



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)

Register at:

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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 <i>“We Built Cluely So You Never Have to Think Alone Again”: Murder She Taught.</i> Panelists: Mélanie Méthot, Dakota Jorgensen, Brady Katchur, Ashley Johnson, 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 • <i>Leveraging Generative AI Tools in STEM Course Design: A Case Study in Mathematics and Computer Science.</i> Shelley Lorimer, J A Davis, MacEwan University, Edmonton, AB • <i>AI Across the Curriculum: Lessons from Redesigning and Assessing Statistics Labs.</i> Tetyana Khramova, Avagail Henson, The King's University, Edmonton, AB • <i>A Lightweight Tool for Monitoring and Guiding Students' Use of AI in Code Writing.</i> 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 • <i>A Case Study Examining an Experiment with Specifications Grading.</i> Morten Asfeldt, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB • <i>Talking Directly with Students About Grades – Experiments with Ungrading in Senior Science Courses.</i> Brian Rempel, Elizabeth McGinitie, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB
2:30 – 2:50 pm	Break (refreshments provided)
2:50 – 3:20 pm	Session 3 - Students Navigating AI • <i>AI Made My Homework: Assignments Designed by Generative AI in a Post-Secondary Computing Science Setting.</i> Miron Nekhoroshkov, Kaeden Hartman, Brett Siemens, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB • <i>Trust Issues With a Machine?: The Demographic Variations in Canadian AI Attitudes.</i> Janaya Iverson, Kathie Bailey, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB
3:20 – 4:20 pm	Workshop <i>Visual Go Fish & AI Literacy.</i> 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 <i>From Prompt to Process: Examining Creativity and Critical Thinking in AI-Supported Academic Writing.</i> 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 • <i>“A Sensory Journey”: Resisting AI With Restaurant Reviews.</i> Stephanie Oliver, Evelyn Cheung, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB • <i>Hands-On Learning vs Theoretical Learning: A New Approach to Chemistry Lab Safety Training in the Age of AI.</i> Elizabeth McGinitie, David King, Amber Hutton, Brian Rempel, University of Alberta (Augustana), Camrose, AB
11:00- 12:00	Workshop <i>Making Space for Struggle: Assessment Design in the Age of AI.</i> 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