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## Engaging Teaching Today Conference 2021 - Schedule

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## Engaging Teaching Today: Academic Belonging

Taylor University, Zoom

Saturday, February 6, 2021

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### *Abstract*

COVID teaching brings multiple challenges (as well as opportunities) to our teaching and students' learning, especially the in-class interaction that facilitates deeper engagement with content. And, as President Cunningham noted in today's chapel, most of us are experiencing "Pandemic Fatigue." This means that for us as teachers, our capacity to find solutions to COVID teaching restrictions or problems is reduced, and it means that all of us need more than ever to connect and offer each other mutual encouragement and belonging.

To help us with mutual encouragement and finding practical solutions to this semester's challenges, the BCTLE is sponsoring an 85-minute workshop this Saturday, a shortened version of our annual Engaging Teaching Today conference. This year's shortened conference will focus on improving our students' sense of academic belonging right now, this spring semester.

Please come be refreshed and energized from engaging with your colleagues!

### *Overview of the Conference*

#### Learning Outcomes:

1. Apply "academic belonging" student learning needs to your spring classrooms.
2. Engage in conversations with your colleagues.

Welcome	5 minutes
Overview of the time together	2 minutes
Teaching Excellence Categories, focusing on academic belonging in the "Care for Students" category	8-10 minutes
What our students told us in fall evaluations & feedback -- what helped and what could be improved	5 minutes
What worked well for us, especially for creating academic belonging? Barb Bird, Carie King, Timothy Berkey	15 minutes
Reflective writing time, using prompts, to consider both what worked well in your fall classes and what current needs or problems you have or anticipate this spring.	20 minutes
Sharing	20 minutes
Academic Tech	5 minutes
Wrap-up	2 minutes
Total Conference Length	85 minutes