

Cultivating an OER Learning Landscape Agenda

April 15, 2024 North Dakota Heritage Center 612 E Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, ND

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM Registration | Russell Reid Auditorium

Refreshments | Missouri River Event Center

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM Welcome & Introductions | Russell Reid Auditorium

Ms. Lisa Johnson

9:15 AM – 9:50 AM Student & Faculty Panel on OER Experiences | Russell Reid Auditorium

Moderators | Dr. Tanya Spilovoy and Mr. Thomas Beadle

Student Panelists | Mr. Jason Fincel, Ms. Grace Reep, and Ms. Sunday Oluchi Faculty Panelists | Dr. Virginia Clinton-Lisell, Ms. Melissa Remick, and Mrs. Jennifer Sherman

Mrs. Jennifer Sherman

Hear first-hand experiences of students and faculty from across the state who are engaged in OERs at their respective institutions. Student panelists hope to convey the growing demand for OER textbooks, while faculty share their experiences with textbook adoption and OER course development.

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Morning Breakout Session 1

Lecture Room A | *Ms. Sybil Priebe* | The Ultimate Accessibility Party with OER This presentation will explore practical strategies and innovative approaches to ensure that OER is/are welcoming and accessible to all individuals, regardless of their backgrounds or abilities. From basic implementation of alt-text to embracing diverse perspectives, attendees will discover how to create OER where every learner can thrive.

Lecture Room B | *Mr. Jackson Harper* | OER Best Practices and Library Q & A Entering the realm of open education resources (OER) can be overwhelming. "This new tool sure sounds neat, but where do I start?" Join this breakout session to get an OER librarian's perspective into confidently developing your project and current trends in OER. After the presentation, there will be a question-and-answer session. **Russell Reid Auditorium** | *Dr. Virginia Clinton-Lisell* | How Creative Commons Licensing Can Promote Equity and Innovation

This presentation will review the benefits of Creative Commons licensing for open educational resources that are affordable and flexible. In addition, ideas for how to have students license their work for public sharing (known as open pedagogy) are provided. Research evidence to support the use of both open educational resources and open pedagogy will be provided.

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Morning Breakout Session 2

Lecture Room A | *Dr. Kiersten Baughman and Dr. Melissa Remick* | Creative Ways to Implement OER on Campus

This presentation will explore internal and external funding sources that institutions could use to reduce course material costs including OER. Ways that departments serving large general education course sections have incorporated OER into their curricula will be highlighted as well as the success of previously implemented campus OER initiatives with attendees encouraged to reflect on how their own programs and institutions could introduce similar opportunities.



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Lecture Room B | *Mr. Clint Saunders* | Developing an OER Course, Where to Begin In this session, we will look at various OER classes and discuss methods for research, development, and presentation in the different types of classes. We will discuss finding credible sources, cross-referencing research, and presenting the material.

Russell Reid Auditorium | Ms. Alicia LaFerriere, Ms. Jenny Sjoquist, and Ms. Maddison Melquist | Beyond Bound Pages: Maximizing Affordability through Campus Bookstore and Library Partnerships

Collaboration is an opportunity for campus stores and libraries to bring about positive outcomes for faculty and students. In addition to discussing their perspectives, presenters will share how they are increasing affordability by working on common goals, removing barriers to student access, and improving faculty relations.

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM

Lunch | Missouri River Event Center

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Strategies for Effective OER Course Marking | Russell Reid Auditorium

Ms. Rebecca Ringham and Ms. Claire Gunwall

This presentation will provide insight into the vital role of OER course marking. Participants will gain valuable insights into NDUS course marking definitions, institutional-level processes, student navigation of OER courses, and the SBHE awareness of OER course markings. Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your understanding of OER course marking and its impact on educational pathways.

1:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Refreshments | Lecture Room A & Lecture Room B

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

Developing OER System-Level Policy through a Community Approach | Lecture Room A & Lecture Room B

Dr. Liliana Diaz

In this session, participants will engage with examples from other systems and state-level policies on OER and be asked to collaboratively draft system-level policies they would like to see implemented at the SBHE. Materials produced in this session will be used by NDUS staff to inform the development of system-level policies that support the adoption and scalability of OER.

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

OER Advocacy | Russell Reid Auditorium

Ms. Hailey Babb

In this session, participants will learn foundational steps for advocating for OER with institutional and state leaders. Teams will work together to start an advocacy plan on an issue of importance to their institution's building efforts.

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Maintaining the Momentum and 3-2-1 Wrap-Up Activity | Russell Reid Auditorium

Ms. Lisa Johnson



Ms. Hailey Babb, Open Education Program Manager, SPARC Hailey is the Open Education Program Manager at SPARC and is based in Edmonton, Alberta,

Canada. In her previous role as President of her University's Students' Union, Hailey lobbied the issue of OER and textbook affordability at the institutional, provincial, and national level in Canada. At SPARC, Hailey has played a key role in the open education team's major projects, including co-developing and instructing the SPARC Foundations in Advocacy Skills Pilot Program. Hailey also supports SPARC's policy and advocacy work, leadership development, and community organizing with the goal of making education more open for all.



Mr. Thomas Beadle, ND State Treasurer Thomas was elected in 2020 to serve as North Dakota's State Treasurer. He brings a commitment to transparency, accountability, and efficiency to the

Office of State Treasurer. He believes that we have a duty to protect taxpayer dollars and promote fiscal responsibility. Thomas has a background in commercial real estate investment and brokerage. He previously served as a State Representative for North Dakota's 27th district from 2010-2020, serving on numerous committees, including the Appropriations Committee, and focused on expanding our economy, developing our workforce, and bringing new technologies to our region.



Dr. Kiersten Baughman, Associate Professor of Psychology, VCSUKiersten teaches a variety of psychology courses at all levels. This is her 10th year of full-time teaching. She holds a Ph.D.

and M.S. in Experimental Psychology from the University of Oklahoma and grew up in the Cincinnati, OH area, spending the beginning of her career in various states including Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky before moving to North Dakota 5 years ago.



Dr. Virginia Clinton-Lisell, Associate Professor in Educational Foundations and Research, UND

Virginia holds a master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other

Languages from New York University and a doctorate in Educational Psychology from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Clinton-Lisell's research focuses on reading comprehension, open education, and effective learning. She is the Primary Researcher for the Open Education Group.



Dr. Liliana Diaz, Senior Policy Analyst, WICHE

Liliana, a policy analyst with WICHE, works on a diverse range of activities including conducting and

communicating policy research on a wide array of higher education-related topics, developing and sustaining relationships with external stakeholders, and conceptualizing and executing short- and long-term collaborative projects with states. Diaz received her B.S. in journalism and mass communication, B.A. in film studies, and a certificate in Technology, Arts, and Media from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Denver.



Mr. Jason Fincel, Student, NDSU
Jason attends North Dakota State
University. He received his bachelor's
degree in political science and is
pursuing a master's degree in public
policy. He is originally from Grand

Marais, MN, and lived in Calgary, Alberta before going to school in Fargo.





Ms. Claire Gunwall, Director of Academic Affairs, NDUS

Claire joined the system office in 2020. She works closely with NDUS institution academic affairs council members and

core technology services regarding academic requests related to programs offered at NDUS institutions. She coordinates 35 faculty academic discipline groups and serves as a liaison between the NDUS Office and the institutions faculty and staff. She provides leadership for editing or developing new policies and procedures. Claire received her B.S. in Business Administration from VCSU and M.S. in Management from MiSU.

Mr. Jackson Harper, OER Librarian, UND

Jackson joined the university's Chester Fritz Library in 2022 after earning his Master of Library Science from Indiana University earlier that year. He received his B.A. from Cornell University in 2017 and previously worked as a laboratory manager at Penn State University.



Ms. Lisa Johnson, Vice Chancellor of Academic & Student Affairs, NDUS

Lisa's work is concentrated on program approval, policy and procedures, transfer and articulation, and the health, morale,

and well-being of the system's 44,000 students. She is the University System's liaison to councils, task forces, internal and external advisory groups, and several collaborative interagency partnerships. She was instrumental in planning and transitioning to the current student information system before joining the University System in 2009.



Ms. Alicia LaFerriere, Department Manager of the Course Materials, NDSU

Alicia began her career with the NDSU Bookstore in 2005. After earning an M.B.A. from NDSU in 2018, she began

serving in her current position.

Ms. Maddison Melquist, Humanities Librarian, NDSU

Maddison has served as the Humanities Librarian at NDSU Libraries since 2019, previously serving as the Course Reserves Supervisor. In this role, she oversees collection development for her assigned subject areas, as well as the leisure reading collection. She received her MLIS from Kent State University in 2016.



Ms. Sybil Priebe, Associate Professor of English, Communication, & Performing Arts/Program Coordinator, NDSCS

Sybil has been teaching since 2005, including First-Year Experience; Technical Communications; College Composition I & II; Intro to Creative Writing; and World Literature. Her research and teaching interests are Open-Educational Resources and Pedagogy (OER/OEP); ungrading; accessibility; punk theory; PBL; COI; multi-modal and multi-genre projects; and blogs. She self-publishes her own teaching journals and has created 4+ OER textbooks. While she dislikes Shakespeare, she does love George Carlin and chicken nuggets. In her spare time, she collects books, bicycles, and memes.



Ms. Grace Reep, Student, VCSU
Grace is currently a Junior in the History
Education program at Valley City State
University. She transferred to VCSU
after completing general education

courses at North Dakota State College

of Science. Grace currently serves as the Vice President of Governmental Affairs for the North Dakota Student Association, and the current student representative on the North Dakota General Education Council. She has been very involved in OER initiatives this year and is excited to discuss them further!





Ms. Melissa Remick, Bridges Coordinator and English Instructor, DCB

Melissa currently works for Dakota College at Bottineau as a Program Coordinator and English Instructor.

She moved to Valley City from Bemidji, MN, where she received her M.A. She has taught English and developmental English courses for 9 years.

Ms. Rebecca Ringham, Registrar, MiSU

Rebecca has served as the Registrar at Minot State University for a fortunate thirteen years and has been part of the university community for a total of 18 years.



Mr. Clint Saunders, Associate
Professor/Chair of Photography, DCB
Clint currently teaches general
education art courses and CTE
photography courses. Clint began

teaching college in 2003 at VCSU. He currently teaches 13 OER courses both on campus and online.



Mrs. Jennifer Sherman, Associate Professor of Mathematics, MiSU Jennifer is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics with an interest in mathematics education. She

teaches courses for pre-service mathematics educators, as well as mathematics courses for other programs at Minot State University.



Ms. Jenny Sjoquist, Head of Resource Acquisition, Management & Discovery, NDSU

Jenny has been in her position at NDSU Libraries since 2015. She began her library career as a student assistant in

her junior year (2001), obtained an MLS in 2007 from the University of North Texas, and worked in a variety of roles at the library during her time at NDSU.



Dr. Tanya Spilovoy, Grants and Strategic Partnerships, Association of Governing Boards (AGB) of Universities and Colleges

Dr. Spilovoy led the statewide ND OER Initiative for NDUS and was the founder of the National Consortium of Open Educational Resources, a collaboration among all four regional compacts (WICHE, NEBHE, MHEC, and SREB). She also led the SPARC Open Educational Leadership Program and published research with Bayview Analytics.



Ms. Sunday Oluchi, Student, UND Sunday is proud to be an Energy Engineering student at UND as well as a delegate serving the North Dakota Student Association. Championing

clean energy access, resilience, sustainability, and security fuels her joy and her dream of a safe and secure world. She enjoys solving complex and dynamic problems. It is a privilege to join in shaping policies that are targeted at developing and aiding educational institutions, especially where she calls home North Dakota.

