

The NLU Lisle Campus hosted the Illinois Association of Teacher Educators (IATE) Fall Conference on November 7, 2025.

- **Dr. Carolyn Theard-Griggs**, Dean of the National College of Education, welcomed attendees to the conference.
- **Dr. Tony Sanders**, Illinois State Superintendent of Education, shared updates from the Illinois State Board of Education.
- **Dr. Pam Jessee**, NLU CAEP Director and IATE Board Member, delivered the keynote address, *"Measuring Data Quality for Faculty-Developed Assessments."*



State Superintendent of Education Dr. Tony Sanders
and
NCE Dean Dr. Carolyn Theard-Griggs

NCE faculty and colleagues presented multiple sessions aligned with the conference theme, *Education and Educator Preparation: Shaping the Future*.

- **Drs. Renee Gugel, Julie Sidarous, and Kavita Venkatesh** presented *"From Preparation to Practice: Strengthening New Teacher Success Through Induction."*
- **Dr. Julie Sidarous, Dr. Douglas VanDyke, Adjunct Faculty Nicole Trackman, and Dr. Kavita Venkatesh** presented *"Pathways to the Profession: Stories of School Staff Becoming Teachers."*
- **Dr. Eun Ko, Dr. Xiaoning Chen, and Winifred Waters, M.A.T. student**, presented *"Equipping Teachers with the ESEM Framework to Implement Justice-Oriented STEAM Teaching for Multilingual Learners."*
- **Dr. Mary Quest**, with colleagues **Dr. Kimberly Garrett** (Chicago State University) and **Liz Tertell** (Lewis University), presented *"Centering Equity Through Culturally Responsive Teaching and Ethics of Care."*
- **Lisa Mozer**, Executive Director of Field Experience and School Partnerships, **Professor Eun Ko**, and **Dr. Kavita Kapadia Matsko** (Northwestern University) presented *"Building Bridges: Fostering Instructional Conversations Between Mentors and Student Teachers."*
- **Dr. Lee Tate, Dr. Kavita Venkatesh, Adjunct Faculty Nicole Trackman, Dr. Ayn Keneman, Nicole Enger, and Sasha Villagrana-Frost** participated in the panel *"Licensure Pathways for Teacher Educators: Meeting the Moment with Opportunities for All."*



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