2026 ONLINE SUMMIT

Navigating the Nontraditional

Monday, November 2, 2026
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Central Time
FREE virtual summit

SUMMIT AT A GLANCE

One summit link all day.

General sessions take place in the Main Room. During the morning concurrent session block, choose Breakout Room A, B, C or D. The Main Room remains open as the Summit Hub.

Time	Main Room / Program	Breakout Room A	Breakout Room B	Breakout Room C	Breakout Room D
9:00-9:20 a.m.	**Welcome & Opening Remarks**				
9:20-10:20 a.m.	**Opening Panel: Voices of Nontraditional Students**				
10:20-10:30 a.m.	**Screen Break**				
10:30-11:20 a.m.	**SUMMIT HUB** **Main Room remains open** *Session evaluation link & summit assistance*	**BREAKOUT A** **Creating Opportunities for Connection** *Mollie Mart*	**BREAKOUT B** **Through Their Eyes: Rethinking Your Institution From a Nontraditional Student's Perspective** *Rebecca Baker*	**BREAKOUT C** **Beyond Detection: Design for Mastery** *Glorian Konieczny & Nick White*	**BREAKOUT D** ***How Contemporary Academic Librarians Support Non-Traditional Students in Achieving Their Goals*** *Steve Brantley*
11:20-11:30 a.m.	**Transition / Screen Break**				
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Facilitated Networking Discussions**				
12:00-1:00 p.m.	**Lunch Break**				

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1:00-1:50 p.m.	**SUMMIT HUB** **Main Room remains open** *Session evaluation link & summit assistance*	**BREAKOUT A** **The Parable of the Dust Buster and the Toddler** *Amy Christopherson & Elizabeth Orr*	**BREAKOUT B** **Re-Enrollment as a Workforce Strategy** *Hannah Oganeku*	**BREAKOUT C** **"This Is Crazy Work!": Helping Students Transition to College from GED Programs** *Dr. Alana J. Simmons*
1:50-2:00 p.m.	**Screen Break**			
2:00-2:50 p.m.	**SUMMIT HUB** **Main Room remains open** *Session evaluation link & summit assistance*	**BREAKOUT A** **From Confrontation to Connection: De-escalating Difficult Conversations with Nontraditional Students** *Ashley Dalton*	**BREAKOUT B** ~~**From Interest to Enrollment: Removing Barriers for Transfer and Accelerated Nursing Students**~~ ~~*Lynn F. Bailey*~~	**BREAKOUT C** **Flourishing in Transition: Creating Wellbeing-Centered Onboarding Experiences for Adult Learners** *Brett L. Petersen-Bruner*
2:50-3:00 p.m.	**Screen Break / Transition**			
3:00-4:00 p.m.	**Closing General Session, Summit Wrap-Up & Evaluations**			

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