

## Best Practices in Online Teaching and Learning across Academic Disciplines

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## Online Education Advances at UNA!

Responding to the shifts in the higher education landscape, UNA continues to transform the ways we teach and learn by expanding online education programs. Dr. Ross Alexander offers the following text to our community, *Best Practices in Online Teaching and Learning Across Academic Disciplines*. We are excited to present Dr. Alexander's edited contribution as we anticipate continued success through online learning. *The prevailing purpose of this volume is to communicate effective, practical, innovative, and engaging best practices and approaches in online teaching and instructional design that can assist university faculty members and teachers, course designers and developers, and administrators invested and involved in online education.* ~Dr. Alexander

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## Research Collaboration

Dr. Katie Owens-Murphy, Assistant Professor of English, Dr. Yaschica Williams, Associate Professor of Sociology, and Dr. Christopher Purser, Assistant Professor of Criminology, have recently collaborated on developing a fresh, classroom pedagogy as exhibited in their new article, published in the Chronicle of Higher Education, *So We Went to Prison* (October 2017, <http://www.chronicle.com/article/So-We-Went-to-Prison-/241468>). The article emphasizes the importance of classroom methodology and the evolution of an effective learning environment. We are proud of their collaboration efforts and look forward to seeing more faculty follow suit in the near future.

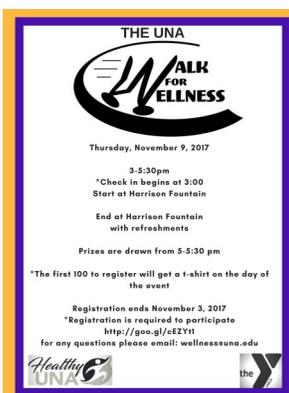


## Johnson Receives Film Award

UNA congratulates Film and Digital Media Assistant Professor Michael Curtis Johnson's on his first feature film project "Hunky Dory." The film premiered at the Slamdance Film Festival, where it won a special jury award and went on to screen at more than fifty international film festivals including the following locations: Turin, Italy, on October 14, and Munich, Germany, on October 15, 2017. He is currently in post-production on his second feature film project, "Savage Youth." He recently received development financing for his third feature film project, "The Caretaker," from Visit Films' new independent film incubator Pretty Ideas. He is hoping to shoot "The Caretaker" in the Florence area with the help of current UNA F&DMP students and alumni. We applaud you!



## Walk for Wellness



Join us on November 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. as we partner with the YMCA of the Shoals to enhance our walking paths on campus and throughout the community. Register at the event to win prizes. The first 100 to register will receive a free Walk for Wellness t-shirt. Pre-registration is required. Register by emailing [wellness@una.edu](mailto:wellness@una.edu). See attached flyer for details. See you there!



Dr. Chandler Bridges is a professional musician and educator with an extensive background in audio production, MIDI, and electronic music. Dr. Bridges is a graduate of the Conservatory of Recording Arts & Sciences and has earned a B.A. and M.A. in commercial music, as well as a Ph.D. in music education.

## New Faculty

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