

## Biography of Ms. Angela Dawson

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Angela is the Student Affairs Initiatives Program Coordinator who coordinates both the health & safety education and the physical health & wellness components for the Student Health and Wellness Center (SHaW Center). VAWA programming is the predominant focus of Angela's education and prevention programming with the SHaW Center. Angela also coordinates the Peer Educator program, training Peer Educators to present workshops on topics related to student wellness. Prior to working with the SHaW Center for the past two years, Angela worked with FYE (First Year Experience) at MC for seven years. Angela's professional career in higher education spans twenty-four years working at four-year and community colleges in various capacities to support and educate students. Her higher education career encompasses creating programs to socially and academically support first-year students, supporting students in TRIO, and undergraduate students in a honors research programs. Angela loves helping students to make sound decisions about their health and well-being in order to thrive holistically. Prior to her work in higher education, Angela worked as a therapist and case manager in clinical settings. Angela chose to bring her counseling skills to higher education to work with students to create holistic experiences that promote student success.

As an undergraduate student, Angela worked in the wellness center of her undergraduate institution as a Peer Educator. She was trained to counsel students on mental health issues and educate her peers on sexual assault and sexual health. The Peer Educator experience led to Angela volunteering as a rape crisis counselor for a few years and pursuing her interests in counseling and mental health. Working with health and safety education in the SHaW Center is full circle for Angela, given her interests and experiences in mental health and higher education.

Angela is passionate about inclusion and accessibility in education. She is currently a doctoral candidate, earning a PhD in Education, focused on inclusive instructional design practices of faculty in community colleges. Angela has a M.Ed. in Counseling and Guidance, a MS in Information Technology, graduate certificate in Systems Analysis, and BA in Afro-American Studies.

Angela lives and loves in Gaithersburg with her 17-year old son.

## Biography of Dr. Lucinda Grinnell

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Dr. Lucy Grinnell (she/they) has been working at Montgomery College since 2013. She is the Director of the Writing, Reading, and Language Center, adjunct faculty in the Women's and Gender Studies program, a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Equity and Inclusion, and the advisor for the Pride + student club. Lucy has a PhD in Latin American History, a Masters in Latin American Studies, and a Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies from the University of New Mexico. She is currently working on a second Masters degree in Higher Education at The Pennsylvania State University. Previously, she worked as an adjunct instructor of Latin American History at the University of Maryland Baltimore County and of Latin

American Studies at the University of Maryland. Lucy has published widely on LGBTQ+ and women's history in Mexico.

Lucy is passionate about increasing student success and expanding social justice at Montgomery College. She is committed to the college's anti-racist journey and has spearheaded programming to support minoritized and underrepresented students such as the WRLCs affinity-focused writing groups for students of color and LGBTQ+ students. Throughout her time at MC, Lucy has organized numerous campus events on intersectional LGBTQ+ and gender themes and trained staff and faculty on pronoun usage and gender inclusivity.

Lucy lives in Montgomery County with her partner and 10-year-old daughter. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, taking walks with her dog, and traveling to new and old places.