

2 - 5PM, Friday 24 November

Keynote Conversation, Awards & Celebrations

Hosted by UNSW PVCESE

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Time	Session	Presentation title
1.30 - 2pm	Registration	Registration (Visit Lunchtime Expo Gallery 12.30-2pm)
2 - 2.15pm	Opening	Opening Address & Welcome to Country Presenters: Associate Professor Karin Watson & Aunty Maxine Ryan
2.15 - 3.30pm	Keynote Conversation	How can AI empower our learning & teaching? Panellists: Professor George Siemens (University of South Australia), Professor Mary-Anne Williams (UUNSW Business AI Lab, AI Institute and Michael J Crouch Chair for Innovation in the Business School) and Katia Fenton (Student Director, Arc, UNSW) Chair: Professor Alex Steel (Pro Vice-Chancellor Education & Student Experience) Abstract
3.30 - 4.30pm	Awards	Teaching Awards Ceremony Celebrating award winners and their achievements Award presenter: Scientia Professor Vlado Perkovic (UNSW Provost) Announcers: Professor Alex Steel (Pro Vice-Chancellor Education & Student Experience) & Professor Jonathan Morris (UNSW Pro Vice-Chancellor Research Training)
4.30 - 4.45pm	Closing	Closing Statements Presenter: Associate Professor Karin Watson
4.45 - 6pm	Celebrations	Drinks, nibbles and celebrations

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How can AI empower our learning & teaching?

Panellists: Professor George Siemens, Professor Mary-Anne Williams & Katia Fenton

Chair: Professor Alex Steel



Professor George Siemens researches networks, analytics, and human and artificial cognition in education. He has delivered keynote addresses in more than 35 countries on the influence of technology and media on education, organizations, and society. His work has been profiled in provincial, national, and international newspapers (including NY Times), radio, and television. He has served as PI or Co-PI on grants with funding from NSF, SSHRC (Canada), Intel, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Boeing, and the Soros Foundation. He has served as a collaborator on international grants in European Union, Singapore, Australia, Senegal, Ghana, and UK. He has received numerous awards, including honorary doctorates from Universidad de San Martín de Porres and Fraser Valley University for his pioneering work in learning, technology, and networks.

[Learn more about George.](#)



Professor Mary-Anne Williams is a Fellow at AAI, the international peak body for AI, and has worked in generative AI since 2017. Her pioneering work received two Google Faculty Awards. Mary-Anne teaches Corporate Innovation at the AGSM. She uses her leading-edge AI and business innovation research to inspire and empower student engagement and leads student teams in addressing major innovation challenges with CBA, Stockland, NASA and others. By coaching and creating an environment for everyone to succeed she has been able to design transformational student experiences that make a difference e.g. her team won the RoboCup Social Robotics World Championship in 2019. Mary-Anne's leadership as Faculty Advisor for Enactus UNSW earned her the 2022 Best Faculty Advisor Award from Enactus Australia. She helped to create Innovation majors for the BCom and MCom, and this year designed a new Business Innovation course, the innovation module for the UNSW Learn to Lead series for alumni, and an iStep MasterClass on Innovation for school students in India.

[Learn more about Mary-Anne.](#)



Professor Alex Steel is the Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor Education & Student Experience, and a Professor of the Law Faculty. Alex is an internationally recognised legal academic with interests in both criminal law and legal education. He has numerous teaching awards including a Commonwealth Government Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning. Alex was previously Associate Dean in the Law Faculty and co-convenor of the national Legal Education Associate Deans (LEAD) Network. He is a foundation member of the UNSW Scientia Education Academy, and former Director. [Learn more about Alex.](#)