



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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HIDDEN THREADS: INTELLECT, DIVERSITY, & RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

ABSTRACT:

Hidden Threads: Intellect, Diversity, and Religious Freedom was a year-long project led by Mercer undergraduate Bekehm Mohn who noticed a lack of recognition for LGBTQ+ Mercerians. The initiative is a part of Mercer's Applied-Social-Justice Certification program and headed by the student-ran organization My Name Matters Campaign. This book was designed to explore and analyze the complex historical events leading up to Mercer University and the Georgia Baptist Convention severing their longstanding 172-year-old relationship.

THEMATIC FOCUS: LISTENING CLOSELY | RESONANCE | DISSONANCE & RESILIENCE

BIO(S):

BEKEHM MOHN

Bekehm Mohn is a fourth-year first generation student at Mercer University. They are the founder and director of the student ran initiative known as, The My Name Matters Campaign. This campaign has accomplished many social justice initiatives that included implementing gender-inclusive policy at Mercer University in the form of a preferred name policy. They have contributed to the development of two museums curations through the university about integration and the stories of enslaved individuals that lived in Macon, Ga. And in they proudest accomplishment, a 500-page book condensing LGBT history at Mercer University to reclaim their history and reeducate their community on LGBT issues.

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