

Name, role, and institution of the head applicant

On behalf of the BC Open Education Librarians group (BCOEL):

- Elizabeth Johnston, Undergraduate Liaison Librarian (University Canada West)
- Lindsay Tripp, Librarian and Open Education Coordinator (snəwəyət leləm' - Langara College)
- McKenzie Young, Coordinator, Open Educational Resources (Vancouver Community College)

Description of the event

BCOEL has invited Autumm Caines as a speaker for Open Education Week. Autumm is Lead Instructional Designer at the University of Michigan – Dearborn and instructional faculty at College Unbound. Maha Bali, a well-respected academic in the open education community, highlighted Autumm's blog as essential reading during a recent episode of the [Future Trends Forum](#). Autumm has authored a number of viral blog posts that explore how generative AI technologies are often at odds with the core values of the open education movement (e.g. transparency, equity). This will be the focus of her speaking engagement with BCOEL.

As Maha says, "there's a lot of men talking about AI. Listen to the women and what they have to say...They're looking at it in a different way." This intersects with BCcampus' Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement, as outlined in the Call for Proposals.

In keeping with our desire to amplify female voices in the open education and educational technology fields, we have invited Dr. Brenna Clarke Gray (Thompson Rivers University) to steer the conversation with Autumm. Brenna is a skilled facilitator and podcaster, who touches on related issues in a number of episodes of [You Got This!](#), the podcast she hosts for TRU.

[Note: Brenna is out of office until January 29, 2024 and has not yet responded to our invitation. If she is unavailable, a member of the BCOEL Steering Committee will fill the role].

Event date, time, and location

Autumm has confirmed availability during Open Education Week, but the exact date and time are TBD. She is starting a new consulting role and needs to confirm scheduling with her client. Autumm is located in Michigan, so this will be a virtual event.

Intended goal and audience of the event

This event is an opportunity to talk about a pressing challenge in open education. It asks us to take a step back and consider how ethical concerns with AI such as surveillance, bias, and discrimination are at odds with the shared values of the open education community. If our goal is to foster digital citizenship in our classrooms, how do we introduce these concepts to our students in a meaningful way and empower them to make informed decisions with new technologies? As Autumm writes, “it takes people to develop meaningful curricula around technology use, imagine harms and try to avoid them, and that takes time. I’m all for slowing this bus down.”

We believe that this topic will be of interest to a wide range of participants, including:

- Post-secondary educators
- Post-secondary administrators
- Open education coordinators/practitioners
- Instructional designers
- Educational technologists
- Academic librarians

How will the funds be spent

In keeping with the spirit of the open education movement, this will be a free event for participants. All fees associated with the event will be covered by event sponsors.

As Autumm’s speaking engagements have become increasingly in demand, she has switched to a transparent and flexible sliding-scale fee structure, typically ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 USD. She explains that this fee is “reflective of the effort and expertise that goes into each of my appearances and ensures that I deliver the utmost value to my audience.”

We anticipate that the speaker fee for BCOEL’s 2024 Open Education Week event will be on the lower end of Autumm’s scale, given that the conversational format will entail less preparation than a formal presentation (with a slide deck, speaker notes, etc.).

If Brenna accepts our invitation to moderate, we would also like to offer her a \$500 CAD honorarium in thanks for the time and energy required to prepare.

The fees associated with this event will exceed the generous \$1,000 grant offered by BCcampus. As such, Kwantlen Polytechnic, snəw'eyəł leləm' - Langara College, and University Canada West have agreed to serve as event co-sponsors.