



ACLC 20th Retreat: Restoring, Reconnecting, and Reimagining

Atlantic Center for Learning Communities Curriculum Planning Retreat

October 19-21, 2022

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center

303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford, CT 06107

Wednesday, October 19

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Check-in and poster set-up
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dining Room	Dinner
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Main Conference Room; First Floor	<u>Keynote and Q & A</u> "Everything old is new again: Reimagining life in the classroom after two years of pandemic" Dr. Jessica Fede and Dr. Jonathan Mosko, Johnson & Wales University
8:00 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.	Reception and poster displays of learning community programs and best practices (following keynote presentation)

Thursday, October 20

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Dining Room	Breakfast
9:15-10:15 a.m. Main Conference Room	Continued Conversation Continued conversation with keynote speakers Dr. Jonathan Mosko and Dr. Jessica Fede (Johnson & Wales University)
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 -11:45 a.m. Main Conference Room	"Sharing Best LC Practices through Speed Networking " Moderated by ACLC Leadership Team Members
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Dining Room	Lunch

1:15-2:45 p.m. Monastery Lounge Main Conference Room	Learning Exchange Panels (Concurrent Sessions) * 1. “Creating and Sustaining Learning Communities” (Brad Hollingshead, Florida Southern College and Terry Novak, Johnson & Wales University) 2. “Harnessing Wrap-around Success: Reaching the Whole Student” (George Hill, Kingsborough CC and Susan Freeman, Florida Southern College)
3:00-6:00 p.m.	Team Time; Networking
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dining Room	Dinner
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Main Conference Room Outdoor Fire Pit	Reception and Continued Conversations Campfire with Kingsborough (weather permitting)

Friday, October 21

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Dining Room	Breakfast and Check out of rooms
8:45-10:15 a.m. Main Conference Room	World Café 1. “Interdisciplinary Writing Assignments” (Gail McCarthy and Karen Shea, Johnson & Wales U.) 2. “Integrating Community-Service Learning into Learning Communities” (Terry Novak, Johnson & Wales U.) 3. “Peer Mentoring Strategies” (Katherine Lopez, Bunker Hill CC)
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Main Conference Room	Moving Forward: Community Discussion on the Future of Learning Communities Work
12:00-12:30 p.m. Dining Room	Lunch, followed by departure

ACLC Curriculum Planning Retreat Session Descriptions

Wednesday, October 19

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Dr. Jessica Fede and Dr. Jonathan Mosko, psychology professors at Johnson & Wales University and licensed psychologists, as well as faculty members in the first-year learning community program at Johnson & Wales, bring their professional expertise as well as their personal experiences to this year's keynote address, which aims to bring us from tailspin to reimagined landscapes. This talk is an opportunity to explore how 2+ years of pandemic-related changes have impacted higher education in general and learning communities in particular. Dr. Mosko and Dr. Fede will examine changes at the "micro" and "macro" level to our classroom culture, use of technology, assignments, and ways of interacting with our students. This session will prominently feature audience participation and discussion.

8:00-9:30 p.m.

Poster Session and Reception

Join us for a post-keynote reception and poster session. Take some time to peruse displays showcasing learning community efforts at the various institutions represented by this year's retreat participants. This is a great time for conversation and discovery!

Thursday, October 20

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Join us in the Main Conference Room for an informal follow-up discussion with Dr. Jonathan Mosko and Dr. Jessica Fede, our keynote speakers. What questions and/or ideas did their presentation bring to your mind? This is a time for further learning *and* for exchange of ideas.

10:45-11:45 a.m.

Speed Networking! LC practitioners are some of the most collaborative and creative people we know. Participants in this session will have the opportunity to "speed share" their great LC ideas and successes with one another—one person at a time!

1:15-2:45 p.m.

Learning Exchanges: Workshops offered through the annual ACLC Retreat provide opportunities for teams and individuals to work together to identify, design, and ultimately implement learning community strategies that can strengthen teaching and learning at their home institutions. Facilitators design workshops that encourage participant interaction and rich conversations about the ways in which effective learning community strategies can be applied in a variety of settings.

Choose One:

1. “Creating and Sustaining Learning Communities”

Wondering how to begin learning communities on your campus? Wondering how to re-energize existing learning communities? Brad Hollingshead and Terry Novak will lead you through the process of imagining and reimagining learning communities following proven strategies and using personal experience—as well as a healthy dose of humor!

2. “Harnessing Wrap-around Success: Reaching the Whole Student”

How do we help students solve challenges outside the classroom that can affect their academic performance? In this session, we’ll discuss ways that Learning Communities can connect with partners on campus and develop peer mentor programs to help support students beyond the classroom.

3:00-6:00 p.m.

Team Time! While some campus teams will carve out time for team meetings throughout the retreat, we offer this specific block of time for team reflection and work away from the distractions of campus. We encourage those who are solo attendees from their campus to engage in deeper discussion and interaction with solo attendees from other campuses. Feeling the need to rejuvenate and reflect on your own? This is a great time for that as well!

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Join us for post-dinner conversation and the Thursday evening reception in the Main Conference Room and for the traditional Campfire with Kingsborough at the outdoor fire pit. Many great ideas have been shared and many friendships have blossomed at these events over the years!

Friday, October 21

8:45-10:15 a.m.

World Café

The World Café offers the opportunity to engage in discussion regarding key components of successful learning communities. Participants will be able to switch tables after 30 minutes but are also welcome to remain at one table for the duration of this session.

10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Moving Forward: This community discussion provides the opportunity to help us reimagine the future of learning communities in general and the work and mission of the Atlantic Center for Learning Communities specifically. Let’s map our future together!