

EDD AND EDS in Teaching and Learning and its Student and Alumni Board (SAAB) presents



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**Scholarly
Presentations
and Dialogue**

Workshops

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AI & Research

**Research
Dissemination**



November 8th, 2025

From 9:30 to 4:00

4th Floor, Gage Campus, and via Zoom.
18 S Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60603

All students, alumni, prospective students, and faculty are invited.

Participation is required of all students registered for the fall term.

Please **[RSVP here](#)** by November 5th

For in-person, via Zoom, or to view videos afterward.

Coffee, water, and snacks will be provided. Lunch on your own.

Contact Terry Smith at TJSmith@nl.edu with questions.

9:00 - 9:25 am	Check-in, coffee, water, snacks. Time to chat and get settled. 445 Public Forum				Sessions will be recorded for future viewing.
9:30 -10:40 am	Re-emergent dissertators – Doctoral Faculty Hosts. Session for students who have paused their dissertation work and are ready to resume. This session will provide an opportunity to reconnect with faculty and students, brainstorm strategies to create time, space, and motivation to complete your research. Room 426 https://nl.zoom.us/j/9923931648?omn=95115452019	ESR616 Class Session – Carter and Russell Room 462 - https://csus.zoom.us/j/83552037263	General Info Session. Student and Alumni Board (SAAB) hosts – Brandy Larrance Facilitates This session will discuss the Ed.D. program and provide a platform for new students to learn more about opportunities, resources, and best practices to foster success throughout their doctoral journey at NLU. All new doctoral and prospective students are welcome. Our focus is to give a safe space for questions and discussion. Room 428 https://nl.zoom.us/j/7876707422		
		ESR614 Class Session – Gamez-Djokic Room 463 https://nl.zoom.us/j/5819871422			
		ESR618 Class Session – Lukenchuk Room 464 https://nl.zoom.us/j/5666394601			
10:50 – noon	Disseminating Doctoral Research Facilitated by Rob Morrison This session provides an opportunity to explore strategies for disseminating your doctoral research. Multiple avenues will be discussed based on your purpose, audience/community, and goals you want to accomplish. Traditional publishing sources and other diverse avenues will be discussed. This is a preliminary planning session and will help determine follow-up workshops, depending on your interests. Room 426 Zoom: https://nl.zoom.us/j/93777896887	Generative AI in Research Angela Elkordy, Doug Van Dyke, Katie Giradot, and Lauren Anderson Using the authors' chapter, "Generative AI in Academic Research: A Practical Guide for Scholars," as the basis for discussion, participants will consider the use of reflective practice, AI affordances, and human-AI collaboration across stages of the research process. We will also consider how large language models (LLMs) like ChatGPT and Claude, other LLM-powered, specialized tools like Elicit and Scite, can streamline research from conceptualization to data analysis. Room 465 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2013375583?omn=89659949323	Faculty Research Presentations Nick Carter - My research was done in partnership with the RISE Center in Liberation. It was a qualitative study that focused on "deservingness". Essentially, we were interested in why some Chicago communities have specific resources for early childhood education and why others did not. Using a grounded theory approach, we hosted a series of focus groups with early childhood educators from communities on the west side of the city and the north. We explored what made some communities more deserving of resources over others. Antonina Lukenchuk - <i>In Search for Safe and Brave Spaces: A Story of Ukrainian Refugees in the U.S.</i> For the past several years, I have been investigating the issues of violence in the context of international war conflicts and their relevance to "safe" and "brave" spaces in American schools. In this presentation, I focus on my most recent project-in-progress that centers on the destiny of the family of refugees from Ukraine fleeing the raging war in Ukraine in search for safe spaces for themselves and their son. The story includes the experiences of immigrant parents and their children adjusting to a new life in the U.S. and particularly to the American public school system. Room 428 https://nl.zoom.us/j/5666394601		
Lunch on your own					
Community Dialogue: The Student and Alumni Board (SAAB) hosts. Sean McGill, Facilitator. Grab Lunch and Join the SAAB Community! SAAB aims to nurture a supportive environment that is responsive to the unique journey of doctoral studies. SAAB is a student-led initiative dedicated to enhancing student experiences and fostering a vibrant community with a mission to elevate student voices. Together, we can be a driving force focused on building a strong, connected university family. Room 428 https://nl.zoom.us/j/7876707422					
12:40 -1:40					
1:50 -2:50 pm	CAP Pro-seminar – Hosted by Todd Price and Blanca Gamez-Djokic This pro-seminar invites students to discuss how current social, political, and technological shifts — such as the pervasiveness of AI, heightened surveillance in cities like Chicago, and growing federal–state tensions in education — are reshaping the terrain of curriculum, advocacy, and policy. Together, we will reflect on how these forces redefine what counts as curriculum, whose voices shape policy, and what advocacy and educational leadership require in such uncertain times. Additionally, hear a few words from faculty and your doctoral student peers concerning their reflections on writing proposals and presenting at conferences. Room 426 https://nl.zoom.us/j/5819871422	DEE – AI and Disability This session draws on learning from DEE690: Disability and AI, offered in Summer 2025. The topics that will be covered in this session are: <u>AI & Mental Health:</u> - Brandy Larrance & Ashley Palladini <u>How AI Systems Support Disability Studies</u> - Mercy Ndungu and Janaia Williams <u>Disability Studies, Humanism, Trans-and Post-Humanism</u> - Terry Smith Room 465 https://nl.zoom.us/j/9923931648?omn=95115452019		LDE and RLD Combined Session External Funding Hosted by Ruth Quiroa and Jason Stegemoller This session will focus on ways to seek out funding opportunities for doctoral programs and for writing the dissertation. Guest speakers with experience in this area will be present to share and answer questions. Room 428 https://nl.zoom.us/j/6308744563?omn=92439812999	
		Student and Alumni Research Presentations - SAAB Hosts, Jonathan Appleton facilitates. This session offers an opportunity for fellow doctoral students and alumni to share their research with the NLU community. Attending this session provides students with the opportunity to learn more about the doctoral research process, connect with other researchers for writing and collaboration, offer feedback on research, and ask questions. Presentations by: Rachelle Cirrintano, Sharkisha Jones, Sean McGill, and Micah Minor. Room 428 https://nl.zoom.us/j/7876707422			
3:00 4:00 pm					