Call for Papers

Conference Title: Reimagining the Liberal Arts in the Age of AI
Location: University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Virginia
Dates: July 21-23, 2026
Submission Deadline: Friday, December 5, 2025

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly transforming the landscape of higher education, challenging traditional pedagogies while offering potential opportunities for innovation. This conference invites scholars, educators, instructional designers, librarians, technologists, and administrators from colleges and universities to explore the intersections of AI, teaching, and the liberal arts.

We welcome proposals that critically and creatively engage with questions such as:

- What are the practical uses of AI in a liberal arts classroom?
- How is AI reshaping teaching and learning in specific liberal arts disciplines?
- How can AI foster new understandings of interdisciplinarity?
- What ethical and/or cultural frameworks should guide the integration of AI in the college classroom?
- How can liberal arts educators prepare students to think critically about AI and its impact on society?
- How can liberal arts educators prepare students to use AI tools after graduation as part of their careers and/or graduate school?
- How does AI impact accessibility in the classroom?

Submission Guidelines:
We invite proposals for individual papers, panels, workshops, and roundtable discussions. Submissions should include:

- Title and abstract (250–300 words)
- Brief bio (100–150 words) for each presenter
- Format preference (paper, panel, workshop, roundtable)

Please submit proposals using the online proposal form. Proposals must be submitted by Friday, December 5, 2025 at 9:00 PM (EST).

Audience:
This conference is designed for scholars, educators, instructional designers, librarians, technologists, and administrators working in liberal arts contexts who are looking to participate in constructive and ethical discussions about AI use at our respective institutions.

Questions?
Contact the conference organizers at Dr. Victoria Russell, Director of the Center for Teaching (vrussel3@umw.edu).

Join us as we explore how liberal arts institutions can shape, and be shaped by, the evolving presence of AI in higher education.