

Curated Resource Guide

Fostering Belonging

If you belong, you stay. CEHHS A&E offers a list of resources about fostering belonging as part of the 2024 CEHHS A&E Summit. This guide emphasizes the importance of understanding diverse experiences to foster emotional, social, and cognitive development, ultimately contributing to a cohesive and vibrant community. These resources are available through the UT Library and online.

Defining Belonging

belonging *noun*

a feeling of being happy or comfortable as part of a particular group and having a good relationship with the other members of the group because they welcome you and accept you (Cambridge Dictionary)

How Do Others Define Belonging?

- [Belonging: a review of conceptual issues, an integrative framework, and directions for future research](#) | Scholarly Journal Article – Kelly-Ann Allen and colleagues
- [Belonging Is Not About Fitting In](#) | Video (TEDx Talks) – Lola Adeyemo
- [The Essential Power of Belonging](#) | Video (TEDx Talks) – Caroline Clarke
- [Sense of Belonging](#) | Webpage (Cornell University)
- [The Value of Belonging at Work](#) | Article (Harvard Business Review) – Evan W. Carr and colleagues

Voices on Fostering Belonging

The resources below feature voices speaking about fostering belonging both through theory and through practice.

General Educational Resources

- [Building Mentorship Networks to Support Black Women](#) | E-Book – Bridget T. Kelly & Sharon Fries-Britt (Eds.)
- [College Students' Sense of Belonging: A National Perspective](#) | Scholarly Journal Article – Maithreyi Gopalan & Shannon T. Brady
- [Socialization in Higher Education and the Early Career](#) | E-Book – John C. Weidman & Linda T. DeAngelo (Eds.)
- [Understanding higher education students' sense of belonging: a qualitative meta-ethnographic analysis](#) | Scholarly Journal Article – Gulsah Dost & Laura Mazzoli Smith

Essays, Poetry & Memoirs

- [How to Say Babylon](#) | Memoir – Safiya Sinclair
- [Poetry Collection: Belonging](#) | Poetry (Bosten Review) – Meghana Mysore (Ed.)
- [Stories from Quarantine](#) | Essays – The New York Times
- [there's more](#) | Poetry- Uchechukwu Peter Umezurike
- [What Drowns the Flowers in Your Mouth: A Memoir of Brotherhood](#) | Memoir – Rigoberto González

Movies, Documentaries & Videos

- [Belonging Through Connection](#) | Video – bell hooks & john a. Powell
- [Coco](#) | Movie – Disney/Pixar
- [The Impact of Sense of Belonging in College](#) | Video – Stylus Publishing
- [Lady Bird](#) | Movie – Swank Motion Pictures
- [Moonlight](#) | Movie – A24

Multimedia Resources

- [Academic Belonging](#) | Scholarly Blog Post – MIT: Teaching & Learning Lab
- [Cultivating a Sense of Belonging in First-Generation Students](#) | Digital Toolkit – ACUE
- [A 5-part toolkit for fostering worker well-being](#) | Digital Toolkit – Meredith Somers (MIT: Sloan School of Management)
- [Fostering a Culture of Belonging](#) | Digital Toolkit – ACUE
- [A NSSE Data User's Guide: Sense of Belonging](#) | Data Interface – Evidence-Based Improvement in Higher Education

Physical & E-Books

- [Belonging: A Culture of Place](#) | E-Book – bell hooks
- [On Belonging: Finding Connecting in an Age of Isolation](#) | E-Book – Kim Samuel
- [Community: The Structure of Belonging](#) | E-Book – Peter Block
- [The Night Watchman](#) | Physical Book – Louise Erdrich
- [Transcendent Kingdom](#) | Physical Book – Yaa Gyasi

Podcasts

- [The Belonging Project](#) | Podcast Series – Belonging Project
- [Creating a Culture of Belonging in the Workplace](#) | Podcast Episode – Engaging People Podcast
- [Fostering a Sense of Belonging](#) | Podcast Episode – Teaching in Higher Ed.
- [Imagine Belonging at Work](#) | Podcast Series – Rhodes Perry