



# THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

October 2023

## NEWS

### Record Breaking Registration for Annual Engagement and Outreach Conference



The [Office of Community Engagement and Outreach \(OCEO\)](#) celebrated their 6th Annual Engagement and Outreach Week at the beginning of October. In addition to record breaking conference registration (300+), the week also included a variety of other engaged activities. Many campus and community members participated in a lecture, film screening, interactive workshop, and Knoxville's First Friday Art Walk with [Stacey Robinson](#), an initiative that was co-sponsored by OCEO. Additional activities included a Community Engagement Seminar Series session on Building Partnerships in Knoxville and Our Surrounding Region with Dr. Javiette Samuel, associate vice chancellor & OCEO director, and a drop-in Coffee Chat with the UTK OCEO team.

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## Community Engagement Academy Helps Prepare More Engaged Scholars



On October 24, the 2023 Fall Community Engagement Academy (CEA) cohort delivered their final presentations to the campus at a closing ceremony and celebrated completion of the 5-week program. Scholars were congratulated by Dr. Javiette Samuel, associate vice chancellor & OCEO director, Dr. Tyvi Small, vice chancellor for diversity and engagement and Jill Passano, senior director of research development and foundation engagement. CEA graduate, Dr. Jamian Coleman shared that the academy "greatly influenced how I think of scholarly activity, teaching in the classroom, and service."

Throughout the experience, early-career faculty, graduate students, and postdocs learned and applied the fundamentals of community engagement, engaged scholarship, cultural humility, and more. The program is directed by Javiette Samuel. In addition to the fall academy, a summer intensive is offered for graduate students each June. Applications will be available in Spring 2024.

[Learn more about CEA and view previous cohorts](#)

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## Division of Diversity & Engagement Funding Recipients Announced

While many exemplary proposals were submitted, the following individuals exemplified research, relevance, reciprocity, and engagement that is sure to have significant impact. The [Division of Diversity & Engagement \(DDE\)](#) congratulates the following PIs and Co-PIs on securing FY24 funding.

### Challenge Grant

- Stefanie Benjamin, Associate Professor, *Speakeasy to the Truth*

- Dan Jin, Assistant Professor, *Transforming the Hospitality Workplace: Fostering Marginalized Employee Wellbeing and Equity*
- Sukanya Moudgalya, Assistant Professor, *Harvesting Hope: Fostering Urban Agriculture through Community-Driven AI Education and Civic Empowerment*

### Engagement and Outreach Grant

- Rhea Carmon, Math Program Facilitator, *Collectively Speaking*
- Elizabeth DeGeorge, Communication Specialist, *School of Art High School Art Academy*
- Patrick Grzanka, Professor, and Erin McConocha, Doctoral Student, *Understanding the Needs of People Accessing Harm Reduction Services in East Tennessee*
- Alyssa Hayes, Doctoral Student, *Engineering Mentoring Workshop Series at Austin-East High School*
- Julie Lohnes, Director, *Katrina Andry Exhibition and Events*

### Sponsorship

- Carren Broadnax, Community Leader, *Community Service Engagement*
- Ivonne Vidal Pizarro, Research Consultant, *University of Tennessee at Knoxville's Campus-wide Research Poster Symposium*
- Tracy Van de Vate, Community Leader, *Grandparents as Parents - Parenting the 2nd Time Around Conference*
- Ronda Wright, Senior Advisor & Adjunct Assistant Professor, *Creating Artifacts of Home*

### Community Engagement Seminar Series

# AY 2023 - 2024 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SEMINAR SERIES

Interested in learning more about academic outreach, community engagement, and engaged scholarship? Join us for one, or all of our workshops.



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There is only one session remaining in the Community Engagement Seminar Series this semester:

- Cultural Humility and Community Engagement, November 3, 10:00 a.m.

These sessions are an excellent way to learn more about academic outreach, community engagement, and engaged scholarship. Click on the button below to register for the last Fall 2023 session or any of the Spring 2024 sessions.

[Fall 2023 Registration Link](#)

[Spring 2024 Registration Link](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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### Hispanic Film Festival at UT

# HISPANIC FILM FESTIVAL

FREE  
ADMISSION

6:30 PM ON THURSDAYS IN October & November 2023

JOIN US for the fourth edition of the Hispanic Film Festival on the UT campus featuring independent award-winning films in Spanish with English subtitles, and introductory talks by UT professors.

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[More Information Here](#)

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### International Education Week



From **November 13-17**, the [Center for Global Engagement](#) has a host of events planned for International Education Week. Click [here](#) to see all the activities.

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### **Ninja Street Smarts for Winning NIH Grants**

If you aspire to secure a NIH grant, you do not want to miss the opportunity to learn from [Tom Hollon](#) on **Tuesday, November 14, 2023**.

## About the Workshop:

Join us for a workshop focused on winning NIH Grants. Tom Hollon will share his seven years of experience helping Michigan State University researchers win more than \$130,000,000 in grants, mostly from NIH. If you're having trouble getting a research grant, this informative discussion focuses on often ignored or overlooked grantsmanship tactics and is one that you won't want to miss!

### Workshop Topics:

- Advanced Writing Techniques for NIH Grants
- Writing Specific Aims
- Abstract
- Significance Innovation
- Approach
- One-Page Introductions for re-submitted grants
- Biosketches



## About the Presenter:

Tom Hollon has been helping clients win grants and contracts since 2003, when he wrote a grant for a client that won \$2 million in funds. He has a Ph.D in microbiology.

[Register for the Workshop](#)

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**Thoughtful Thursdays**

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**Two Sessions One Day**

**November 2, 2023**

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**Special Edition - Featuring VFL Allan Houston**

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. at Frieson Black Cultural Center.
- Register [here](#).
- Breakfast will be included.

**Employee Wellness Session - Featuring Daryien Lee**

- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. at Frieson Black Cultural Center.
- Register [here](#).
- Lunch will be included.

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## ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

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**TN Service-Learning Consortium Day Conference**

**TN SL-CONSORTIUM**  
Day Conference & Call for Proposals

**November 10, 2023**

10:00 am-4:00 pm (CST)/ 11:00 am-5:00 pm (EST)

Location: **TBR Offices: 1 Bridgestone Park, Nashville, TN 37214**



The Tennessee Service-Learning Consortium, in partnership with the Tennessee Board of Regents, is hosting their first Service-Learning Day Conference on **Friday, November 10, 2023**, in Nashville. This one-day event will be held to honor, reflect, highlight, and capture the many different facets of service-learning and its impact on the communities that we are connected to since the inception of COVID. Many faculty, staff, students, and service-oriented institutions have made great strides in adapting to our ever-evolving world and we seek to capture such innovative and creative techniques, ideas, and projects.

[Submit a Proposal](#)

[Register](#)

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## Call for Nominations for Volunteer Stars Award

The [Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards \(GVSA\)](#) is an initiative from [Volunteer Tennessee](#) that seeks to recognize one outstanding youth and one outstanding adult volunteer from each of Tennessee's 95 counties. The Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards also recognizes one business and one nonprofit from each of Tennessee's three Grand Regions for their outstanding community involvement and service. Want to submit a nomination? Click the link below to find out more information. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, December 8th**.

[Nomination Information](#)

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## FELLOWSHIP, FUNDING, AND AWARDS

### Harry Ransom Center Research Fellowships in Humanities

The Harry Ransom Center Fellowship will award up to 60 research fellowships for its 2024-2025 program, including 10 dissertation fellowships. The fellowship projects require substantial on-site use of the collections, which support exploration of all areas of the humanities, including literature, photography, film, art, the performing arts, music, and cultural history. Funding varies. To be eligible, you must be a postdoctoral scholar, doctoral candidate, independent researcher, or a scholar with master's degrees who has had significant involvement in academic research. The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, November 1 at 12:00 p.m.**

[Application Link](#)

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### 2024-25 Princeton in Asia Fellowship

Princeton in Asia (PiA) offers a change in perspective, a job that matters, and a community for life. PiA Fellows work at some of Asia's most innovative business and social enterprises; they teach at kindergartens, secondary schools, polytechnics, and universities; and they write for newspapers and create content for international media platforms.



With the number and diversity of positions available, applicants of all disciplines and backgrounds are encouraged to apply! The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, November 1**. To be eligible, you must have a bachelor's degree. Graduates of any college or university are eligible to apply for a PiA fellowship.

[Application Link](#)

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### **Public Policy & International Affairs Junior Summer Institute Fellowship**

The Junior Summer Institute (JSI) Fellowship is a fully-funded opportunity that equips fellows with the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in graduate school and, ultimately, in influential roles serving the public good. Once students have completed their JSI, they join an alumni network of more than 4,000 leaders. In addition to the opportunities that this network provides for mentoring and career development, their alumni network has the opportunity to receive financial support for their graduate school education if they attend one of the programs in their Graduate School Consortium. If you are a United States citizen, legal permanent resident, or DACA recipient you are eligible to apply to all JSI programs. International students are eligible for select JSI Programs (Carnegie Mellon, Princeton, and University of Washington) and must be enrolled in a U.S. based college/university. The deadline to apply is **November 1**.

[Application Link](#)

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### **Nominate a K-12 School for the 2024 Award of Excellence**

Do you know a K-12 school, public or private, actively promoting youth engagement in your community? Are you or someone you know helping students understand the importance of volunteerism and community service? If so, please apply for a [2024 Award of Excellence](#)! The application deadline is **November 30**. Winners will be recognized at the [2024 Tennessee Conference on Volunteerism and Service Learning](#) in Franklin, Tennessee!

[Application Link](#)

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### **Office of Research Innovation and Economic Development Proposal Request**

The [Office of Research Innovation and Economic Development \(ORIED\)](#) is soliciting requests for proposals that advance knowledge and support areas of fundamental and applied research in human health and wellness. This research funding opportunity aligns with the UT Strategic Plan which envisions a university that embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion across all areas of research, scholarship, education, and outreach.

Human Health & Wellness Team Building Activities is available until **Sunday, June 30, 2024**.

[Human Health & Wellness Team Building Activities](#)

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### **Brady Education Foundation Funding Opportunity**

The **[Brady Education Foundation](#)** is currently accepting Research Project (RP) proposals and Existing Program Evaluation (EPE) proposals that have the potential to provide data that will inform how to address disparities in educational opportunities associated with race, ethnicity, and family income. The foundation is looking for sustainable, accessible, and strength based projects.

[More Information Here](#)

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