



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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**SOUTHERN SHADOW EXPANDING LEARNING  
HORIZONS THROUGH EXPERIENTIAL ENGAGEMENT**

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### **ABSTRACT:**

The Southern Shadow program offers both undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Tennessee Southern the opportunity to move beyond the confines of a traditional classroom to engage in immersed, real-world learning experiences. Students become brief participants working in practical environments in order to enhance academic knowledge with tangible applications. The purpose of the program is to bridge the gap between theory and practice to better prepare students to navigate the complex professional landscape.

### **THEMATIC FOCUS: LEARNING THE CHORDS**

### **BIO(S):**

#### **LORIE JONES**

Dr. Lorie Pettus Jones is a native Tennessean with over 25 years of engineering and management experience in industry working for a Fortune 500 organization for the majority of her career. She holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management of Engineering and Technology and is a Six Sigma Black Belt. Dr. Jones is the Director of the MBA program and Associate Professor of Business at the University of Tennessee Southern. She has been a full-time educator since 2021 following 20 years of adjunct teaching in both graduate and undergraduate programs and currently serves as the President of the Pulaski, TN Rotary Club. Her areas of practice, expertise, and research interest include continuous improvement, workforce preparedness, career development, and experiential education in rural areas.

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