

Message from the Chair:

TADOHE Members,

I hope your fall semester is off to a safe and fruitful start. I pray that you are faring as well as you possibly can and have are in good health given all that has been transpiring nationally as well as globally. I am aware that there have been losses of family, friends, and colleagues among us due to the pandemic. I know that some of our communities have been disproportionately impacted by COVID and I extend a heart of compassion to all members of our TADOHE family who are struggling and grieving.

These are indeed challenging times for our campus communities, as well as our nation, given all the complexities with which we are faced. We are not only trying to persist during the COVID-19 epidemic, the US is at the crossroads of an existential moment during a polarizing electoral season compounded by the historical seeds of racial injustice that continue to exact a disparate toll on the lives of far too many BIPOC.

These are all matters of great import. And though we may not be able to change the world writ large, it is our intent and responsibility to make a difference in our little piece of it. To that end, TADOHE's FALL 2020 Newsletter will include:

- 1) Information regarding our upcoming TADOHE 2020 Virtual Fall Summit (October 9)
- 2) Tips for self-compassion and self-care
- 3) Strategies to help you proactively prepare your campuses for the upcoming elections, and
- 4) A call to action for TADOHE's student membership initiative

We hope that the content of the fall newsletter will help to encourage, strengthen and edify you. Remember, when it comes to the work of justice, we too are part of that long arch or the moral universe. Injustice persists at every intersection of identity because we have yet to eradicate the roots that sustain its perpetuity. "We have a duty to fight. We have a duty to win."

Compassionately,

Sherri H. Benn, Ph.D.

Chair, Texas Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education

TADOHE 2020 Virtual Fall Summit – "Realigning Purpose: Resistance and Persistence"

October 9, 2020 9AM-5PM (Platform: Zoom)

Summit Chair: Dr. Skyller Walkes

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We are so proud of and indebted to Dr. Skyller Walkes, TADOHE Professional Development Chair, and the 2020 Fall Summit Committee, for their development, coordination and rollout of such a robust program agenda with an exceptional cohort of speakers, presenters and panelists, including our opening keynote by Dr. Collette Pierce Burnette, President of Huston-Tillotson University.

The TADOHE 2020 Virtual Fall Summit will provide timely professional development opportunities in support of the challenges that are now incumbent upon of DEI professionals, intergenerational activists, community organizers, and higher education administrators. The summit offers a line-up of professionals with expertise that will help us focus on both the urgency of our work while edifying and nudging us to move further along our professional and personal paths of development.

Join us for this virtual summit and gain valuable knowledge and meaningful strategies applicable to the continuously shifting challenges of the work of justice and inclusive excellence. To register for October 9th 2020 TADOHE Summit and get more detailed additional information, click here www.xxx@summit.tadohe.

TADOHE 2020 Fall Summit Agenda Schedule At-a-glance:

- 9-10 am** Opening keynote by President Pierce-Burnett of Huston-Tillotson (Austin, TX)
- 10-11 am** Culturally Responsive Leadership for Latinx Communities During Unprecedented Times, Andres Jamie, Director of Career Development Services, Our Lady of the Lake University, (San Antonio, TX)
- 11-12 pm** Self-Care & Racial Battle Fatigue- Fatima Mann, J.D., Birther and Director of Community Advocacy & Healing Project (Austin, TX)
- 12-1 pm** Viewing of 9 minute film short, Dear Bruh: A Eulogy. A Baptism. A Call to Action, followed by Chat and Chew with Director and Writer Ya'Ke Smith, Associate Professor of Film, Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Moody College of Communication, UT Austin
- 1-2 pm** Best Practices in Anti-Racist Policing in College Communities- Dr. Lorenzo Boyd, VP for Diversity and Inclusion/ Chief Diversity Officer, University of New Haven (CT)
- 2-3 pm** Intentional Mentoring of URM Students, Dr. Rich Reddick, Associate Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Associate Professor, College of Education, UT Austin
- 3-4 pm** Impact of Race on Internationalization and Study Abroad Experiences for Black Students, Stephanie Tilley, Prairie View A&M University, Andrew Gordon, CEO & Founder at Diversity Abroad
- 4-5 pm** Unveiling Anti-Blackness in People of Color Communities Panel