

Faculty *Volume*



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Faculty Spotlight: Kate M. Chaffin



Kate M. Chaffin, MSSW, LAPSW, is Director of the Online MSSW Program and Professor of Practice with the College of Social Work. Kate completed her MSSW degree here at UT in 2004, and then worked as a forensic social worker in the court system until 2008. In that year the College of Social Work hired her to launch their new online MSSW

program, which was among the very earliest such programs in the region. As she puts it, “This was one of the best career decisions that I have ever made. I love my UTK family and I am completely invested in making UTK a welcoming environment for faculty, staff, and students.”

Kate also continued her education, pursuing a doctoral degree in a Doctor of Social Work (DSW) program that focused on teaching and learning. She has actively pursued innovative teaching methods that

can better serve nontraditional students who have had experiences similar to hers. Her teaching philosophy has therefore focused on finding inclusive approaches: “The central tenets of how I teach are to assume the best, allow grace and room for growth, and strive to incorporate a diversity of learning styles into each course.”

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Experience Learning Dashboards

Our Experience Learning Dashboards are now available to the campus for viewing and use. Through partnerships and relationships with university units and colleges built over the course of the successful QEP implementation process, we have collected data about student participation in experiential learning across our campus, dating back to 2015.

[View the Dashboards](#)

Ongoing Winter Mini-Term Support

Mini-Terms provide unique opportunities to re-envision course instruction for a shortened, intensive model. January 2022 marks our first Winter Mini-Term, and today at 1pm is our last scheduled Winter Mini-Term workshop. The topic is, ["Expect the Unexpected: Navigating Changes to Produce Innovative Results"](#) ([Click here to register to attend this virtual workshop](#)).

In case you missed our Winter Mini-Term series, TLI, the [Office of Online Learning & Academic Programs \(OLAP\)](#), as well as members from the [Office of Information Technology \(OIT\)](#), will be available for consultations to support instructors December 1 - 10. [Click here for more information about consultations.](#)

Also, view our growing library of related resources by visiting our Winter Mini-Term homepage below.

Visit the WMT Homepage

Call for Proposals: Deadline Extended to December 3 2022 Innovative Teaching & Learning Conference

Teaching and Learning Innovation (TLI), a unit of the Office of the Provost in the Division of Faculty Affairs, invites proposals for its Innovative Teaching and Learning Conference which will be held virtually on Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

Our theme for 2022 is “Transforming the World through Innovative Teaching and Learning”. TLI encourages submissions that create opportunities for critical and creative thinking about how to deepen and enhance student learning and success.

Submit a Proposal

Highlighting Campus Partners

The Center for Career Development & Academic Exploration's "Career Advocates Program" for Faculty & Staff

The Career Advocate Program is a three-hour interactive training designed to equip faculty and staff with tools and resources to have meaningful and effective career conversations with students.

As a result of this opportunity participants will:

1. Develop a foundation for having critical career conversations with students
2. Gain a basic knowledge of career development theory, career decision making, internship and job searching, and relevant

- resources/tools
3. Understand how to make effective referrals to the Center for Career Development and Academic Exploration
 4. Learn the professional and ethical guidelines outlined by NACE.

The training will be held Monday, November 22nd from 9am - noon via Zoom. Visit the Career Advocates webpage for more information.

[Learn About Career Advocates](#)



Below are our upcoming workshops. Please visit our [Fall 2021 Workshops & Programs](#) webpage for a comprehensive list of our remaining offerings for this semester.

Finding Publication Opportunities for SoTL

November 17 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Zoom

[Contact Chris Kilgore to join today via Zoom!](#)

Winter Mini-Term Series Week 6– Expect the Unexpected: Navigating Changes to Produce Innovative Results

November 17 | 1 – 2:00 p.m. | Zoom

[Contact Ferlin McGaskey to join today via Zoom!](#)

Winter Mini-Term Consultations

December 1-10 | Zoom

[Request a Consultation](#)

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusive Teaching in the Community

College Setting (CIRTL virtual workshop)

December 7 | 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. | Zoom

[Registration & Information](#)

This will be our last Faculty VOLume newsletter for the Fall 2021 semester. Thank you for your hard work and dedication this semester.

TLI wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

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