

TennACADA Times

Hello, TennACADA community! It has been a quick & busy fall term and we are getting closer to the end and all that brings. Let's round out the semester being good for our students, ourselves, and each other. We hope to see you on the 23rd for our end-of-semester celebration!

Ali Aust (she/her) President- TennACADA



Join us for the TennACADA End-of-semester Celebration!

We hope to see you for some networking and socializing!

2022 Region 3 NACADA Conference

Next year's Region 3 NACADA Conference will be here in Knoxville co-chaired by UT's own Shanna Pendergrast and Kirsten Pitcock! The planning committee is currently looking for folks who would like to volunteer to read proposals, award submission, or to assist with the conference itself. If interested, please complete the Volunteer Interest <u>form</u>.

Also consider submitting a conference proposal! The submission deadline has been extended to Monday, November 29th at 2pm.

Fall 2021 DEI Event Series

The Advising and Student Success Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee's fall 2021 DEI Event Series has been a huge success. There is one more event for this series which has focused on diversity in the Appalachian region through the Black in Appalachia podcast hosted by Dr. Enkeshi El-Amin and Angela Dennis—more information on the podcast can be found here.

**Participants attending the November 2nd Live talk/discussion and one other discussion may submit a reflection for a certificate of completion that can be used to show professional development. Final reflections are due on 12/23 and more details can be found through this link. Please reach out to Jeremy Mobley (jmobley7@utk.edu) with any questions you may have about the certificate. We hope to see you all at these events this fall (RSVP below)!

Please RSVP <u>here</u> so you can receive discussion questions and updates prior to the event.

Event	Date	Time	Episodes	Zoom Link
Discussion #3	Dec. 7, 2021	1-2pm (EST)	 Christmas Traditions Struggle. Resilience and Art Black Coal Miners and the Great Migration 	Discussion Link

Additional Upcoming Events:

The UTK Commission for LGBT People and its Equity and Climate Sub-Committee, in partnership with the Pride Center, are excited to host two upcoming virtual lectures on November 17th and 18th showcasing Dr. Stephanie Anne Shelton from the University of Alabama and some of the great work she is doing within higher education in support of LGBTQ+ students' experiences. Both lectures will be offered virtually.

Applying a 'Pedagogy of Refusal' to Support Intersectionality and LGBTQ+ Students

When: Nov 17, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Description: This talk is based on an ongoing grant-funded research project with graduate students that engages with the concept "Pedagogy of Refusal," which is based in queer and anti-colonial theories. The discussion will explore how this pedagogical framework might be applied to education as a field, as well as to classrooms, research studies, and beyond to support LGBTQ+ people, with concrete examples including failures, successes, and lessons learned to support others' efforts.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://tennessee.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpf-6pgjouG9Sncopet001ObooxQwAmBnR

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The Importance of Intersectionality and Context in LGBTQ+ Research and Ally Work

When: Nov 18, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Description: This talk begins with the acknowledgement that we are all situated within the U.S.'s "Bible Belt," in order to examine the importance of acknowledging LGBTQ+ people and scholarship as necessarily situated and understood within geographic contexts. The talk will include research with teachers, higher education faculty, and K-12 and college students to emphasize the ways that context shapes queer identities and ally work, and the importance of having those considerations be intersectional, in order to be effective, authentic, and meaningful.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://tennessee.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArfu6qqDIuGNoiLpWpkeqevlm7xGDp04U-

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Spring 2022 Book Club

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee would like to facilitate a Spring 2022 book club series to continue advancing knowledge and awareness surrounding topics of diversity and inclusion within the Division of Student Success and Academic Advising. The focus of the book club for Spring 2022 is socioeconomic status, particularly during childhood. Our previous book club proved an impactful way of facilitating conversations around diversity, equity, and inclusion. It provided a space for individuals to share information, stories, ideas, and discuss in-depth DEI topics that relate to our various campus roles. Please use this <u>form</u> to indicate your interest in participating in the Spring 2022 book club. We look forward to hearing from you.