

Geekapalooza

AUGUST 21, 2025
THE DEN SOFT SEAT AREA BY CRAVE



10:15AM

Welcome and Introduction

DR. COLLEEN WHIDDEN

To kick off this year's event, Colleen Whidden (Director, Teaching & Learning) will provide an introduction and brief overview of the exciting things happening in Teaching & Learning this upcoming academic year.

10:30AM

Introduction to Blackboard Ultra

CARLY RIDGEWELL

The time we have all been anticipating has finally arrived - the inception of a new Blackboard system. Blackboard Ultra is a modern, user-friendly version of our current Blackboard Learning Management System, designed with a clean, responsive interface and improved communication tools. In this session, participants will be introduced to the new look, features and upcoming training sessions to learn more.

11:10AM

Creating Class Materials with AI

RENE HEMENWAY

In this session we will discuss how to use AI to create materials for your course including course outcomes, presentations, learning activities, and assessments.

FOOD & DRINK

Lunch provided 12PM - 1PM

Social to follow 2PM - 5PM

1:00PM

Interactive Lab Orientation using Genially

KAYLEY SHEIBNER AND ANDREA WOODS

In this session, participants will get a virtual tour of the high-fidelity Nursing Simulation Lab at Brooks Campus. This interactive tour, created using Genially, provides students with an asynchronous orientation of the lab and equipment. Learn how this simple innovation supports our learners and how you can create engaging digital material using Genially, a free web-based tool.

1:40PM

Amplify Your Voice: Creating with the New Media Lab

CARLY RIDGEWELL AND ANDREA WOODS

There has been increasing demand for faculty to become experts in content creation, developing just-in-time digital learning material. The new Media Lab located in T207 is equipped with the necessary tools to make creating professional podcasts, lecture capture and other digital media a breeze!

2:20PM

Gen AI at MHC: A Brief Survey and Longer Q&A

GEOFF HAMILTON

In his role as Gen AI Research and Support, Dr. Geoff Hamilton will offer a brief summary of responses to Gen AI at MHC before opening the floor to questions. Faculty and staff are invited to share their experiences about Gen AI, raise concerns about our institutional responses, or offer suggestions for future responses.

Door Prizes:

All in-person participants are eligible to win geeky door prizes. Only those participants who visit the Media Lab Open House in Room T207 (Open 10AM - 2:30PM) are eligible for the grand prize draw of an Apple iPad.