

WITT – September 2023 Speaker Bios

Dr. Charlie Apigian is the Executive Director of the Belmont Data Collaborative at Belmont University where he leads an initiative that looks to give all students data skills and focus on external data projects that do good in the community, such as health inequities, human trafficking and mental wellness. Dr. Apigian's focus and passion is data and tech within the Nashville community and is the recipient of the Nashville Technology Council Data Scientist of the Year (2020) and a Nashville Technology Council IT Community Leader of the Year in 2018 and in 2023.

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Derek Bruff is an educator, author, and higher ed consultant. He directed the Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching for more than a decade, where he helped faculty and other instructors develop foundational teaching skills and explore new ideas in teaching. Bruff consults regularly with faculty and administrators across higher education on issues of teaching, learning, and faculty development. Bruff's latest book is *Intentional Tech: Principles to Guide the Use of Educational Technology in College Teaching*, and he produces the *Intentional Teaching* podcast. Bruff has a PhD in mathematics and has taught math courses at Vanderbilt and Harvard University. (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/derekbruff/>)

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