

## **Dr. James Barnes**

Dr. James Barnes is excited about serving as a facilitator for GDPLWE and learning with you. As a program alumnus in 2022, Dr. Barnes enjoyed the opportunity think about his strengths, professional goals as well as network with campus faculty and staff. He currently serves as the Director of the Learning Commons at Stan State.

Dr. Barnes has spent 15 years serving students of diverse backgrounds in the Central Valley and appreciates the many strengths they bring to higher education. Prior to joining Stanislaus State in 2021, he led professional staff teams in areas of advising, orientation, learning support, transfer programs, disability services, and student success course development at University of California, Merced, California State University, Chico, University of Northern Iowa, and University of Dubuque. Dr. Barnes earned his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from University of California, Davis. His research focuses on academic resilience in first-generation students of color, resilience-building systems, resilience narratives, help-giving and help-receiving dynamics in higher education, strengths-based curriculum and program models, and asset-based organizational leadership.