

# TennACADA Times

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## NACADA Annual Conference 2019

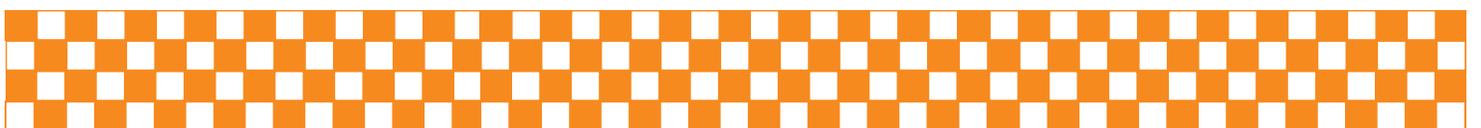
The 2019 Annual Conference for NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising took place October 20-23 in Louisville, Kentucky. The University of Tennessee-Knoxville was well-represented by Advisors from most colleges, Academic Success Advocates, Academic Coaches, and others. Dr. Tyrone Howard from UCLA opened the conference with a sobering, if humorous, call to move beyond diversity buzzwords and to take concrete steps toward creating equity for all higher education students. The conference theme was “In Their Corner: Advising Students to be the GREATEST,” in reference to the Louisville-born professional boxer Muhammad Ali. Many presentations embodied this theme in both title and structure.

The NACADA Region 3 meeting had a large turnout to hear about changes in Region 3 leadership and to discuss upcoming Region 3 conferences. Remember – the upcoming regional conferences need volunteers! Region 3 conference will take place April 20–22 in Lexington, KY.

Presenters from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville included Madeline Anderson, Jeff Elliott, Lindi Barillaro, Emilie Aslinger, Chris Shuping, Ashleigh Powers, NaQuaina Moore, Dr. Mitsunori Misawa, Brian Schmid, Alex Sharp, Dr. Karmen Stephenson, and Dr. Ruth Darling. Presentations covered topics including hiring, career advising, advisor wellness, and a generational perspective on advising.



# NACADA Annual Conference 2019 (continued)





Dr David Grey

## So You Want to Write?

Dr. David Grey from York St John University gave an informative and engaging presentation entitled "So You Want to Write?" to the TennACADA community on October 24. Did you know that NACADA has a spectrum of publications and venues through which an advisor can contribute, starting with the NACADA blog (a great way to dip your toes into writing)? In addition, advisors can consider writing for the e-zine *Academic Advising Today*, the *NACADA Review*, the *NACADA Journal*, as well as other non-NACADA journals like *The Mentor* or the *Journal of College Student Development*. Dr. Grey shared several tips about how one can start the writing process (such as "free writing" without judgment, and speaking ideas out loud and recording them),

and then looking for threads to emerge and ideas to explore further. Other suggestions include setting aside dedicated writing time, writing with others (such as at a Writing Retreat), and seeking feedback from "critical" friends. Dr. Grey's presentation can be found on the UTK Academic Advising SharePoint site in the Reading Room. If you are interested in forming a writing group with others in the advising community here at UTK, let us know by emailing [tennacada@utk.edu](mailto:tennacada@utk.edu) and we will connect you.

## Supporting Muslim Students

Dr. Mehvash Ali is the Director of the Academic Support Center at the American University of Sharjah. She recently presented information to the UTK advising community about the history and beliefs of Islam and specific ways that advisors can create an inclusive community for the Muslim student population. Supporting religious pluralism can include:

1. Offer space for prayer & sinks for washing feet
2. Provide interfaith space and events
3. Avoid prayer times when scheduling advising appointments
4. Recognize all religious holidays
5. Educate the community for a cultural change
6. Support and participate in cultural festivals on campus
7. Create a Muslim student association
8. Offer dialogues, Muslim speakers, Hijab Monologues, interfaith services, Muslim music and poetry nights



Dr. Mehvash Ali

Dr. Ali recommends the following website with more information on supporting Muslim college students: <https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/muslim-student->



## New Faces



Megan Laverty  
Academic Advisor  
Haslam College of Business



Chilene Black  
Coordinator II—Teacher Licensure  
College of Education, Health, and  
Human Sciences



Andrea Stedman  
Academic Advisor  
College of Arts and Sciences



Quannah Washington  
Academic Advisor  
Haslam College of Business



Jennifer Washick  
Academic Advisor  
Haslam College of Business



Ronda Wright  
Academic & Professional  
Development Advisor  
Adjunct Assistant Professor  
College of Architecture & Design



## Fall Events

Event Name	Date	Time	Location	Type of Event
TennACADA Career Advancement Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updating and Revising your CV: 1:00–2:00</li> <li>Career Path Panel: 2:15–3:15</li> <li>Crafting your Academic Advising Philosophy: 3:30–4:30</li> </ul>	11/21/2019	1:00–4:30	SU 362 A	Professional Development
Dr. Kimberly Smith	12/3/2019	9:00–11:00	SU 169	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
NACADA Webinar: Academic Advising and Trans Equity: Building our Tomorrow	12/11/2019	2:00–3:30	SU 262 B	Webinar
TennACADA Morning Coffee and Pastries Social at UPerk	12/13/2019	8:00–9:00	UPerk	Social



# FIRST GEN

## Next Month in TennACADA Times

Watch for the December edition of the TennACADA Times! It will highlight National First-Generation College Student Celebration, which took place during the week of November 4-8. Additionally, UTK first-gen staff will be interviewed about their experiences as college students and best practices for supporting first-generation college students.



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