



## SPECIAL ISSUE: REGISTER NOW

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### **2024 VIRTUAL ACADEMIC CONFERENCE**

Please join us on Friday, January 19th from 11am to 1pm CST for Park University's fifth Virtual Academic Conference! To join, simply click on the registration link below.

This year, our conference will focus on ways to cultivate belonging for every student in each of our classrooms—no matter our modality or discipline. We'll be joined by keynote speaker Dr. Lisa Nunn, author of *[College Belonging: How First-Year and First-Generation Students Navigate Campus Life \(2021\)](#)*. In her keynote, "College Belonging for Students and *all of us!*" she'll consider:

What are colleges getting wrong about fostering a sense of belonging for students? Belonging is more than making friends and joining orgs. Understanding how belonging happens in the classroom (academic belonging) and how it happens in the campus culture (campus-community belonging) allows us to recognize the important role we play in offering belonging to our students rather than expecting them to go and find it for themselves. Join us to learn more about how the dynamics of belonging work and everyday strategies we can employ to build a stronger academic community for our students and ourselves.

Dr. Nunn's keynote will be followed by a presentation and panel featuring Park faculty, instructors, and students that consider ways we might create belonging specifically at Park. Please see the program below for a detailed schedule. If you'd like to learn more about the Virtual Academic Conference, please visit [the conference website](#) or email FCI ([innovate@park.edu](mailto:innovate@park.edu)) or Erica Jansen, Virtual Academic Conference coordinator ([ejansen@park.edu](mailto:ejansen@park.edu)).

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presents our 5th annual

# Virtual Academic Conference

January 19th  
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## Schedule

**11:00am** General Welcome

You'll click on the Zoom link provided, and we will welcome you and explain the flow of the conference.

**11:15am** Keynote

**College Belonging for Students  
...and for all of us!**

**Lisa Nunn, PhD**

Author of *College Belonging: How First Year and First Generation Students Navigate Campus Life*, 2021

Professor and Director of the Center for Educational Excellence, University of San Diego



**12:00pm** Cultivating Belonging at Park

**Creating a Culture of Belonging in our  
Online Classrooms**  
Brittany Moser, Director of Digital Learning Design

"Perspectives on Belonging:" Join us for a panel of Park students and instructors to discuss their experience and scholarship in student belonging.

Park students will join Jenny Whitley, PhD, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, and Dianna Carmenaty, PhD, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, to discuss academic student belonging and why it matters.

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