



## Community: The Structure of Belonging

**Atlantic Center for Learning Communities Curriculum Planning Retreat**

**October 18-20, 2023**

**Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center**

**303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford, CT 06107**

### **Wednesday, October 18**

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<b>Check-in and poster set-up</b>
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dining Room	<b>Dinner</b>
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  Main Conference Room; First Floor	<b><u>Keynote and Q &amp; A</u></b>  "Building that Village: Strategies and Practices for Creating Community and Engaged Learning"  <b>Dr. Sandra Enos, Retired, Roger Williams University; Founder, Giving beyond the Box</b>
8:00 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.	<b>Reception and poster displays of learning community programs and best practices (following keynote presentation)</b>

### **Thursday, October 19**

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Dining Room	<b>Breakfast</b>
9:15-10:15 a.m.  Main Conference Room	<b>Continued Conversation</b>  Continued conversation with keynote speaker Dr. Sandra Enos
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:45 -11:45 a.m.  Main Conference Room  Monastery Lounge	<b>Learning Exchange Panels (Concurrent Sessions) *</b>  1. "Learning Communities 101: Developing and Implementing Learning Communities" (Brad Hollingshead, Florida Southern College, and Rebecca Tumposky, Bunker Hill Community College)  2. "Balancing Use of Early Alert Systems: How to Use Community First" (Sue Maxam, Pace University)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Dining Room	<b>Lunch</b>
1:15-2:45 p.m.  Monastery Lounge  Main Conference Room	<b>Learning Exchange Panels (Concurrent Sessions) *</b>  1. "Learning Communities 102: Sustaining Existing Learning Communities" (Pat Morelli, Independent Learning Communities Practitioner)  2. "Career Counseling" (George Hill, Kingsborough)
3:00-6:00 p.m.	<b>Team Time; Networking</b>
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dining Room	<b>Dinner</b>
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  Main Conference Room         Outdoor Fire Pit	<b>Speed Networking!</b>  Facilitated by members of the ACLC Leadership Team  <b>Reception and Continued Conversations</b>  <b>Campfire with Kingsborough (weather permitting)</b>

**Friday, October 20**

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Dining Room	<b>Breakfast and Check out of rooms</b>
8:45-10:15 a.m.  Main Conference Room	<b>World Café</b>  1. "Building Community with Colleagues" (Terry Novak, Johnson & Wales U.)  2. "Community-based Learning" (Brad Hollingshead, Florida Southern College)  3. "How to Incorporate Wellness Practices into the Classroom" (Sue Maxam, Pace U.)  4. "Cross-Disciplinary Writing Assignments" (Pat Morelli, LC Practitioner)
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  Main Conference Room	<b>Moving Forward:</b> Community Discussion on the Future of Learning Communities Work

<p>12:00-12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Dining Room</p>	<p><b>Lunch, followed by departure</b></p>
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**ACLC Curriculum Planning Retreat Session Descriptions**

**Wednesday, October 18**

**7:00-8:00 p.m.**

We welcome **Dr. Sandra Enos**, retired Sociology professor at Roger Williams University, author, social activist, and founder of the social enterprise Giving Beyond the Box, as this year’s keynote speaker.

We often hear that it takes a village to raise a child, but we hear less about how these villages are created and sustained. It takes a village to fully educate our students. What makes a community a village that cares for all of its members? How do we create communities that advance learning and engagement? How do we not only build those communities for our students but also teach them how to build those communities and foster belonging? This presentation will share research and strategies for building community and enhancing student learning across several dimensions. These strategies can be used in and out of the classroom.

**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 19**

**9:15-10:15 a.m.**

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

**10:45-11:45 a.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. "Learning Communities 101: Developing and Implementing Learning Communities"

Wondering how to begin learning communities on your campus? Brad Hollingshead and Rebecca Tumposky will lead you through the process of imagining and creating learning communities on your campus, following proven strategies and using personal experience.

2. "Balancing Use of Early Alert Systems: How to Use Community First"

**1:15-2:45 p.m.**

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1. "Learning Communities 102: Sustaining Existing Learning Communities"
2. "Career Counseling"

**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.**

**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!

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 20**

**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 20 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 and the work and mission of the Atlantic Center for Learning Communities. What will you take back to campus to move forward with your learning communities work? What do you need from the ACLC to help move forward? Let’s map our future together!