

IOSS Conference 2025



November 13-14, 2025

Mainframe Studios

900 Keosauqua Way, Des Moines, IA

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Conference Information

Date: November 13 – 14, 2025

Location: Mainframe Studios
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Des Moines, IA 50314

Hotel Information: The closest hotel to Mainframe Studios is the Holiday Inn Des Moines Downtown – Mercy Area. Hotel Website: [Holiday Inn Dtown](#).
(No host hotel or group rate offered this year.)

Registration Website & Costs:

Conference registration found here: [IOSS 2025 Chapter Conference](#)

- Conference fee is \$100.00 **Includes all meals and snacks at conference.*
 - o Adjunct Instructor & Graduate student rate - \$70.00
- This fee also includes one-year IOSS membership (\$10 value)

*If you cannot attend the conference, but wish to renew or join IOSS, please visit this site:

[Iowa Chapter \(IOSS\) Membership](#)

- Yearly IOSS membership fee is \$10.

2025 Conference Schedule

Thursday, November 13th

8:30 am – 9:15 am	Check-In or On-site Registration • Coffee & pastries provided
9:15am – 9:30 am	Welcome
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Keynote: Bulldogs Belong Terrance Pendelton – Drake University
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Linda Eclatt, Lunita Planners
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch & IOSS annual chapter meeting
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Christine Her, Art Force Iowa
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Break & afternoon snack
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Midday Keynote: Belonging in the Classroom Bethany Sweeney—Des Moines Area Community College
4:00 pm	Discover Mainframe Studios Tour; Please contribute a \$2 donation to the Studio for the tour

Friday, November 14th

8:00 am – 8:45 am	Check-in • Coffee & pastries provided
8:45 am – 8:45 am	Welcome and announcements
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Emma Bowen, Momentum Art Collective
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Daniela Gaytan, Hola Center of Iowa!
11:30 am – 11:45 am	Break
11:45 am – 12:30 pm	Wrap-up and awarding of prizes
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	IOSS Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, November 13th

Keynote Address

9:30 am – 10:45 am

Bulldogs Belong



Presenter: Terrance Pendleton – Drake University

Drake is launching a new program called Bulldogs Belong: Resilient and Thriving, which aims to improve wellness and well-being for students, faculty, and staff; create a stronger sense of belonging, driven by a well-articulated institutional identity; and implement changes to students' advising, career readiness programming, and academic and co-curricular experiences, especially for first- and second-year students.

Dr. Pendleton is an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Drake University. He received both his Ph.D and M.S. in Applied Mathematics from North Carolina State University. Prior to Drake University, he was a postdoctoral research fellow at Iowa State University through the Alliance for Building Faculty Diversity.

Presentation 1

11:00 am – 12:00 pm



Planners to Organize Your Life

Presenter: Linda Eclatt

Linda "Lunita," a Colombian-born visual artist, stationery lover, and the creative force behind Lunita Planners. From a young age, her dad affectionately called her "Linda

Lunita" (which means "Pretty Little Moon"), a nickname she's embraced throughout her life and now in her business. A community college graduate with a degree in graphic design, Linda combines her Colombian -heritage into her designs and creates planner that make student organization fun and efficient.

Lunch

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Presentation 2

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

ArtForce Iowa



Presenter: Christine Her, ArtForce Iowa

Christine Her is the daughter of Hmong refugee parents from Laos. She graduated from East High School and pursued her B.A. at Drake University studying Creative Writing, Philosophy and Political Science. She currently serves as the Executive Director of ArtForce Iowa, a non-profit with a mission to transform youth in need through art. ArtForce Iowa is pioneering a non-pathologizing approach to working with youth who have court involvement or identify as refugee/immigrant. She is a cultural architect who is highly motivated to interrupt social and systemic injustices with hope and art while helping others rise in their own power and lean into their purpose.



Midday Keynote Address

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Belonging in the Classroom: Meeting Varied Student Needs

Presenter: Bethany Sweeney, Professor, Des Moines Area Community College

This presentation will provide concrete strategies and specific materials to help instructors navigate how to foster increased belonging for students with disabilities, LGBTQ+ students, and students from a wide range of cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

Friday, November 14th

Welcome

8:30:-9:00

Momentum

9:00 am – 10:00 am



Presenter: Emma Bowen, Momentum Artist Collective

Momentum offers a safe and inclusive studio space for artists with disabilities and mental health conditions. It strives to dismantle the stigma against mental health and disability in our community. They promote hope and resilience through art.

Hola! Center of Iowa

10:15 am – 11:30 am



Presenter: Daniela Gaytan

The Hola Center aims to serve as the bridge that connects Latinos in Iowa with the resources and opportunities they need to thrive by removing barriers and eliminating systemic gaps. They are dedicated to providing trusted resources, support, coordination of services, advocacy, and more for Latino & new immigrant communities, including the Latino College Access Network.



America Reads Campaign 2025 - 2026

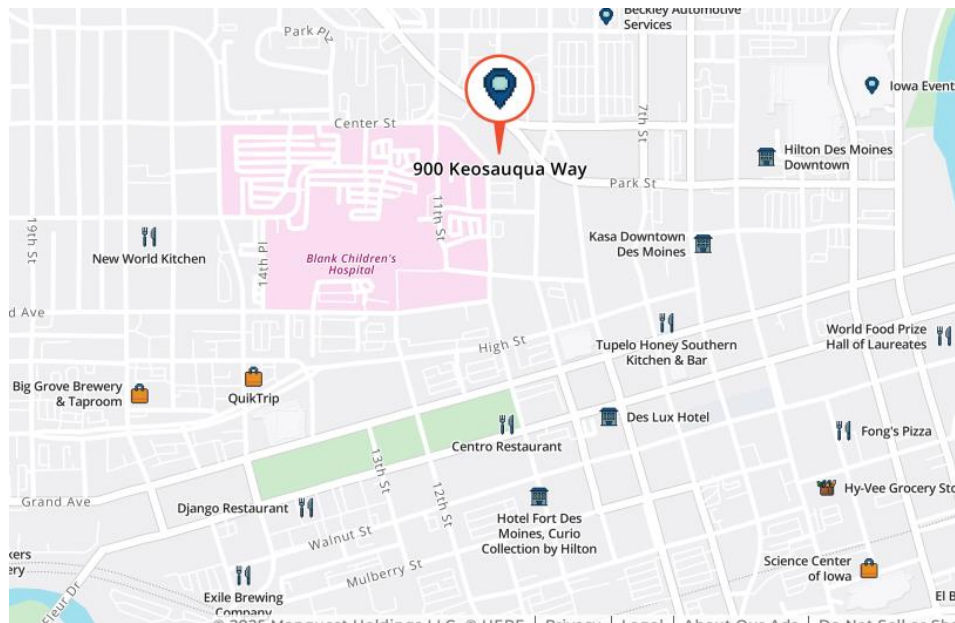


IOSS is pleased to share the joy of reading with elementary school students as we continue our participation in the America Reads program.

Recipients of our book donations for 2025-2026 are enrolled at [Irving Dual Language Elementary](#) in Sioux City.



Directions to Mainframe Studios
900 Keosauqua Way
Des Moines



The conference will be held in the large meeting on the first floor.

Parking: Parking should be available in the lot next to the building or beneath the building.

"900 Keosauqua Way." MapQuest. <https://www.mapquest.com/us/iowa/des-moines/50309-1519/900-keosauqua-way-41.5912,-93.63053>. Accessed 29 Oct. 2025.