

# Dr. Elisse Wright Barnes, JD, PhD Biography



Elisse Wright Barnes, JD, PhD, Your LinkedN Driving Instructor, is a LinkedIn trainer, communications strategist, and workforce educator teaching baby boomers to harness the power of LinkedIn for their job search, career transition, entrepreneurship, and nonprofit leadership. As the Owner, CEO, and Lead Trainer at *Of A Certain Vintage Workforce Education, LLC*, Dr. Barnes empowers older adults to use LinkedIn to reset, reboot, and reinvent for the new economy through individualized and small group “driving lessons” and “Mindset Reset” presentations that recognizes their unique learning style and acknowledges their online security and privacy concerns regarding the use of social media.

- Dr. Barnes has provided LinkedIn training throughout the state of Maryland.
- In 2017, she began her partnership with the Montgomery County Public Libraries to provide LinkedIn training to 45+ aged patrons.
- She has also trained Prince George’s County librarians and offers LinkedIn training annual in partnership with the Anne Arundel County Library.
- Dr. Barnes is also an adjunct instructor at Montgomery College’s Gaithersburg Business Training Center offering LinkedIn classes to both jobseekers and entrepreneurs.
- She has provided LinkedIn training to jobseekers and career transitioners in the AARP Back to Work 50+ program in the following locations:
  - Anne Arundel County
  - Jewish Council for the Aging’s Career Gateway and A Wider Circle’s Professional Development programs in Montgomery County
  - Baltimore Jobhunters Support Group
  - Coaches Corner mini conference in Howard County
  - Students in the Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs and postdocs, professionals,
  - Professors at the University of Maryland Baltimore County SUCCESS 2018 Maryland Pipeline Professional Development Conference

- Dr. Barnes has provided LinkedIn counseling to entrepreneurs for a variety of business development organizations including:
  - Maryland Women’s Business Center
  - Montgomery County chapter of eWomen Network
  - Prince George's County Chapter of Awesome Women Entrepreneurs
- She has demonstrated how LinkedIn can be used by retirees considering volunteer and nonprofit service at the Silver Spring Village and Oasis Lifelong Adventure Center in Bethesda, MD.
- She partners with the Nonprofit Village of Montgomery County to teach its resident organizations how to use LinkedIn for effective donor research and management as well as board member recruitment and engagement and provided similar training to the Friends of the Montgomery County Library Board of Trustees.

A 2018 Senior Leadership Montgomery graduate and resident of the White Oak community of Silver Spring, MD, Elisse is also actively engaged in improving the quality of life for fellow residents of Eastern Montgomery County, MD through political activism, economic development, workforce training, and policy advocacy. After serving for two years on the East County Citizens Advisory Board, she joined the board of the Nonprofit Village of Montgomery County where she serves as Vice Chair and leads the Governance and Nominating Committee. She is a member of the MD Black Chamber of Commerce, the Montgomery County Board of Elections, and co-chairs the Friends of White Oak Committee.

Dr. Barnes is a graduate of Yale College, Stanford University Law School, Ohio State University where she earned her a Doctorate in the History of U.S. Foreign Policy.

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