



## Day 1 – April 29, 2024

8:30 – 9:00 | Arrival and Coffee, Tea, and Pastries in Mount Kidd Manor – Conference Foyer

9:00 – 9:30 | Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Opening Prayer

9:30 – 11:00am | Keynote - Cultivating Connections at MRU and Beyond

11:00 – 11:10 | Coffee and Tea in the Mount Kid Ballroom foyer

11:10 – 12:30pm | Session 1

### The Development of an Engaged Association: Creating a Community Prepared to Champion Collective Excellence

**Presented by:** Lee Easton (80 minute Presentation - **Hybrid**)

**Location:** Mount Kidd A/B **Facilitated by:** Lee Easton

### International Field Schools: What's the problem?

**Presented by:** Joe Pavelka (80 minute workshop)

**Location:** Mount Kidd C **Facilitated by:** Marva Ferguson

### Play to Learn: Using Games to Increase Engagement and Connection in the Classroom (and with our Colleagues!)

**Presented by:** Michele Wellsby (30 minute Presentation and 50min. Rec. Activity - games)

**Location:** Wildflower Room **Facilitated by:** Teresa Merrells

### Creating a Culture of Respect: Strategies for Navigating Academic Incivility

**Presented by:** Leda Stawnychko (80 minute Presentation & Workshop)

**Location:** Mount Allan Room **Facilitated by:** Chi Dara

12:30 – 1:20pm | Lunch in the Mount Kidd Ballroom

1:30 – 2:00pm | Session 2

### Engaging a Community of Practice in Curricular Redesign

**Presented by:** Breda Eubank, Jocelyn Taylor, Andrea Phillipson, Nadine Van Wyk, Mark Lafave (30 minute – **Hybrid**) **Location:** Mount Kidd A **Facilitated by:** Teresa Merrells

### Facilitating and supporting student coping: the instructor role in supporting student mental health.

**Presented by:** Michael Huston, Mirjam Knapik (30 minute Presentation)

**Location:** Mount Kidd C **Facilitated by:** Marva Ferguson

### Better than an A? Community Service Learning as Motivation to Learn

**Presented by:** Alana Gieck and Karen Owen (30 minute Presentation)

**Location:** Wildflower Room **Facilitated by:** Michele Wellsby

### Cultivating Agency and Belonging through Student-Choice in Assessment: A Case Study from ELCC 1110

**Presented by:** Maureen Cullen and Nancy Espetveidt (30 minute presentation)

**Location:** Mount Allan Room **Facilitated by:** Astrid Heidenreich





2:00 – 2:10 | Coffee and Tea in the Mount Kid Ballroom foyer

## 2:10pm – 3:00pm | Session 3

### Your Association: Your Contributions Create the Campus Community You Want!

**Presented by:** Brenda Lang, Lee Easton, Liza Choi, and Marty Clark (50 min. panel - **Hybrid**)  
**Location:** Mount Kidd A **Facilitated by:** Lee Easton

### Adapting Instruction (AI): Faculty Responses to the Proliferation of Generative AI Tools

**Presented by:** Sarah Banting, Jill Boettger, Chris Bullen, Tony Chaston, and Randy Connolly  
**Location:** Mount Kidd C **Facilitated by:** Chi Dara (50 minute presentation)

### Connecting with Self and Community Through Sound and Good Vibes

**Presented by:** Stacey Bliss (50 minute session and workshop - bring a yoga mat!)

**Location:** Wildflower Room **Facilitated by:** Teresa Merrells

*Note: If you have a yoga mat, please bring as you might like to lie out to relax during the 'sound immersion/relaxation' portion of the session. If not, chairs are of course provided. Everyone is welcome to the session!*

### Successes and Failures in Building an Interdisciplinary Faculty Community

**Presented by:** Charles Hepler (50 minute presentation)

**Location:** Mount Allan **Facilitated by:** Michele Wellsby

3:00 – 3:10 | Coffee and Tea in the Mount Kid Ballroom foyer

## 3:10pm – 4:00pm | Session 4

### Almost Halfway! Preparing for your Mid-Term Tenure Evaluation

**Presented by:** Kevin O'Connor, Michael Ata, Nathaniel Wagenaar, and Rachael Pettigrew  
(50 minute - **Hybrid**) **Location:** Mount Kidd A **Facilitated by:** Michele Wellsby

### Journeying with students in Indigenous land-based learning towards wellbeing, sustainability, and interconnectedness

**Presented by:** Joshua Hill (50 minute presentation)

**Location:** Mount Kidd C **Facilitated By:** Astrid Heidenreich

### Making It Stick

**Presented by:** Nancy-Angel Doetzel (50 minute presentation)

**Location:** Wildflower Room **Facilitated by:** Chi Dara

### Making Governance Work for Faculty, Or How ever did THAT get approved?!

**Presented by:** Lee Easton and Marc Schroeder (50 minute presentation)

**Location:** Mount Allan **Facilitated by:** Lee Easton

4:00 – 4:15 | Coffee and Tea in the Mount Kid Ballroom foyer and transition time to activities

## 4:15pm – 4:30 | Group Photo

**Location – Waterfall / Pond in the center of the resort**





## 4:30pm | Recreational Activities

Sign up sheets for all at the registration table

- **Photography Nature Walk** – Meet at the Registration Table - Shiraz Kurji
- **Pickleball** - Meet in the Mount Kidd Building Foyer – Astrid Heidenreich
- **Drumming Circle** – Wildflower Room - Corina Strim

## 6:30pm – 1:00am | Dinner, Music Trivia, Facilitated Games and Dance

**Mount Kidd Ballroom** for the Dinner, Trivia, Dance & Karaoke

**Mount Allan Room** for Facilitated games and non-alcohol spaces.

Games include (depending on the number of people who choose to participate): Poker, Hearts, Sequence, Apples to Apples, Carcassonne, Risk, Reversi (Othello), Scrabble, Catch Phrase, and Code Names.

**Wildflower Room** for the Faculty Band.

## Day 2 – April 30

Checkout early and store your bags with the concierge in the main hotel lobby

8:00 – 9:00am | **Morning Walk** (meet at the pond by 8:00am)

8:00 - 9:00am | **Coffee and Tea in the Mount Kidd Ballroom Foyer**

9:00 – 10:30am | **Breakfast and Lightning Rounds**

**Location** – Mount Kidd Ballroom

**Facilitators:** Lee Easton and Chi Dara

10:30 – 10:40 | **Coffee and Tea in the Mount Kidd Ballroom Foyer (Members should Checkout and store bags)**

10:40 – 11:30pm | **Session 5**

**You've got tenure! Now what?**

**Presented by:** Irene Shankar, Janet Miller, and Marty Clark (50 minute presentation - Hybrid) **Location:** Mount Kidd A **Facilitated by:** Sarah Hamilton and Lee Easton

**Bringing Song & Dance to One's 'Being' & 'Doing'**

**Presented by:** Karen Pheasant-Neganigane (50 minute presentation) **Location:** Mount Kidd C **Facilitated by:** Marva Ferguson

**Expanding Horizons: Community Building and Pedagogical Innovation Through OERs**

**Presented by:** Amanda Williams (50 minute presentation) **Location:** Wildflower Room **Facilitated by:** Teresa Merrells

**Beyond the Hype: The Real AI Revolution**

**Presented by:** Erik Christiansen & Kris Hans (50 minute panel presentation) **Location:** Mount Allan **Facilitated by:** Astrid Heidenreich





11:30 – 11:40 | Coffee and Tea in the Mount Kidd Ballroom Foyer

11:40 – 12:00pm | Session 6

### **Cultivating Inclusive Nursing Education: A Two-Decade Exploration of the EAL Nursing Student Support Program and its Impact on Sense of Belonging and Cross-Cultural Understanding**

**Presented by:** Liza Choi (20 minute presentation - delivered remotely - **Hybrid**)

**Location:** Mount Allan A **Facilitated by:** Chi Dara

### **Generational Divide or Generational Integration: The legacies of Elders in sustaining communities**

**Presented by:** Marva Ferguson (20 minute presentation)

**Location:** Wildflower Room **Facilitated by:** Teresa Merrells

### **Reflections of Interdisciplinary Collaboration While Teaching Leadership Skills to Midwifery Students**

**Presented by:** Joyce Totton and Leda Stawynchko(20 minute presentation)

**Location:** Mount Allan Room **Facilitated by:** Michele Wellsby

12:00 – 1:00 | Lunch in the Mount Kid Ballroom

1:00pm – Finish | Session 7

### **More than Good Intentions: Developing a culture of accountability at MRU**

**Presented by:** Milena Radzikowska (80 minute session and discussion - **Hybrid**)

**Location:** Mount Kidd A **Facilitated by:** Michele Wellsby

### **Media, Misinformation, and Information Literacy: Where Does it Fit at MRU?**

**Presented by:** Brooks Decillia, Elaine Ori, Erika Smith, Sara Sharun, Nick Strzalkowski, and Madelaine Vanderwerff (80 minute Panel)

**Location:** Wildflower Room **Facilitated by:** Astrid Heidenreich

### **Variations on a Theme: Diverse Interpretations of “Belonging” in the Multicultural MRU Classroom**

**Presented by:** Carolyn Bjartveit (30 minute presentation)

**Location:** Mount Allan Room **Facilitated by:** Marva Ferguson

### **Writing Residency (for Registered Participants)**

**April 30, 4:00pm Reception and May 1 - 3 Residency.**

**Location:** Wildflower and Mount Allan Rooms **Facilitator:** Andrea Phillipson **Format:** Workshop

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*Thank you for joining us for the 2024 Spring Retreat. This event continues to be an annual success thanks to your participation! Please take a moment to provide your feedback on the Retreat here:*

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***We look forward to seeing you all again next year: April 24-25, 2025***



