

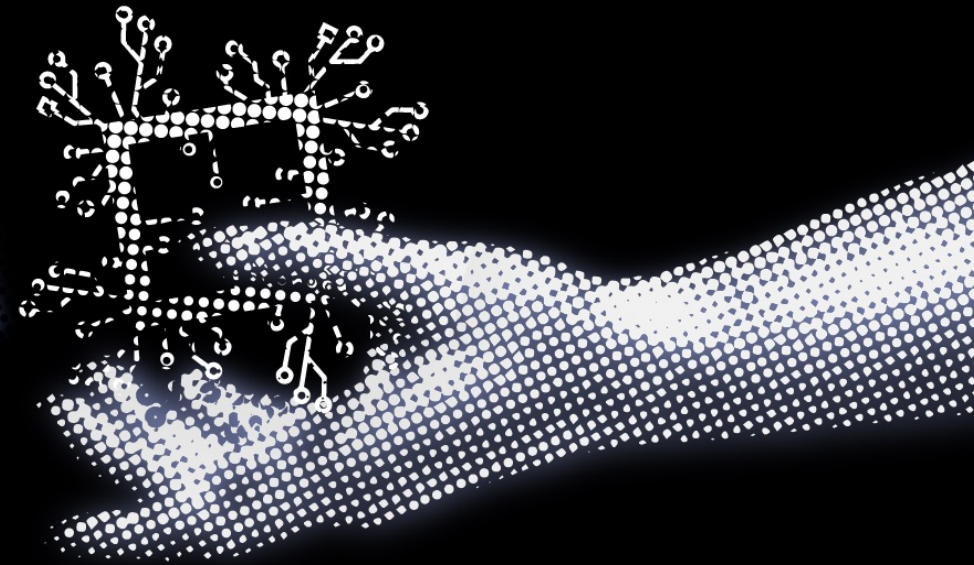
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CATALYSTS CREATIVITY CONNECTION

GBC'S Annual
Teaching & Learning Conference



The Art of Asking Questions

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Land Acknowledgment

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We are grateful to share this land as treaty people who learn, work and live in the community with each other.

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One day Alice came to a fork in the road and saw a
Cheshire cat in a tree.

"Which road do I take?" she asked.

His response
was a question:

"Where do you want to go?"

"I don't know," Alice answered.

"Then," said the cat,

"it doesn't matter."

- Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland



Question Design

“Skill in the art of questioning lies at the basis of all good teaching”

George Herbert Betts

Meaningful Question

- **Higher-order questions:** start with stems such as why, what caused, how did it occur, what if, how does it compare, or what is the evidence?
- **Initiate-Response-Evaluate (I-R-E) model.**
- **The K-W-L Strategy:** Teacher leads through initial steps and then transfers control to students.



Meaningful Question-
understand the purpose
of your question.

What do you want to learn or uncover?

- **Good Question:** C.P.B “Curious. Purposeful. Brave”.

- **Difference between discussion questions and purposeful questions.**

- **Purposeful question:** Facilitates analysis and diagnostics of a situation.

Nature of Question

- **Nature of question:** zooming into an image, further and further to get most of the detail out.
- **True version of Truth:** “Factual Truth” and “Useful Truth”.
- **Journey to the discovery of Embedded Truth.**
- Closed vs. Open-ended questions.



Golden Rule

- **Golden Rule:** The power of Why? ("How?", "What?")
- Degree based questions.
- Transcending "Yes" and "No."
- "Penetrating" and "Follow up" questions or "Focal" questions.



Thank you!



Conference Schedule

Description	Time
Registration/Coffee/Breakfast	8:00 am - 9:00 am
Opening Remarks	9:00 am - 9:20 am
Keynote 1 - Dr. Rhonda McEwen	9:20 am - 10:30 am
Session Block 1	10:40 am - 11:40 am
Session Block 2 - 20 min	11:50 am - 12:10 pm
Lunch	12:10 pm - 1:00 pm
Keynote 2 - Dr. Ioana Literat	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Session Block 3	2:10 pm - 3:10 pm
Concluding Ceremonies	3:10pm - 4:00 pm