RADICAL HEALING THROUGH STRATEGIC CONVERSATIONS:
CREATING BRAVE SPACES FOR STAFF AND FACULTY
April 9, 2020  |  1:00pm-2:00pm
By: Jonathan Grady, Ph.D.
“We must check on each other. We must support each other. We must love each other. We must share our individual and collective fears and vulnerabilities, so that day-by-day and truth-by-truth, we might become stronger together.” This dialogue will offer participants an opportunity to reflect on how work-life balance during telecommuting, anticipatory grief, and radical healing, impact the livelihood and wellness of staff and faculty at UC Merced. Participants will review and discuss strategies, theories, and interventions that can be used to heal and provide hope in the midst a tumultuous landscape.

FIRST-GEN STORIES: USING STORYTELLING TO SHARE OUR JOURNEYS
April 16, 2020  |  1:00pm-2:00pm
By: Onar Primitivo, M.S.
Beginning college as a first-generation college student is exciting and might be just a bit intimidating. There is one less obvious adjustment to consider – the personal adjustment to your role as a college student and how this might impact your relationships with family and friends. Being the first in your family or friend circle to attend college will probably open many areas of learning and opportunity for you. Sometimes though, this can create some friction with your family and friends. But if you are aware of this, many of the difficulties can be avoided, or at least minimized. Panel members will share their stories navigating as a first-generation in higher education.

DEVELOPING YOUR BRAND THROUGH STRATEGIC CONVERSATIONS:
ELEVATING YOU FOR STAFF AND FACULTY
April 23, 2020  |  1:00pm-2:00pm
By: Tawana Parks, M.S., MEd.
When someone Google your name, what do they find? What do you want people say about you when you are not in the room? The good news is that You control the Narrative! This dialogue is designed to help you start thinking about your Personal Brand. Participants will be provided practical steps on how to start building and communicating both online and offline, who you are, what you do, what your core strengths and skills. Together we will help one another articulate the value we bring.