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ACURIT 2026

The Augustana Conference on Undergraduate Research and Innovative Teaching

11th ANNUAL CONFERENCE (with two-year interruption due to covid 2020–21)

"EMBRACING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (OR NOT)

AT THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL"

May 7-8, 2026

In-person at Augustana Campus of University of Alberta, Camrose, AB
Roger Epp Room (2-004 Forum Building)

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DAY 1 – Thursday, May 7, 2026	
Foundations: Policy, Pedagogy, and Student Perspectives	
8:30 – 8:45 am	**Registration** (coffee/tea light refreshments provided)
8:45 – 9:00 am	**Welcome to ACURIT 2026** Mélanie Méthot, Chair of ACURIT Committee introducing John Parkins, Dean of Augustana
9:00 – 10:00 am	**Keynote** Embracing AI (or Not): Ten Paradoxes Shaping Undergraduate Education Paula MacDowell, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK
10:00 – 11:00 am	**Student Panel** *"We built Cluely so you never have to think alone again": Murder She Taught.* Panelists: Mélanie Méthot*, Dakota Jorgensen, Ella Phillips, Kenzie Ryan, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB
11:00 – 11:20 am	**Break** (refreshments provided)

11:20 am – 12:20 pm	**Session 1 - Designing With AI: Cross-Disciplinary Course Innovation** • *Leveraging Generative AI Tools in STEM Course Design: A Case Study in Mathematics and Computer Science*. Shelley Lorimer, J A Davis, MacEwan University, Edmonton, AB • *AI Across the Curriculum: Lessons from Redesigning and Assessing Statistics Labs.* Tetyana Khramova, Avagail Henson, The King's University, Edmonton, AB • *A Lightweight Tool for Monitoring and Guiding Students' Use of AI in Code Writing*. Thibaud Lutellier, Chisom Chiobi, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
12:20 – 1:30 pm	**Lunch** (included in registration fee) Roger Epp Room
1:30 – 2:30 pm	**Session 2 - Rethinking Assessment and Academic Integrity in the AI Era** • *A Case Study Examining an Experiment with Specifications Grading.* Morten Asfeldt, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB • *Talking Directly with Students About Grades – Experiments with Ungrading in Senior Science Courses.* Brian Rempel, Elizabeth McGinitie, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB • *From Inquiry to AI-quiry: How Generative AI Is Reshaping Research Readiness in Polytechnic Communication Courses*. Lisa Allen, British Columbia Institute of Technology, Burnaby, BC
2:30 – 2:50 pm	**Break** (refreshments provided)
2:50 – 3:20 pm	**Session 3 - Students Navigating AI** • *AI Made My Homework: Assignments Designed by Generative AI in a Post-Secondary Computing Science Setting.* Miron Nekhoroshkov, Kaeden Hartman, Brett Siemens, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB • *Trust Issues With a Machine?: The Demographic Variations in Canadian AI Attitudes*. Janaya Iverson, Kathie Bailey, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB
3:20 – 4:20 pm	**Workshop** *Visual Go Fish & AI Literacy.* Andrea Korda, Thomas Receveur, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
After hours	**Day 1 Closing Conversation place TBD**

DAY 2 – Friday, May 8, 2026

Practice: Creativity, Discipline, and Design in the Age of AI

8:40 – 9:00 am	**Registration** (coffee/tea light refreshments provided)
9:00 – 10:00 am	**Workshop** *From Prompt to Process: Examining Creativity and Critical Thinking in AI-Supported Academic Writing.* Mariana Castillo Arce, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB
10:00 – 10:20 am	**Break** (refreshments provided)
10:20 – 11:00 am	**Session 4 - Creative and Critical Practices With and Against AI** • *"A Sensory Journey": Resisting AI With Restaurant Reviews.* Stephanie Oliver, Evelyn Cheung, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB • *Hands-On Learning vs Theoretical Learning: A New Approach to Chemistry Lab Safety Training in the Age of AI.* Elizabeth McGinitie, David King, Amber Hutton, Brian Rempel, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB
11:00- 12:00	**Workshop** *Making Space for Struggle: Assessment Design in the Age of AI.* Olivia Murray, University of Alberta Centre for Teaching & Learning, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
12:00 – 13:00 pm	**Lunch** (included in registration fee) Roger Epp Room
13:00 - 2:00 pm	• *From Curiosity to Construction: Navigating Generative AI in the Theatre Design Studio.* Guido Tondino, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
2:00 – 2:10 pm	**Conference Closing Discussion**