

## EMU's Academic and Creative Excellence Festival

The purpose of EMU's Academic and Creative Excellence (ACE) Festival is to support and recognize excellent scholarship and creative practice in every discipline at EMU. In so doing, the Festival highlights the relevance, impact, and interdisciplinary richness of research from our liberal arts fields - from the humanities, fine arts, social sciences, and STEM disciplines.

The ACE Festival aims to:

- Celebrate work across all disciplines at EMU
- Showcase student achievements in our best academic practices at EMU, including
  - Innovative and Applied Learning: creation of new knowledge and problem-solving through disciplinary knowledge
  - Creative expression through the arts
  - The praxis of our Anabaptist values of community, service to others, sustainability, peacemaking and discipleship
- Equip students with skills to prepare for career success:
  - Communication: presenting or participating in a professional conference
  - Reflective Collaboration: working collaboratively with others
  - Integrative Learning: working across interdisciplinary lines to communicate ideas and provide feedback
- Facilitate mentorship of student scholars and artists by faculty members
- Engage themes related to our Common Read selection, which are rooted in the Anabaptist values listed above, and further explored in EMU Core values learning outcomes: Power & Equity, Environmental Sustainability, Intercultural Understanding, and Faith & Meaning.
- Provide a quality academic conference experience accessible to all students.
- Encourage greater attendance and visibility at scholarly events by consolidating them into a specific period of time

The above purpose and goals will be accomplished through

- A day-long schedule of events showcasing EMU students' and faculty's academic and creative excellence
- Engagement with a keynote speaker (selected by the Intellectual Life Committee, in conjunction with the Common Read selection)
- Additional showcase events the same week, hosted by EMU academic programs