

# University Forum 2025

## The Power of Playful Pedagogy: Igniting Belonging, Engagement, and Learning

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Adanti Grand Ballroom

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9:00-9:15	Welcome and Connection Former
9:15-9:30	Intro: Professors at Play Stories
9:30-9:50	Basics & Benefits: A Foundation for Playful Pedagogy
9:50-10:10	Playful Pedagogy in Practice
10:10-10:30	The Professor at Play
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:10	What is Play, Anyway?
11:10-12:40	Designing Play
12:40-1:00	Wrap-up: What Kind of Playful Professor Do You Want to Be?
1:00	Lunch

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## **Overview**

This workshop aims to introduce the concept of playful pedagogy in the higher education classroom as a liberatory practice. Participants in this half-day workshop will take a hands-on and playful approach to experiencing the value of play in teaching and learning the basic tools and structures for implementing play in their classrooms. The workshop will give participants actionable ideas, techniques, designs, approaches and constructs.

## **Welcome and Connection Former**

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## **Intro: Professors at Play Stories**

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## **Basics and Benefits: A Foundation for Playful Pedagogy**

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**Playful Pedagogy in Practice**

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**The Professor at Play**

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**What is Play,  
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**Designing Play**

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