

NDUS AI Forum

Agenda

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – 2:30-3:30 pm CST

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1. Welcome
2. Speaker(s)/Presentation(s):

Exploring the Future with CoPilot Pioneers

A Recap of the recently concluded CoPilot Pioneers Program held at the University of North Dakota

John Parrot – joining from Microsoft’s partner Go-Planet was the Facilitator of the program and will provide a short demo discussing the art of the possible and security.

John Parrott began his career as a high school teacher, where he honed his skills in education and communication. Transitioning into the corporate world, he discovered his passion for Microsoft through corporate training opportunities. This experience led him to view Microsoft not merely as a set of tools, but as an orchestra that anyone can learn to conduct a symphony with. Now, as an Organizational Change Management consultant, John leverages his expertise to help organizations unlock the full potential of Microsoft's offerings. After many years of guiding organizations, he has recently completed his first year at Planet Technologies, continuing his mission to educate and empower others.

Richard Van Eck & Monica Norby - participants in the program will provide insights into experience with the program and how they utilize copilot within their respective working environments.

Richard Van Eck is the founding Dr. David and Lola Rognlie Monson Endowed Chair in Medical Education and Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS). His faculty development and research activities across the SMHS focus on evidence-based teaching, innovative teaching methods, simulations and games for learning, artificial intelligence, and telehealth. He has a PhD in instructional design from the University of South Alabama, served as the PI on the American Medical Association’s Innovation grant (gamification for competency-based medical education) and on the AMA Accelerating Change in Medical Education Consortium projects on interprofessional telemedicine simulation. He is the convener of the UND SMHS Working Group on AI and has been actively working on the integration of AI into health care education since 2023. His research focuses on simulations and games for learning, and he has served as a designer, evaluator, and/or principal investigator on eight STEM education games, most recently a HRSA-funded grant for a geriatrics education game (GeriPOP).

Monica is an Assistant Teaching Professor in Biomedical Sciences at UND. She teaches undergraduate microbiology courses and medical school microbiology labs.

3. Announcements/Upcoming Events

Upcoming AI Forum Dates:

- Tuesday, May 13, 2025 – 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 - Guest Speaker: [Richard Burt - Midwest Reliability Organization](#)

Upcoming Events

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