

Title: Belonging and Equity in Physics

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Abstract: Why do so few women become Physicists? Why does Physics attract so few minoritized students? What messages do those in Physics send about who belongs in our discipline and who does not? How does the culture of physics influence student participation?

“Belonging Uncertainty” is a term to describe the experience of minoritized students in which they are led to question their social connection to a discipline. This experience of uncertainty is one of the factors that impacts undergraduate retention in Physics programs, in which participation of women and people of colour is historically and consistently low.

In this talk I will share some of my experiences attempting to tackle belonging uncertainty in an undergraduate institution in California.

Everyone welcome!

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