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A monthly newsletter by the Center for Global Engagement

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Reflection and Vision



Reflection and Vision: A Message from the Vice Provost for International Affairs

"It is often said that in the most challenging times, we find our strength, and CGE is no exception. As the U.S. and countries around the world continued to grapple with the impacts of COVID, the University of Tennessee continued to reimagine our global engagement. Reflection on what makes us a strong and resilient university was combined with the understanding of what our students, faculty and staff need to be global citizens."

–**Dr. Gretchen Neisler**, Vice Provost for International Affairs

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK RECAP



Sustainability Report 2020

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville [Sustainability Report](#) characterizes UT's work around all 17 UN [Sustainable Development Goals](#) during 2020.

[Sustainability Report 2020](#)



International Education Week Keynote

As part of the International Education Week, **Hera Jay Brown**, [UT's Ninth Rhodes Scholar](#), delivered a keynote speech *Uncomfortable UTK:*

Navigating Space, Place, and

Positionality Abroad, in which she discussed her life and work abroad. Follow the link to watch the recording.

[Watch Keynote Speech](#)

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



December Global Engagement Champion

It is an honor to announce that our December Global Engagement Champion is **Dr. Dawn Duke**, Associate Professor of Spanish and Portuguese. Duke is chair of the

Portuguese program, faculty in the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program and a former administrator of Africana Studies. Born and raised in Guyana, Duke's passion for teaching language is influenced by the many languages and flexible communication style of Caribbean, Latin American and Afro-Caribbean cultures.

[Read More About Duke](#)



The 'Last Lecture'

With his retirement scheduled for the end of this semester, **Sam Swan**, Director of Global Programs and Outreach and Professor of Journalism and Electronic Media, at the College of Communication and Information,

gave his "last lecture" this past month. Swan is also the inaugural Global Engagement Champion and served the university for 37 years.

[Read More About Swan](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



AAPI Lunch and Learn

Join the AAPI Ad Hoc Committee for a Lunch and Learn on **Thursday, December 9 from 12–1 p.m. EST**. The committee will discuss what AAPI means and share

updates about the process of

establishing the Commission for AAPI.

[Register to Attend Virtually](#)

FROM OUR PARTNERS



Free DailyChatter Subscription

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covering global news in every region

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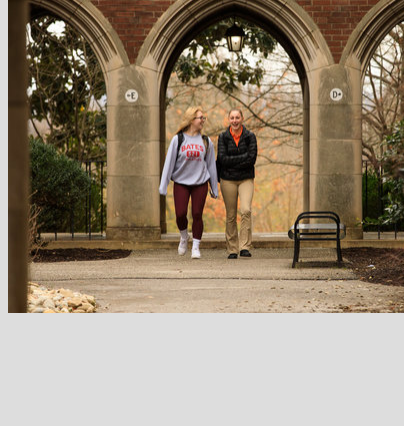


'What in the World' Weekly Quiz

In collaboration with the [Tennessee World Affairs Council](#), CGE invites you to take this weekly quiz challenge to test your knowledge on world current events.

[Take the Quiz](#)

OPEN POSITIONS



Center for Global Engagement Open Positions

- [Graduate Assistant](#), International House, 12-month appointment beginning January, 20 hrs/week
- [Student Communications Assistant](#), 10-20 hrs/week

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