

Community Conversations

**Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak.
Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.**

The Community Conversations series encourages open, honest, and balanced talk about intercultural relationships at our university and in our community. These personal visits are a great way for us to build relationships with our neighbors. Eclectic, courageous, and surprising, these informal gatherings provide an uninhibited and respectful environment in which all members of the University of Alabama community, both students and employees, are able to introduce, discuss, and begin solving intercultural community issues.



Through our Community Conversations program, we invite our most interesting neighbors to converse with the campus community in a non-academic setting. We host *Open Mic*, *Open Heart* to dialogue on difficult local issues, and we present *Real Talk* panels inviting sincere engagement on current topics.

Recent Community Conversations

The 91st Kateri Circle, Native American Life Today (see photo)
Honorable Tenzin Deshek, Buddhist Philosophy
Open Mic, Open Heart welcoming discussion
Firehawk Headley, Founder of N.A.T.I.V.E.
Dr. Sonny Hereford, Living the History of Huntsville
Your Story, My Story: Personal Discussion of Interfaith Understanding
Africa: Images and Reality, Personal Accounts of UA Students
Klezmer Musicians Sharing Jewish Culture
Scottish Tartan Day, Bagpiper Harpist, and Poets Share Scottish Culture

The Crossroads Community Center offers The University of Alabama community the skills of its professional personnel and student leaders. Director Beverly Hawk has 25 years experience in higher education and international studies, and Assistant Director Brice Miller brings extensive experience in community conversation and the arts. These professionals in cultural studies and community dialogue share their assets with campus organizations, in the classroom, and in the community throughout the year. Crossroads Community Center is an initiative of the Office of Community Affairs under the direction of Dr. Samory Pruitt. For further information, please call us at 205-348-6930, email beverly.hawk@ua.edu or brice.miller@ua.edu, or visit us at www.crossroads.ua.edu or 232 Ferguson Center.



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