



Operationalizing Belonging through Values Clarification in the Learning Environment

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Teaching is fundamentally a relational process in which our personal and pedagogical values translate into behaviors that drive relationships with and amongst students. The values clarification process engages us in deep critical reflection to identify what we value in a learning environment, the personal and professional significance of these values, and their impact on our pedagogical choices and ways of being with our students. The process is an essential step to create and sustain affirming, equitable learning environments, grounded on radical transparency and a strong sense of belonging.

ABOUT the SPEAKER

Dr. Christian Castro is the Inaugural Associate Dean for Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity at the College of Engineering. A nationally recognized expert in inclusive teaching, Chris joined the College of Engineering in January 2022, bringing to the college more than a decade of experience in educational development. Most recently, he directed Madison Teaching and Learning Excellence (MTLE), UW-Madison's flagship professional development in teaching program for early-career faculty. In his role as associate dean, Chris focuses on fostering a positive climate that enables the members of our college to learn, innovate, create and achieve their full potential.

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