



## People of the COE



## Law Related Education

**Field 3 social studies students** attended the Law Related Education (LRE) professional development presented by Jan Miller and Janie Worst of the State Bar of Texas April 7 and 8.

"We realize that student teaching is the most important time in the career of a teacher, and we want to help them have a good start. We teach about the rule of law by using primary documents and literature. Literature is important in teaching social studies, so we provide materials for student teachers to begin building their libraries." - Jan Miller

Drs. Susan Harte, Andrea Foster, Melanie Kinskey and Kathy Wisenbaker helped facilitate the event.

Submitted by Dr. Susan Harte

## Graduate School Awards

**Jamila Clayton**, Higher Education doctoral candidate, and Associate Professor **Ric Montelongo** were honored at the Graduate School Awards Reception. Jamila Clayton received the Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year award. Dr. Montelongo received the 2022 Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award. Congratulations!

Submitted by Dr. Paul Eaton



## Dr. Christopher Emdin

Drs. Helen Berg, Jannah Nerren and Abbie Strunc met keynote speaker **Dr. Christopher Emdin**, New York Times bestselling author and educator at the Carnegie Summit on Continuous Improvement in Education.

Dr. Christopher Emdin is the Naslund Endowed Chair in Curriculum Theory and Professor of Education at the University of Southern California.

Submitted by Dr. Jannah Nerren



## Diversity Summit Today

Featuring Dr. Anneliese Singh, author of *The Racial Healing Handbook*, Tulane University Associate Provost & Chief Diversity Officer. Students have the opportunity to attend a keynote address at 2:00 pm in the Orange Ballroom and book signing at 3:30 pm. Check in with your SAM ID. See you there!

Questions? Email [Dr. Benita Brooks](#) or [Ms. Nu Epps](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Scholar Talk

Join Dr. Ric Montelongo and Dr. Melissa Abeyta (University of Texas Rio Grande Valley) on **April 18** at 2:00 pm for a discussion about their higher education journey and engaging in critical scholarship.

This event is partnered with American College Personnel Association - College Student Educators International.

[Register here](#)

### The World Is Not an Accident

**Cherri Moraga**, University of California Santa Barbara Department of English faculty and activist, will speak on the systems of oppression and the pathways of liberation for women of color. The discussion will be **April 27** at 6:00 pm in the **LSC Theater**.

[View the informational flyer](#)

### TAFE Color Run

Join the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) for the **Run With Your Imagination Color Run** on **April 30!** Proceeds benefit the Dolly Parton Imagination Library; Imagination Library currently provides a picture book a month for approximately 700 children in Walker County.

[View the informational flyer](#)

[Register now](#)

### Grad Student Financial Aid Workshop

The COE Grad Hub **W.H.O.L.E. program** invites you to the **Graduate Financial Aid, Scholarships, Loan Consolidation and Loan Forgiveness workshop**.

Guest speakers from Financial Aid and the Student Money Management Center will speak to graduate students about financial aid. [Register here](#)

## Dissertation Announcements

**Joshua Hatfield's** Dissertation Proposal Defense, "*Elementary Instructional Coaches and Teachers: An Exploratory Study*", has been scheduled for April 19, 2022 at 10:30 AM, at TWC 111. The dissertation committee includes: Dr. Julie Combs, Dr. Cynthia Martinez-Garcia and Dr. Susan Borg.

**Christopher Fisher's** Dissertation Proposal Defense, "*The Relationship Between Teacher Performance Assessments and Year-One Novice Teacher Instructional Proficiency: An Exploratory Study*", has been scheduled for April 13, 2022 at 2:00 PM, at The Main Campus TEC RM 319L or via [Zoom](#). The dissertation committee includes: Dr. Chase Young, Dr. Stacey Edmonson, Dr. Jannah Nerren, Dr. Christina Ellis and Dr. John Slate.

**Dioncia Rivera's** Dissertation Proposal Defense, "*Online Learning Experiences of Latino Public Middle School Students During the COVID19 Pandemic*", has been scheduled via [Zoom](#) for April 28, 2022 at 1:00 PM. The dissertation committee includes: Dr. Ricardo Montelongo, Dr. Peggy Holzweiss and Dr. Susan Borg.

**Tershundrea Branch's** Dissertation Proposal Defense, "*Decreasing Bias by Changing Perceptions: An Experimental Study Addressing Preconceptions Among School Counselors*", has been scheduled for April 27, 2022 at 10:30 AM, at the main campus RM 131. The dissertation committee includes: Dr. Timothy Brown Jr., Dr. DeeAnna Green and Dr. Lisa Wines.

**Selina Hernandez's** Dissertation Proposal Defense, "*La que sufre, lucha; y la que lucha, vence: A Transcendental Phenomenological Study of the Lived Experiences of Mexican American Women pursuing a Doctorate in Texas*", has been scheduled via [Zoom](#) for April 26, 2022 at 11:00 AM. The dissertation committee includes: Dr. Yvonne Garza-Chavez, Dr. Timothy Brown Jr. and Chi-Sing Li.

[Announcement Details](#)



To be included in the next N3 share your announcements and story ideas with [Shelie Goodwin](#) by noon on Monday.

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