

LDL Connects 2023: September 28-30

An in-person gathering for Learning Design and Leadership Graduate Students and Alumni

**Students from other concentrations are welcome to join us, we just ask that you register*

Location: Most events will be held at the College of Education Building (1310 S 6th St.; Champaign, 61820)

Main “Drop In Zone”: O’Leary Learning Center, basement of the Education building

University of Illinois Map: [Searchable map](#)

College of Education building Map: <http://ada.fs.illinois.edu/0160PLANB.html>

Parking: Mobile Meter app; Metered on Thursday/Friday until 6 p.m. or Lot E15; **Free** meters on Saturday

Dress Code: Nice casual

Gathering Website: <http://ldlgathering.web.illinois.edu>

Family Members: Those accompanying you are welcome to join any portion of the gathering and/or work from any of the open spaces. Family-specific events where young children are welcome are indicated below.

Agenda Subject to Change: *The agenda is meant to provide some structure but we intend it to be flexible based on the needs of those in attendance. The agenda may change on short notice. Check the website and monitor the #LDLConnects Slack Channel regularly for the most update info or text Kara Francis directly.*

Thursday and Friday, September 28 and 29, 2023

Self-Directed Options

<p>Thursday: 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM</p> <p>Friday: 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Self-Directed Options: <i>Students are responsible for making their own appointments</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisor/ Committee/ Faculty Appointments; 30-60 minutes • Online Programs Advisor appointments (course selection, degree planning, campus resources, general questions, general discussion) • Assistant Director of Online Programs appointments (career planning, job search advice, campus resources, general questions) • Librarian Consultation (npobrien@illinois.edu): 30 minutes • Receive a free physical iCard with your picture (bring a driver’s license or passport) Open 9 to 5 (Illini Union Bookstore, First Floor; 809 S. Wright) -you must be actively registered during the semester • Drop-in Lounge (O’Leary Lounge) for informal gathering, catch up on work, etc. • Quiet workspaces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Small (1-3 people) conference rooms in the O’Leary Lounge ○ Large conference room in the O’Leary Lounge ○ College of Education Room 372: Graduate Student lounge ○ University of Illinois libraries (full list) • Refer to the website for a variety of options: ldlgathering.web.illinois.edu
Appointment Times Vary	Spotlight Videos: Share your graduate school experience 20-minute session (2 to 3-minute videos) (email tgiffin@illinois.edu to schedule)
Explore the Local Area	View our curated list of options or be creative and discover even more https://ldlgathering.web.illinois.edu/local-area/

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Thursday, September 28, 2023	
Optional Formal Programming	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Coffee & Teatime with Dr. Pak (hosted by EPOL) Room 28
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Open Time <i>Visit from the Dean: Dr. Chrystalla Mouza in the O'Leary Center (12:30 PM)</i>
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM	Krannert Art Museum and/or Siebel Center for Design Tour (1208 S 4th St) https://designcenter.illinois.edu/ <i>Meet in the O'Leary Center if you'd like to join us</i>
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Literature Review Workshop (Delivered by the Writer's Workshop/sponsored by Doctoral Research Support Program) Register here
5:00 PM	Krannert Uncorked (<i>Optional; free; family members are invited</i>) https://krannertcenter.com/events/krannert-uncorked-rory-book-and-volumes
5:45 PM	Peer Dinner (<i>Optional; attendee expense; family members are invited</i>) <i>Suggested to Order online prior to arriving</i> Manalo's Pizza and Empanadas or BB.Q Chicken or The Bread Company
7:30 PM	University of Illinois Symphony Orchestra Concert (<i>Optional; attendee expense; recommended for children 8 and older</i>) https://krannertcenter.com/events/university-illinois-symphony-orchestra Foellinger Great Hall

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Friday, September 29, 2023	
Combination of Self-Directed and Optional Formal Programming	
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Writing Session with Feedback O'Leary Learning Center
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Visit from the EPOL Department Head, Dr. Yoon Pak O'Leary Learning Center
12:00 PM to 12:45 PM	Student-Alumni Keynote Event with Dr. Chris Span and Doctoral Hooding Room 2 (Auditorium)
12:45 PM to 2:00 PM	Lunch and Networking <i>Lunch provided for doctoral hooding honorees and all guest in attendance</i> O'Leary Learning Center
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	From Dissertation to Publication Room 4G
3:00 PM to 4:45 PM	Writing Session with Feedback Write in Room 4G or any quiet place; come to O'Leary for feedback
5:00 PM	EPOL Potluck; family members are invited Activities and Recreation Structure (ARC) (201 E Peabody Dr.; two blocks from CoE) Multi-Purpose Room 7 <i>If you'd like to bring something, you can sign up here</i>
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Option 1: Illini Women's Volleyball game v. Penn State Huff Hall (1206 S 4th St.) <i>Free for students with an iCard (enter on the south side)</i> <i>family members are invited (\$7 advanced purchase general admission tickets; attendee expense)</i>
7:30 to 10:00 PM	Option 2: Illinois Wind Symphony Orchestra <i>(Optional; Discounted tickets for students and youth; recommended for children 8+; attendee expense)</i> https://krannertcenter.com/events/illinois-wind-symphony-16 Foellinger Great Hall

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Saturday, September 30, 2022				
9:00 AM to 9:30 AM	Welcome (Room 22)			
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Student Lightning Talks (Room 22)			
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Group Picture in front of the College of Education and Bill’s Famous Walking Tour			
12:30 PM to 12:45 PM	Return to the College of Education			
12:45 PM to 2:00 PM	Research Discussions facilitated by alumni: Topical <i>Topics will be adjusted based on actual attendees</i>			
Facilitator: Mike Dovilla <i>Other Not listed here</i> Room 4F	Facilitator: Collin Blair <i>Language Learning</i> Room 17	Facilitator: Nate McKee <i>Instructional Design</i> Room 4G	Facilitator: Lara Reem <i>Professional Development</i> O’Leary Center Conference Room	
2:00 PM to 2:35 PM	Q&A and Networking facilitated by alumni: Degree Stage			
Facilitator: Katelyn Talbott <i>New or Continuing Students (Pre EDS)</i> Room 4F	Facilitator: Nate McKee <i>New Exam-Dissertation Sequence Students</i> Room 17	Facilitator: Collin Blair <i>Prelim Preparation Students</i> Room 4G	Facilitator: Mike Dovilla <i>Final Dissertation Preparation Students</i> O’Leary Center Conference Room	
2:45 PM to 3:25 PM	Discussion and Networking facilitated by alumni: Field of Interest			
Facilitator: Nate McKee P-5 Room 4F	Facilitator: Lara Reem Secondary Education Room 17	Facilitator: Katelyn Talbott Higher Education Room 4G	Facilitator: Collin Blair Corporate and Adult Learning O’Leary Center Conference Room	
3:30 PM to 4:00 PM	Wrap-Up, Clean Up, Travel to Dinner Location			
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Dinner Social at Dr. Cope and Dr. Kalantzis’ home (address to be provided on Saturday) <i>family members are invited</i>			

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