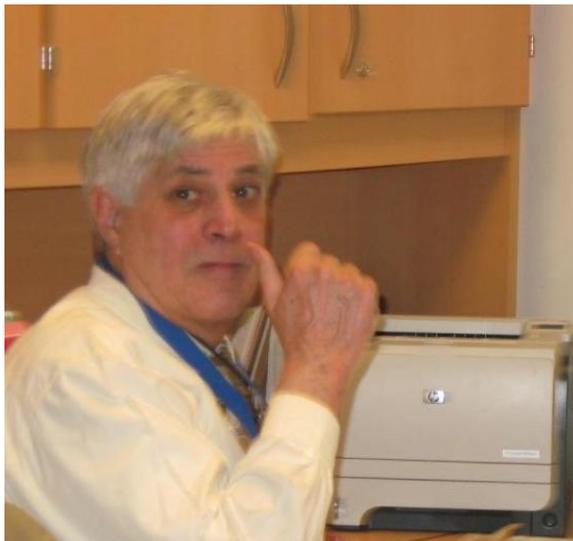


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OVAE Welcomes Gregory Loos

OVAE is pleased to welcome Gregory Loos, who will be heading the Accountability Team in the Division of Adult Education and Literacy. Loos has over 35 years of experience in education and public health at the local, state, federal and international levels as a practitioner, researcher and administrator. His advanced training is in education (BA, MS, EdD), public health (MPH), and urban and regional planning. He has 14 years of classroom experience from pre-K-to-graduate school, and is certified in adult, special and secondary education.

Loos was most recently with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where he headed the Basic Education Team from 2001 to 2011. There, he provided coordination, guidance, and leadership to efforts involving senior government decision-makers in Washington and the field. He also worked with senior representatives in the foreign public and private sectors, and international organizations. Loos' previous administrative experiences were in health and education in the federal government and for the state of Hawai'i.

As an academic, Loos was assistant professor for international and community health with the University of Hawai'i's School of Public Health and with the accredited health program at East Stroudsburg University. He also taught history at the community college level. As a researcher, he conducted studies to eliminate outcome and service disparities among racial and ethnic groups, and among different socio-economic, geographic, gender, age and disability populations. Loos was honored with the first William Novelli Annual Award for Innovation in Social Marketing in 1996 for an approach to cross-cultural research he developed.



OVAE Welcomes Back Sue Liu

Sue Liu recently joined OVAE as a senior policy advisor in the Office of the Assistant Secretary. She is developing and identifying policy and program levers to enable students in adult education and CTE programs to succeed in postsecondary education. Her work contributes to meeting President Obama's goals to ensure that every American has at least one year of postsecondary education and that the U.S. has the highest proportion of college graduates in the world by 2020.

Liu returned to ED from the Department of Labor where she advised the assistant secretary of the Employment and Training Administration (ETA). There, she focused on the conceptualization of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Career Training Grants Program and the development of the Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration. She helped develop high-priority goals for credentialing attainment and green jobs enrollment in *Workforce Investment Act (WIA)* formula and discretionary programs and guided ETA's strategic plan process. Liu began her federal career in 2005 as an OVAE policy analyst by developing justifications to OMB for the adult education program assessment and by monitoring proposed legislation relevant to adult education, immigration and workforce development. She later managed the *WIA* incentive grants process, participated in state monitoring, and developed adult education formula allocations and communications to states.

Previously, at the National Council of La Raza, Liu drafted *WIA* legislative language for individuals with limited English proficiency. She also worked on transportation equity and early *WIA* implementation at the Center for Community Change. In St. Louis, she worked as an employment case manager and taught at a community-based after-school program for low-income youths. Liu has a Master of Social Work with a social economic development emphasis from Washington University and a Bachelor of Science in sociology and political science from the University of Utah.