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## **M E M O R A N D U M**

**Date:** February 14, 2025  
**To:** College of Education Faculty  
**From:** Krystal Baehr  
**Re:** Proposal Defense Announcement

**Russell Reece, From the Department of Language, Literacy, Ed.D., Exceptional Education, and Physical Education (LLEEP) will defend a dissertation proposal Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. to be held via Microsoft Teams.**

### **[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)**

**Dr. Lauren Braunstein** will chair the proposal defense. The title of the proposal is, “**Empathy in Action: A Qualitative Study of Gender-Inclusive Language Knowledge and Use by Community College Staff and Faculty**”.

Dr. Barbara Cruz serves as Major Professor. Members of the committee are Drs. Lauren Braunstein, Veselina Lambrev, and Bobbie Long.

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

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