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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 23, 2025
To: College of Education Faculty
From: Krystal Baehr
Re: Proposal Defense Announcement

Benjamin Smet, From the Department of **Language, Literacy, Ed.D., Exceptional, and Physical Education (LLEEP)** will defend a dissertation proposal **Wednesday, May 28th, 11:00 a.m.** to be held via **Microsoft Teams**.

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Dr. Zorka Karanxha will chair the proposal defense. The title of the proposal is, **“Connectedness and Belonging: An Intergenerational Autoethnography about Military Veteran Transition Struggles”**.

Dr. William Black serves as Major Professor. Members of the committee are Drs. Zorka Karanxha, John Mann, and James Whitworth.

A copy of the dissertation proposal is available in the Office of Graduate Support (EDU 320) for review by interested faculty members.

Disability Accommodations

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