18TH ANNUAL MCAPD ADJUNCT CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 11, 2025

8:30 AM—3:30 PM

FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dismantling Barriers to Effective Teaching and Learning

Call for Proposals

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE: June 30, 2025

Don't miss this chance to connect and grow with your colleagues!

Submit your proposal today and be part of a transformative experience.

Theme: "Dismantling Barriers to Effective Teaching and Learning"

Call for Proposals: The higher education landscape is evolving rapidly, and educators must navigate uncharted territory. How do we overcome trepidation and embrace change? Share your insights, creativity, and expertise by submitting a proposal for a 50-minute interactive workshop with clear learning objectives. This is your chance to contribute to meaningful discussions and innovative solutions.

Who Should Attend: This popular conference celebrates adjunct faculty but welcomes all part-time and full-time faculty (credit and non-credit), faculty development professionals, graduate students interested in teaching, and administrators. Connect with like-minded professionals and expand your network.

Fee Includes: Enjoy a full day of learning and networking with breakfast, lunch, a compelling keynote address, three engaging workshops, and a closing networking session featuring a celebration of faculty and exciting door prizes.

* Some institutions sponsor seats for their faculty. Please check with your institution to obtain a promo code.

**Acceptance notifications will be sent in July, 2025. All presenters must be registered for the conference.

Breakout Session Themes

- Innovations in Teaching
- Best Practices in Generative AI
- Dignity and Respect in the Classroom
- Student Engagement and Support
- Supporting Health and Wellness in Higher Education

Registration fees*:
- Regular (ends Sept 19): $80
- Late (Sept 20—Oct 4) $100

SUBMIT PROPOSALS HERE **

REGISTRATION LINK

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MATTHEW J. BOWERMAN

Matthew J. Bowerman is an award-winning educator, researcher, and keynote speaker with nearly 30 years in K-16 education. A nationally published author and advocate for trauma-responsive teaching, he is committed to creating healing-centered learning environments. His work has been widely published in Edutopia, NEA, NAESP, AMLE, and Teach Better, and his book, *Heartleader: A Trauma Responsive Approach to Teaching, Leading, and Building Community*, has helped educators nationwide foster empathetic, student-centered classrooms. An Emmy and Cine Golden Eagle Award recipient, Matthew also wrote *BusSTOP*, a short film addressing the bullying crisis in the U.S.

Currently completing his doctorate at Bowie State University, his research explores the lived experiences of African American educators implementing trauma-responsive practices. As a keynote speaker and trainer with Calmer Schools and Teacher Goals, he equips educators with strategies in trauma-responsive teaching, neurodivergence, bullying prevention, and mindfulness. A former professional actor and father of six, Matthew draws from his neurodivergent, trauma-impacted background to champion student-centered education. His philosophy is simple: "It's all about authentic relationships. It's all about authentic love."