

ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER

DR. LINDA ELLIOTT-NELSON

Yuma County, Appointed 2021



Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson serves as Strategic Partnerships/ Vinculación at Arizona Western College. She previously served as the Vice President for Learning Services, the Dean of Instruction, Division Chair of Modern Languages and Professor of Spanish at Arizona Western College. Her prior work experience also involved several years in the international business sector.

Dr. Elliott-Nelson received a Ph.D. in Education from Walden University, an M.B.A. and an M.A. in Spanish from Arizona State University, and a B.A. degree from Northern Arizona University.

Her activities have included co-founding the Yuma Youth Town Hall; coordinating the Gifted Summer Academy for 4th - 8th graders; co-coordinating the Binational Conference on Education with Baja California, Mexico; serving on the national Modern Language Association Committee on 2-year Colleges; and evaluating employee Spanish language proficiency for the City of Yuma. She received the Athena Leadership Award in 2019, the Outstanding University/College Educator Award from the Arizona Language Association in 2000 and the Teacher of the Year from Arizona Western College in 1999.

Elliott-Nelson has presented nationally and internationally on community outreach and engagement, partnerships, accelerative learning techniques, and community college trends. She served as the Chairman of the Board of Arizona Town Hall during 2015-2017, co-chair of the AZTransfer Steering Committee and chair of the Arizona Community College Chief Academic Officers, and currently serves on the boards of Southwest Arizona Town Hall, Yuma Orchestra Association, Arizona Town Hall, and Arizona Women in Higher Education. Her current activities have focused on community engagement, education, and development in the Arizona/California/Sonora/Baja California mega-region.