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Dr. Brian Bourke: You're listening to the *I'm Curious Podcast*. Welcome to *I'm Curious*, a weekly podcast for student affairs educators looking for thought provoking questions and insights to help advance our field. I'm your host Dr. Brian Bourke.

Welcome to the first episode of the *I'm Curious Podcast*. To kick things off, I want to share a bit about how I plan to approach the podcast and the kinds of topics I'll address. The *I'm Curious Podcast* came about from the initial idea to start a podcast focused solely on assessment practice in student affairs. One of the ways I like to think about the assessment is through the lens of inquiry and by that, I mean that really everything comes back to learning about who we are, what we do, who we serve and how to do it all better. When I think about my own love of learning, I think about the fact that I'm just a curious person.

I end up taking up a lot of hobbies and in fact this podcast is probably an example of that. I'm really interested in learning about something so I dig in as much as we can, based on what I can afford too, some things are expensive. I'm curious and so I put this idea of doing a podcast out of some friends on Facebook and asked for some help in naming it and in making that request, I also asked if I should have a separate podcast to explore other areas that I'm curious about. Well, maybe it was that caveat that led to dialogue about curiosity and I landed on the name for this the *I'm Curious Podcast*.

The whole idea is to have a somewhat fluid podcast concept where I offer my perspective on a range of topics largely connected to student affairs and higher education. The things I'm curious about are informed by the work I'm doing and the work I've done in the past. Rather than read you my bio, you can head over to drbrianbourke.com to learn more about me. Instead, I'll offer a quick summary of the topics I plan to explore on the *I'm Curious Podcast*, these include assessment, diversity, social justice, online learning and gamification. I'm probably going to explore some other things, but I want to make sure I have some sort of focus. These are really the topics that I'll be exploring through my blog posts as well.

As the *I'm Curious Podcast* progresses, let me know how you like the approach I'm taking. Feel free to tweet me @drbbourke or send an email to drbrianbourke@gmail.com.

I recently came to the realization that counting my time as a graduate assistant in my master's and doctoral programs, I'm starting my 20th year of working in higher education here in August of 2017. Over this time, I've had some incredible experiences that continue to contribute to how I view the world and how I approach my work. But more than my own lived experience, I've been blessed to work with a lot of people, from peers to supervisors to students in my classes. I've learned more from each of them than I have from my own direct experiences. Those learning experiences with others heavily influenced my approach to this podcast and to my blog posts and also to the way I approach speaking engagements.



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My goal is to keep episodes fairly brief, while I often appreciate hour long podcast episodes, I don't always have an hour available to listen. I'll sometimes play a podcast episode in the background while I'm working on something. That can be dangerous though, especially with a longer podcast episode. Thanks to engaging content, the time can really slip away and I've lost track of the project I was supposed to be working on, but with shorter episodes if I lose track of time, it's not that big of a deal since there's so much less time to lose with a short episode.

I know a lot of folks listen to podcast during the commutes and while this is not a daily podcast, there might be something that folks want to flip over to on a pretty consistent basis here. Hopefully, short episodes help fill a void for those of us with shorter commutes or want something just a little bit quicker to digest and think about. That's really my goal here with the *I'm Curious Podcast* is to offer my thoughts, hopefully pose some thought provoking questions or share some thought provoking viewpoints and give you the listener something to walk away with to think about more deeply.

As you listen to the episodes of the *I'm Curious Podcast*, you'll notice some variation. Sometimes I'll be alone sharing my thoughts, other times I'll be interviewing a guest and other times still I'll have a cohost and we'll simply go back and forth on a topic. I hope you enjoy the varied approaches. Even though episodes will be relatively short, there will be bonus material available, especially in the case of interview episodes.

Whenever there is bonus material available, I'll make a note in the podcast episode and in the show notes. I've been inspired by something that Dr. Katie Linder does with her podcast *You've Got This*, where she records a Q&A episode responding to questions that listeners post to Twitter. I want to encourage anyone who listens to the *I'm Curious Podcast* to engage with the content and with me. I don't want to limit feedback to asking questions about something you've heard on an episode. I also welcome ideas for topics and guests that you like to hear from.

That's it for the first episode. I hope you stick with me as I explore how to best engage this medium as a way to share my thoughts with you and engage in some meaningful content but also some meaningful dialogue with you. Thank you.

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