

TennACADA Times

Happy Fall everyone! I hope you all are enjoying the crisp mornings, return of football, and the start of a new season. We have a busy month coming up for our community! Take care of yourselves this month and please let anyone on TennACADA know if there is anything we can support you with this year. Thank you to everyone who has filled out the survey so far. We'll leave it open until 9/29 at noon so if you have not had the chance to provide feedback, please do so [here](#).

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Advising and Student Success Conference on October 18th!

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2021 Academic Advising & Student Success Conference Registration Now Open

The 2021 Academic Advising & Student Success Conference will be held Monday, October 18th with both in-person and virtual attendance options. The Conference theme of “**Advising Forward, Together**” will focus on areas such as adaptability, well-being, and accessibility & belonging.

For more information and to register for the conference, please visit the website: [Fall 2021 Academic Advising & Student Success Conference](#)

Did you know?

The Herbert College of Agriculture has a new program, Discover Herbert! Created by Anna Will and Dr. Brent Lamons, Discover Herbert is the new college-level exploratory process for students to utilize in ultimately selecting a major within the Herbert College of Agriculture (HCA). While the program's website was created primarily for exploratory students in the HCA, any UT student can engage in the process whether they are still exploring or have already declared a major. The goal was to create a process that not only helps students choose a major but also helps them learn about themselves and potential career paths as well as develop key skills such as decision-making and being a life-long learner.

A key framework that was drawn from to create the process was Okello's (2018) Self-Definition concept, which emphasizes meaning-making through Black Feminism. Using Self-Definition, students are encouraged, especially those from underrepresented communities, to feel empowered to learn, explore, and grow through ways that are significant and meaningful to them. As students work through the three phases of Self Exploration, Major Exploration, and Major Selection, the HCA hopes students will find their path to academic success and gain skills they can use beyond their years at UT.

*More information about the Exploratory Philosophy, Outcomes, the Process, and Self-Definition can be found on the Discover Herbert webpage:
<https://herbert.utk.edu/discover-herbert/>*

Are you attending this year's NACADA Conference in Cincinnati?

Be sure to scan the QR code to connect with others from the University of Tennessee who are also in attendance!



Fall 2021 DEI Event Series

The Advising and Student Success Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is excited to invite you to our fall 2021 DEI Event Series. This semester, we will focus on diversity in the Appalachian region. The series centers around the Black in Appalachia podcast hosted by Dr. Enkeshi El-Amin and Angela Dennis—more information on the podcast can be found [here](#). Each session will explore certain episodes of the podcast through self-reflection and focused

discussion. Dr. Enkeshi El-Amin will join our group for the November 2nd session to give a live talk around these important topics. Dr. El-Amin, is a researcher, cultural worker & lecturer at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she earned a PhD in sociology. Her work explores the link between race, place, and Black practices in defining contesting & re-imagining of place.

*****Participants that attend 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 will be due on 12/23 and more details can be found through this [link](#). Please do not hesitate to 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)!

If you plan on attending any of these events, please RSVP [here](#) so you can receive discussion questions and updates prior to the event.

Event	Date	Time	Episodes	Zoom Link
Discussion #1	Oct. 13, 2021	12-1pm (EST)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Appalachian Drag A Halloween Special The Secret Lives of Church Ladies Sundown Towns 	Discussion Link
Live Talk & Discussion with Dr. Enkeshi El-Amin	Nov. 2, 2021	12-1pm (EST)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes Berea College 	Discussion Link
Discussion #3	Dec. 12, 2021	1-2pm (EST)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Traditions Struggle. Resilience and Art Black Coal Miners and the Great Migration 	Discussion Link