

# 2026 ACIFA Conference Schedule

(Subject to Change)

Sunday - May 3, 2026					
4:30pm - 8:30pm	Registration Desk				Beauvert Ballroom
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Welcome Reception				Beauvert Ballroom
Monday - May 4, 2026					
7:00am - 8:00pm	Registration Desk				Beauvert Ballroom/Mary Schaffer Ballroom B
7:15am - 8:45pm	Breakfast Buffet				Beauvert Ballroom
8:00am - 8:15am	Welcome & Introductions				Beauvert Ballroom
8:15am - 9:30am	<b>Keynote Speaker - Mark Groves</b>				Beauvert Ballroom
10:00am - 8:00pm	Silent Auction/ Conference Exhibit				Mary Schaffer Ballroom B
Room	Tekarra	Pyramid A	Pyramid B	Mary Schaffer Ballroom A	Mary Schaffer Ballroom C
9:45am - 10:15pm (30 minutes)	<b>Generative AI in the Classroom: Where to Start, What Changes, and What I'm Learning Along the Way</b> Connie Lyon (LPFA)	<b>Metissage: A Teaching Too</b> Raymond Savage (FARDP)	<b>Working Toward Reconciliation and Sustainability: Implementing a Healing Forest on Campus</b> Sonia Perna (SAFA)	<b>Beyond "Be Skeptical": Metacognitive Checkpoints for Critical Thinking in Fluent Information Environments</b> Soohyun Ahn (SAFA)	<b>Teaching in the In-Between: Supporting Educators in the Liminal Space of International Program Delivery</b> Chinwe Ogolo, Lisa Gringras & Nadia Abougosh (PCFA)
10:15am-10:30am	Break				
10:30am - 12:10pm (90 minutes)	<b>Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality - are there practical applications?</b> Kris Hodgson-Bight (LPFA)	<b>Behind the Bars: Innovating Learning and Leadership In and Beyond Corrections</b> Ashley Tisdale & Nicole Kameka (NCFA)	<b>From Autopilot to Awareness: Developing Adaptive Mindsets Through Unconscious Bias Interruption</b> Patricia Koyich (SAFA)	<b>Teaching and Leading from Within: Navigating Change and Uncertainty with Courage</b> Paula Cornell (NCFA)	<b>*10:30am - 11:30am</b> <b>Reclaiming Learning Spaces : Land-Based Education at Red Deer Polytechnic</b> Tyra Hercina & Lloyd Desjartair (FARDP)
*10:30am - 11:30am (60 minutes)					
12:15am - 1:20pm	Lunch Buffet and Award Presentation				Beauvert Ballroom
1:30 - 2:30pm (60 minutes)	<b>Uncertainty by Design: Leveraging the "Unknown" to Build Courage and Capacity for Change</b> Jacquie Ganton (NAIT)	<b>Full STEAM Ahead: Designing Integrated Learning to Engage and Empower Students</b> Brent Galloway (FARDP)	<b>Learning in the Age of the Polycrisis: Thriving Through Uncertainty</b> Kristine Monterio (NAIT)	<b>Immersive Interest: Finding Balance and Purpose in the In-Between Spaces of Learning and Leading</b> Robin Landal - Hill (Makamic College)	Brad Lafortune (Public Interest Alberta)
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Break				
2:45pm-3:45pm (60 minutes)	<b>Reimagining Curriculum Through the Lenses of Anti-Racism, Decolonization, Kinship, and Access</b> Leah Townsend (NCFA)	<b>Are you thinking what I'm thinking? Developing a shared understanding of curriculum.</b> James Beres	<b>Distinguished Instructor Award - Collective Care and Creative Risk</b> Marnie Blair (FARDP)	<b>Go Somewhere with Generative AI: A Hands-On Workshop Using Metaphors and Values to Rethink Teaching in Uncertain Times</b> Jeff Kuntz, Caylee Kreller & Brooklin Schneider (NCFA)	<b>Strengthening Bargaining Through Member Engagement</b> Shauna MacDonald (NASA/ACIFA)
4:00pm - 5:00pm (60 minutes)	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 45%; border: 1px solid black; transform: rotate(45deg);"></div> <div style="width: 45%; border: 1px solid black; transform: rotate(-45deg);"></div> </div>				<b>Labour Rights, Worker Advocacy, and the CurrentLandscape for Alberta's Post-secondary Employees</b> Kim Siever (The Alberta Worker) (Maximum 70 People)
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Dinner Buffet				Beauvert Ballroom
8:00pm - 10:00pm	Entertainment - Games Night with NWPASA				Beauvert Ballroom

**Tuesday - May 5, 2026**

7:00am - 8:00pm	Registration Desk				Beauvert Ballroom/Mary Schaffer Ballroom B
7:15am - 8:45am	Breakfast Buffet				Beauvert Ballroom
8:00am - 9:50am	ACIFA Annual General Meeting				Beauvert Ballroom
10:00am - 5:00pm	Silent Auction/Conference Exhibit				Mary Schaffer Ballroom B
Room	Tekarra	Pyramid A	Pyramid B	Mary Schaffer Ballroom A	Mary Schaffer Ballroom C
10:00am - 11:30am (90 minutes)	X	<b>The MasterMind Method: A Gamified Approach to Reimagining Critical Thinking and Content Retention</b> Jennifer Hainsworth (OCFA)	<b>7Cs for Building Creative Confidence in the Anthropocene</b> Deborah Forbes (MHCFA)	<b>Myopic Inevitability: Challenging Capitalist Narratives about GenAI and the Value of Labour</b> Anna Borynec (NCFA)	<b>Holding Space for Emergence: Learning to Navigate Uncertainty Through Peacemaking Circle Practice</b> Mandy Halabl and Trina Homeniuk (NCFA)
11:30am-11:45am	Break				
11:45am - 12:15pm (30 minutes)	X	<b>Unleashing Potential: Nurturing Growth through Alumni Networks</b> Lorlei Boschman (MHCFA)	<b>Oral Examination in Math</b> Yevgen Kanevskiy (SAIT)	<b>Math Anxiety and How to Support Students Facing that Challenge</b> Anna Beukes (NASA)	X
12:20am - 1:30pm	Lunch Buffet				Beauvert Ballroom
1:30pm - 2:30pm (60 minutes)	<b>Innovation in Teaching Award - Four Corners: A Story of Mental Health and Community Nursing</b> Chantelle Fitton, Marie Laenen & Raihau Izonyobore (LPFA)	<b>The Academic Program Chair: Serving and Surviving When Everyone S(h)its on You</b> Dana Wight (NCFA)	<b>Inclusive Post-Secondary Education in the Liminal Space: Reimagining Learning, Leadership, and Belonging</b> Shawna Francis (Inclusion Alberta)	<b>Through the Eyes of Faculty: A Photovoice Study on Mid-Career Faculty Burnout</b> Leanne Vig (FARDP)	<b>From Barriers to Belonging: Supporting Trans and Gender Diverse Learners</b> Aidan Wyatt (SAFA)
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Break				
2:45pm	Silent Auction CLOSES				Mary Schaffer Ballroom B
2:45pm - 3:45pm	<b>Navigating the Liminal Space Mimetically: A Social Model for Learning</b> Raymond Klessen (NCFA)	<b>Journeying Toward Transformation: An Indigenous Perspective in Education</b> Talitha Klym (FARDP)	<b>Navigating the Faculty Role on the Board of Governors</b> Dustin Quirk and Bill Petrosenko (FARDP)	X	X
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Dinner Buffett				Beauvert Ballroom
8:00pm - 10:00pm	Evening Entertainment – Scavenger Hunt with MHCFA				Beauvert Ballroom