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**“A PEDAGOGY OF
KINDNESS”:
TEACHING,
ENGAGING, AND
THRIVING IN
HIGHER ED**



Guest Speaker: Dr. Catherine Denial



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Academia is not, by and large, a kind place. Individualism and competition are often what count. But without kindness at its core, Catherine Denial suggests, higher education fails students and instructors—and its mission—in critical ways.

A Pedagogy of Kindness articulates a fresh vision for teaching, one that focuses on ensuring justice, believing people, and believing in people. Offering evidence-based insights and drawing from her own rich experiences as a professor, Denial offers practical tips for reshaping syllabi, assessing student performance, and creating trust and belonging in the classroom. Her suggestions for concrete, scalable actions outline nothing less than a transformational discipline—one in which, together, we create bright new spaces, rooted in compassion, in which all engaged in teaching and learning might thrive.

Dr. Cate Denial is the Bright Distinguished Professor of American History and Director of the Bright Institute at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. A Distinguished Lecturer for the Organization of American Historians, Cate is the winner of the American Historical Association’s 2018 Eugene Asher Distinguished Teaching Award, and a former member of the Digital Public Library of America’s Educational Advisory Board. Cate is also a pedagogical consultant who works with individuals, departments, and institutions in the U.S. and abroad, and her new book, *A Pedagogy of Kindness*, is now available from the University of Oklahoma Press.

