Each person’s preferred communication style is shaped by their own experiences, both how you perceive messages and how you communicate. In this workshop, participants will learn the impact of culture on communication and develop skills to successfully communicate in diverse settings.

Ms. Belk teaches a variety of communications courses in the Department of Communication and Theatre at Point Loma Nazarene University and is also the Director of Associated Students at the University of California, San Diego. Ms. Belk received a Bachelor’s degree in Higher Education Leadership from the University of San Diego.

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Creating Conditions that Foster Engagement Among College Students of Color October 8, 2015 1:00 to 2:15 PM Student Center, I-207

Presented by: Dr. Frank Harris & Dr. Luke Wood

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Presented by: Jocelyn Pacheco

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