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Teaching courses from English 110 to graduate seminars, Desiree Hellegers also maintains a rigorous agenda of research, publishing, and community outreach and service. Her teaching portfolio spans 17th- to 20th-century literature, poetry to creative non-fiction, and Shakespearean to Native American literature.

Hellegers has written two single-authored books: *No Room of Her Own: Women's Stories of Homelessness, Life, Death and Resistance* and *Handmaid to Divinity: Natural Philosophy, Poetry and Gender in Seventeenth-Century England*; a poetry chapbook; two plays based on her scholarly research; and numerous articles, essays, invited lectures, and conference presentations.

Her current projects include an interdisciplinary initiative focused on identifying gaps in the Southwest Washington food supply and formulating effective community-based solutions, as well as a digital archive of fossil fuel resistance in the Pacific Northwest. She also co-founded the Collective for Social and Environmental Justice at WSU Vancouver.

Hellegers has mentored 10 graduate students and two undergraduate Honors students and worked with WSU partners to place more than two dozen students in internships related to social and environmental justice. In addition to serving on several campus-wide committees, she has organized many workshops and events for the wider WSU community. Since 2015, she has produced a monthly regional radio program and interviewed scores of social activists and thought leaders on equity-related topics, including racism; police violence; treaty rights; climate and environmental justice; health disparities; and homelessness—topics she also examines in her scholarly work.



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