



SEMINAR SERIES

The Community Engagement Seminar Series consists of 5 virtual workshops open to all students, faculty, and staff. Each session will focus on various engagement and outreach topics.

**GLEICHER'S FORMULA FOR CHANGE AS A TOOL FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT** | August 27, 2 PM

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**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 101** | September 3, 2 PM

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**A MULTIDISCIPLINARY SYSTEMS APPROACH TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** | September 10, 2 PM

This workshop will examine social, economic, and civil systems that frame community engagement efforts and explore how to work within these systems in a multidisciplinary manner to advance shared goals with community partners.

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**BUILDING KNOXVILLE PARTNERSHIPS WITH SOCIAL CAPITAL** | September 17, 2 PM

Social capital broadly defined refers to factors of effective collaborations including interpersonal relationships, trust, cooperation, reciprocity, and a shared identity and values. This workshop outlines several ways for faculty and students to explore building social capital with Knoxville area community partners.

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**CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** | September 24, 2 PM

Cultural competency encompasses self-knowledge of one's culture, knowledge and appreciation for the cultures of others, and the ability to communicate and interact with others effectively. This workshop will increase your understanding of intercultural competence and introduce a framework and instrument for assessment and personal development.

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Community conversations are monthly virtual facilitated panel discussions on pressing current issues and events with members of the campus and Knoxville communities. These panels are open to all students, faculty, staff and community members.

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: A CALL TO ACTION TO VOTE**

August 28, 10 AM

Join us for a panel discussion on the importance of civic engagement, barriers to engagement – particularly for marginalized communities – and how to improve voter engagement this fall.

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**SUPPORTING K-12 SCHOOLS** | September 25, 10 AM

Join us for a panel discussion on the state of K-12, current engagement and outreach projects with the school system, and how we may improve educational disparities resulting from COVID, racism, lack of access to technology and broadband, and other issues.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND JUSTICE**

October 16, 10 AM

Join us for a panel discussion on environmental sustainability, resiliency, and environmental justice. We will share current engagement and outreach projects related to environmental policy, discuss current policy initiatives at local level, their impacts on East Tennesseans, and how to advocate for greener policies in the future.

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**SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIETY** | November 13, 10 AM

Social workers support society's most vulnerable individuals and families, providing case management and direct services on a shoestring budget. Join us for a panel discussion on the role of social work in today's society and how we can best advocate for both social workers and the vulnerable populations they serve.

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**OCEO COFFEE CHATS**

Join OCEO staff and fellow colleagues on Friday mornings to discuss your community engagement and outreach projects and ideas! [REGISTER HERE](#)

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