Dear CEHD Community,

As I reflect back on what was a very difficult 2020 for many of us and we settle into a new calendar year and academic semester, I wanted to share a couple of thoughts.

First, although this once in a century type year has passed we are still faced with the tangible and intangible effects that remain. Recently, our distinguished Hagler Fellow in CEHD, Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings suggested that we are experiencing the confluence of multiple pandemics—COVID-19, racism, economic distress, and climate change have presented great challenges to the work we do in and through the college. But importantly, Dr. Ladson-Billings urged us to consider these challenging times as a wonderful opportunity to reimagine who we are individually and collectively, what we can be, and what we can do going forward. I ask each of you to keep this in mind as we go about doing the work of transforming lives through our teaching, research, and service.

Second, as I begin my third year in this Associate Dean role, I look forward to continued work with college leadership, my awesome team in ODDI, and other important stakeholders within the college and across campus to advance our diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts. I am particularly excited about the pivotal role that the Equity and Social justice Collective will play in moving CEHD (to)ward ideas and actions that fundamentally change how we do things. I greatly appreciate and encourage those of you who have been formally involved with the Collective from its beginning in 2020 to stay engaged. And I invite those of you who are genuinely interested in being a part of this transformative process to join the Collective as we move to elevate our college to greater heights in 2021 and beyond. Please reach out to our team in ODDI for ways to get involved.

John N. Singer, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion
Black History Month

Black History Month TAMU Calendar of Events

Educational Resources

- Black History Month: Teaching the Complete History
- Visit 13 of the world's top Black history museums virtually this month to celebrate Black History Month!
- 10 Historians on What People Still Don't Know About Martin Luther King Jr.

Carter and Larke Black Culture and Education Lecture

Waking for a Dream Too Long Deferred

February 24, 2021
11:30-1:00pm, virtually

Gloria Ladson-Billings is currently a Hagler Fellow with the Hagler Institute for Advanced Study and is this year's keynote. Her research examines the pedagogical practices of teachers who are successful with African American students. She also investigates applications of critical race theory to education. Ladson-Billings is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and president of the National Academy of Education. Honors include the Distinguished Scholar Lifetime Achievement Award from the Literacy Research Association and the Harold Delaney Exemplary Leadership Award from the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education.
Your Voice Matters  
Campus Climate Survey

Texas A&M University is launching YourVoice 2021 to assess campus climate, safety, belonging, and success. We want to hear from all students, faculty, and staff so that we can collect everyone’s perspectives of their Texas A&M experience! The survey will be running from **February 10, 2021, through March 7, 2021**.

Please show your support by completing the survey! Once you complete and submit your survey, there are chances for you to win prizes. Visit [yourvoice.tamu.edu](http://yourvoice.tamu.edu) to learn more.

**Diversity Matters SEED Grant Recipients**

Two teams with members from CEHD have received the Office for Diversity's 2020-2022 Diversity Matters Seed Grant Program!

**UndocuAggies Matter: Cultivating Inclusive and Validating Campus Environments to Foster their College Success**
Principal Investigator: Cinthya Salazar, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Higher Education

**Education Administration  Diversity and Respect Performance Evaluation Improvement Plan**
Cross College team with Mays Business School, School for Public Health, and CEHD
Patrice French, Manager Organization Development and Diversity Initiatives
John N. Singer, Ph.D.,
Book Club

Beginning March 2021, ODDI will host a CEHD-wide book club covering different themes which include, race and racism, immigration, LGBTIA community. This book club will be open to faculty, staff, and students. More details are coming soon.

Need Some Books to Read Before Book Club Starts?

**WHY ARE THEY ANGRY WITH US?**
LARRY E. DAVIS

"In his book he draws from personal experiences and examples that provide readers with frameworks that will enhance their knowledge of race, racism, and racial relations in the United States. " - James Herbert Williams, University of Denver

**BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME**
TA-NEHISI COATES

"Powerful and passionate... profoundly moving... a searing meditation on what it means to be black in America today."—Michiko Kakutani, The New York Times

**ARISTOTLE AND DANTE DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE**
BENJAMIN ALIRE SÁENZ

"A tender, honest exploration of identity and sexuality, and a passionate reminder that love—whether romantic or familial—should be open, free, and without shame."
-- Publishers Weekly, starred review