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ENGAGE AND EXPERIENCE Dynamic plenary presentations with Dr. Reuben A. Buford May and Dr. Tatiana Erukhimova as they kickoff the Transformational Teaching & Learning Conference



REUBEN A. BUFORD MAY

ME VERSUS THEM:

CREATING A STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THROUGH A COMPETITIVE CONTEXT

Dr. Reuben A. Buford May is the Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence, Glasscock University Professor in Undergraduate Teaching Excellence and Professor of Sociology at Texas A & M University. He is the author of three books including the award-winning book *Living Through the Hoop*. He has been a fellow at the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University and a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. visiting professor at MIT. May received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Chicago, and his research focuses on race and culture, urban ethnography, and the sociology of sport. In addition to his books and other scholarly publications, May has been featured on radio and television and in print media, in particular for his performance as the #rappingprofessor Reginald S. Stuckey. He has a growing fan base and his music can be found on Spotify, iTunes, and other streaming music sites.



TATIANA ERUKHIMOVA

IT'S NOT BUSINESS, IT'S PERSONAL:

TEACHING LARGE CLASSES, ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

Dr. Tatiana Erukhimova is the Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence and Instructional Associate Professor in the Department of Physics & Astronomy. She teaches large introductory physics classes and is a recipient of multiple awards for teaching and public outreach. Tatiana organizes annual Physics & Engineering Festivals attended by thousands of visitors. She also developed the Physics Show: an interactive presentation involving physics demonstrations and hands-on exhibits. In 2012, she started the innovative program Discover, Explorer, and Enjoy Physics & Engineering (DEEP), which engages students in hands-on teamwork and outreach activities. She is a co-organizer of the Mitchell Institute Physics Enhancement Program (MIPEP), which includes annual summer boarding schools for physics teachers from Texas high schools. She is a co-author, with Gerald North, of an undergraduate textbook on Atmospheric Thermodynamics published by Cambridge University Press in 2009.