

## DEPARTMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

### HOOT Presents...

## *Is it OK to Always Have Dessert First?*

*An examination of choice-making for individuals with intellectual disabilities.*

This colloquium and guided discussion will be led by  
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**HOOT**  
Honoring  
Outstanding Owl  
Teachers  
*Expanding research  
and practice to  
prepare educators  
for the future.*

Friday  
**APRIL 9**  
2021

**\*5:30-7 PM**

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### **Abstract**

Choice-making is fundamental to a quality life. The ability to choose (e.g., food, clothing, residence, employment, relationships)-reflect only a few of the choices that contribute to a rich life. Yet, individuals with intellectual disabilities, are often not treated with the dignity and respect warranted, often because they are assumed incompetent. In spite of this, there is a rich literature on what choice-making should be and how it may be used to promote positive behavior, leading to greater incision and autonomy. In this session, participants will learn the nature of choice-making, why/how individuals with intellectual disabilities have been denied the right to make choices about intimate relationships or parenting, and how teaching choice-making can help improve and enrich the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities.

### **Agenda**

5:30-5:40	Introductions
5:40-5:50	HOOT Program Overview
5:50-6:40	Colloquium
6:40-7:00	Q&A/Discussion/Homework Explanation

Come and learn about the DESE's Honors in the major program, HOOT, and/or engage in a "high impact" activity around your major.

Please use this link to RSVP no later than Tuesday, April 6  
**<https://tinyurl.com/y4hx424p>**

### **THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL EDUCATION MAJORS.**

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