



# PUBLIC LECTURE WITH DR. TERRELL STRAYHORN

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## The Building Blocks of Belonging and Success in College for Diverse Student Populations

Monday, August 24, 2015  
7:00 p.m.  
Missouri Theatre  
Reception & book signing  
following presentation

A FREE EVENT

We know that college students who feel a sense of belonging on campus are significantly more likely to adjust to higher education, stay through the first-year of college, engage in campus clubs and activities, perform well academically, and persist to graduation.

All students want to feel cared about, respected, connected, and safe in college—this is the core essence of sense of belonging. Sense of belonging is a basic human need, sufficient to drive human behavior, and it takes on heightened importance in contexts such as college campuses where some individuals are vulnerable to social alienation or marginalization. But not all students find a sense of belonging in college and many face barriers to belonging and success.

In this engaging talk, Dr. Terrell Strayhorn, author of *College Students' Sense of Belonging: A Key to Educational Success for All Students*, presents an operational definition of belonging and the core elements of his belonging theory. He will use the balance of time to share insights and engage the audience in thinking about how campuses, like Mizzou, can use belonging to increase success for all students.



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