

TRENT'S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION PRESENTS

Making Meaning in the 21st Century

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 | 3:45pm - 8pm

Trent University's School of Education invites educators across all divisions to an evening of dialogue, reflection, and exploration focused on teaching in the age of artificial intelligence. Through collaborative discussions and the sharing of instructional strategies, participants will

... *gain practical tools and frameworks* ...

to support effective teaching and learning in the 21st century. Interactive sessions will explore critical thinking pedagogies that respond to the opportunities and challenges emerging in today's classrooms, while also considering the ethical, emotional, and environmental implications of AI in education.

The evening's FREE professional development will feature:

- 3:45PM ● Welcome
- 4:00PM ● Heidi Siwakf | i-thinktogether.org
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- 4:30PM ● Nogah Kornberg | i-thinktogether.org
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- 5:00PM ● DINNER / NETWORKING
- 6:00PM ● Ryan Oliver | amp.ca
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- 6:30PM ● Cynthia Reynolds | furiousthink.com
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- 7:00PM ● Q&A with Presenters / Closing Remarks

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Heidi Siwakf
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Heidi is an Ontario educator with +25 years of experience and now Teacher Coach at I-Think, an education charity originating at the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto, that is focused on helping children and youth become optimistic and confident problem solvers. She leads I-Think's work in Artificial Intelligence and is the architect of I-Think's Artificial Intelligence Challenge Kit for gr. 6-12 students where over 5000 students have engaged in deep critical thinking about AI and use an empathy-based problem-solving process to imagine how AI might enhance the lives and possibilities of all students. She believes that student and teacher voices need to be front and center as AI tools are developed for education. Heidi runs Artificial Intelligence workshops for educators, subject associations, and parent groups. She most recently attended Mila Quebec Institute for Artificial Intelligence Summer School for Responsible AI and Human Rights. Prior to I-Think, Heidi was a K-8 educator for the HWDSB and has a M.Ed. In Education Leadership and Policy. Her work includes several years at the Ontario Ministry of Education in the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch, supporting the integration of Transferable Skills into learning through the Technology and Learning Fund.

Heidi is passionately committed to helping students, teachers, and school leaders develop essential skills to explore the main issues facing society and education systems in the development and application of AI. She is committed to responsible and ethical AI in education and exercising leadership skills to empower students and educators to navigate the multidisciplinary and practical reality of responsible AI and human rights.



Nogah Kornberg
i-thinktogether.org

As a strategist, designer, educator and leadership advisor, Nogah marvels at what a hard problem demands. She brings the right people around the right questions, navigating complexity and constraints, to build the clarity and alignment needed to move from aspiration to implementation. Nogah work with leaders and teams to presence the future by designing for longevity, scale and impact, always in service of the people at the centre of the work. As Co-Executive Director of I-Think, she creates solutions that translate vision into lasting impact.

Nogah holds a Honours Bachelor of Arts from Trent University in History and Indigenous Studies. She received her Bachelor of Education and Master of Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto.

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As the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Ampere Association, Oliver has grown the organization from a single desk in Pangnirtung, Nunavut to a diverse 100+ person staff with headquarters in Ontario and Nunavut, delivering community-centred programming and resources from coast to coast to coast. In that time, Ampere has received the 2016 Arctic Inspiration Prize, been awarded the 2017 Startup Canada Awards for Best Social Enterprise North and Best Social Enterprise Canada-wide, and seen its Root & STEM magazine nominated for two 2021 National Magazine Awards. In 2025, Ryan led Ampere through the acquisition of Canada Learning Code.



Cynthia Reynolds
furiousthink.com

Cynthia Reynolds is the founder of Toronto-based Furious Think, which offers downloadable resources that help young people practice and build critical thinking, imagination and conversation skills. Along with her 14 years of experience in strategic communications, Cynthia draws on philosophy, history, literature, mythology, current issues and pop culture to create human-centred, challenging and primarily open-ended content that is accessible to a range of ages and levels. She founded Furious Think in 2019 and continues to make usability a priority by ensuring her materials are flexible, simple and engaging. Furious Think resources are used by parents and educators around the world, including Canada, the U.S., Britain and Australia.

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