



59TH EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
**CONFERENCE ON
TEACHING MATHEMATICS**

Thursday, March 5, 2026 • Eastern Illinois University • 8:30AM – 2:00PM

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Before the x : Building the Numeracy that Makes Algebra Possible
Jackie Palmquist (Grade Level: K-12)

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Using “Open Middle” Problems to Strengthen Whole Number Operations
Adam Poetzel (Grade Level: Elementary School)

Building Numeracy: K-8 Strategies
Cathleen Weber (Grade Level: Elementary/Middle School)

Trauma-Informed Instruction in the Math Classroom.
Jeremy Babel (Grade Level: Middle/High School)

Experience Probability, Don’t Just Memorize It
Jackie Palmquist (Grade Level: High School)

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

Children’s Data Representation (tentative)
Amanda Cullen (Grade Level: Elementary School)

Using “Open Middle” Problems to Strengthen Fraction, Decimal, and Percent Operations
Adam Poetzel (Grade Level: Elementary/Middle School)

Everyone Can Access Algebra with Number Talks
Jackie Palmquist (Grade Level: Middle/High School)

Mathematics Skills for ACT Readiness
Cathleen Weber (Grade Level: High School)

Lunch is included with paid registrations.