

## University of Kentucky 2016 BHEC-ALA Fellow's Bios

**Dr. Chana Akins** is a Professor in the Department of Psychology in the College of Arts & Sciences of which she is former Associate Chair. Within the College, she currently serves on several committees including the Undergraduate Council, the Faculty-staff Relations Committee and the Executive Committee, the latter two of which she chairs. She was recently appointed to serve on the Academic Advisory Committee for the Social Sciences. Her leadership experience extends nationally having served as the Secretary-Treasurer, President, and current Member-at-large of the behavioral neuroscience division for the American Psychological Association.

**DeShana Collett**, Ph.D.,PA-C joined the UK faculty in 2008, and is an Assistant Professor and Director of Accreditation in the College of Health Sciences, Division of Physician Assistant Studies. She chairs the National Physician Assistant Education Association Cultural Competencies Committee and holds membership on their Inclusion and Diversity Council. During her tenure on this committee, she has successfully implemented an electronic database of educational resources related to diversity and inclusivity for the use in educational programs. Additionally, as a council member, she served as one of the main creators and facilitators for the inaugural Minority Faculty Leadership Workshop at the 2015 National Physician Assistant Education Association Forum.

**Melinda Ickes** received her Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 2010. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion at University of Kentucky. Dr. Ickes is faculty associate for the Kentucky Center for Smoke-free Policy and Director of UK's *Tobacco-free Take Action!* and *Go Tobacco-free*, two initiatives to promote tobacco-free campuses. Her research interests include tobacco control, college health promotion, and obesity prevention. Dr. Ickes teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in health promotion including Program Planning, Health Promotion and Behavior Change, College Health Promotion, and is coordinator of the health promotion practicum/internship program.

**Dr. Huajing Maske** is the Director of the UK Confucius Institute, and professor of Curriculum and Instruction. She received her DPhil in Chinese Art History from Oxford University, England, her M.A. in International Cultural Exchange from Peking University, and her B.A. in English Literature from the University of International Relations, Beijing, China. Over the past fifteen years, she has trained U.S. K-12 teachers in teaching about China and has helped Chinese teachers develop effective methods to teach Chinese language in American classrooms. Dr. Maske's research focuses on the interaction in art and culture among China, Japan and Europe in the 1920's and 1930's.

**Seungahn Nah** (PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006) is an Associate Professor of Community Communication in the Department of Community and Leadership Development and Information Communication Technology (ICT) in the School of Information Science. His scholarship of research and teaching centers around how information and communication technologies can empower marginalized individuals, organizations, and communities. He has produced about 40 journal articles and book chapters in leading communication journals. After serving as Head of the Mass Communication and Society Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), he currently serves as President of the Korean American Communication Association (KACA).