

My name is Amy Duncan. I have been teaching at Portland State University since 2005.

Between 2002 and 2014, I had no health insurance, no vision, no dental, no hearing.

In 2014 I applied for insurance under the Affordable Care Act. Some months it was difficult to pay the premium as my income was not the same amount each month.

Because I had health insurance through the ACA I was able to see a doctor. I was tested and found to have an ongoing health issue. We do not know how long I had this issue. I am now taking medicine for it.

Adjunct professors are paid the least of all of the academicians in the university system with few benefits. And those benefits do not cover health insurance.

How does a university develop their students for the future when demonstrating how to treat people so differently. Shouldn't they be showing the way to a better and more equal world?