The session will introduce the concept of listening as an important, if not quintessential, aspect of maintaining civility in the classroom. After a brief discussion of what “listening” is and its role in our daily lives, Dr. Bodie will introduce the Listen First Model and its application in UM’s classrooms. By implementing this model, instructors can foster a mindset among students which will facilitate conversations about controversial topics throughout the semester.

Speaker’s Bio:

Dr. Graham Bodie is an internationally recognized expert on listening and has published over 80 monographs, book chapters, and encyclopedia entries. His most recent project, The Sourcebook of Listening Research (Wiley-Blackwell), is a comprehensive resource that reviews and critiques current and potential approaches to measuring listening. Dr. Bodie's work has been funded by the National Science Foundation (EPSCoR) and featured in the Wall Street Journal, Psychology Today, and on National Public Radio. In addition to several research awards, he was honored twice with Professor of the Year by students in the Department of Communication Studies at Louisiana State University, where he also was recognized with university-wide teaching awards. When he consults, he prefers projects that allow him to make a difference. Currently, Dr. Bodie serves as an executive advisor for the Listen First Project and Vice Chairperson for the Global Listening Centre. Dr. Bodie received his B.A. and M.A. in Communication from Auburn University and his Ph.D. from Purdue University. In addition to LSU, he also served as a visiting scholar in the School of Media and Communication at Korea University in Seoul, South Korea.