Calendar of Events

April 29, 2026	**Distance & Online Learning Interest Group** **MiALA** **1407 Rensen Street** **Lansing, MI 48910** 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Hello Colleagues,

A lot has changed in the digital landscape since 2022. As distance and online learning continue to evolve at breakneck speed, the need for a collaborative community is greater than ever.

We are officially "rebooting" the Distance & Online Learning Interest Group, and we'd love for you to help us dust off the cobwebs. We're starting with a blank slate and a fresh pot of coffee (virtual or otherwise). This isn't just another meeting; it's a chance to reshape how we support each other and our students in this "new normal."

At our first meeting, we will:

Define our Vision: What do we want to achieve this year?
Collaborate: Share the biggest challenges we've faced during our hiatus.
Connect: Meet new faces and reconnect with old ones.

Join the Zoom Conversation: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 @1pm EST
(https://gocc.zoom.us/j/8209051079?omn=84812845676)
The Proposed, but Flexible Agenda:

Welcome (back)…let's get to know each other by introducing ourselves

Who are you? Name
Where are you from? Organization and/or Location
What do you do there? Position
What do you hope to get from this IG?

The Group & Its Future

Currently, leadership is the IG Chair position, do we want to add any others?
What should the focus/purpose of this group be? If we could only solve one problem as a group this semester, what should it be?
What do we want to do as a group (activities)?

What is the one topic you'd be most excited to discuss (e.g., AI in the classroom, student retention, new tech tools)?
What is one "small win" or cool tool you've discovered for online learning in the last year that you'd be willing to share for 2 minutes?

Any ideas on events we could host?

Monthly/bi-monthly newsletter
Host a mini-conference or webinar (topic of interest?)
Present at the annual conference (as a group with volunteers presenting)
Discord (or similar app) server creation

Learning more about each other…

What are you doing at your institutions to support your distance and online learners? Tell us about those activities!
Do you have services specifically aimed at your distance and online learners at your institution? We would love to hear about them!
Does your institution have committees that focus on online learning endeavors and students? What are they called, and what do they do?
What would you like your organization to do better or start doing to support students participating in online/distance/hybrid courses?

Meetings will be the last Wednesday of the month at 1pm EST with the next few meetings (and their topics of interest) tentatively:

May 27, 2026 (Marketing tactics, best practices, & outreach tactics)
June 24, 2026 (Curriculum design practices/tips, tutorial creation, & tips for meaningful engagement in a virtual/hybrid world)
July 29, 2026 (AI's influence on distance/online learning, including hybrid courses, and how educators can integrate it)

April 30, 2026	**Assessment IG Meeting**
	Email Delaney Jorgensen at jorgedel@gvsu.edu for the Zoom link
	10:15 AM - 11:00 AM EST
	Delaney Jorgensen,
	jorgedel@gvsu.edu
	Join the Assessment Interest Group to discuss website and discovery assessment. If you'd like to attend, email Delaney Jorgensen at jorgedel@gvsu.edu for the Zoom link!
May 6, 2026 - May 8, 2026	**MiALA Annual Conference**
	MiALA
	1407 Rensen Street
	Lansing, MI 48910
	Please visit https://miala.org/annual_conference_2026.php for schedule informati
	2026 MiALA Annual Conference
	Park Place Hotel & Conference Center
	Traverse City, MI
	For further information: https://miala.org/annual_conference_2026.php
May 11, 2026	**HSIG Meeting**
	https://udmercy-edu.zoom.us/j/91548799336?pwd=qmNbJ5WsDtAPPkVtnM1FKRr8Z6YlJ8.1
	10:00 AM - 11:15 AM EST
	Jennifer I. Bowen, MLIS,
	bowenji@udmercy.edu
	MiALA Conference Recap: Tales from Traverse City

May 12, 2026	**IGCC Meeting** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST *Join the meeting now* *Meeting ID: 282 376 956 204* *Passcode: rD7QN3yw*
May 14, 2026	**MiALA Board Meeting** **Zoom** 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST *Join Zoom Meeting* *https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84710125022?pwd=DrU3o43129jIwkHBCisHrt4zkXHZIa.1* *Meeting ID: 847 1012 5022* *Passcode: 288398* *---* *One tap mobile* *+16468769923,,84710125022#,,,,*288398# US (New York)* *+16469313860,,84710125022#,,,,*288398# US* *---* *Dial by your location* *• +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)* *• +1 646 931 3860 US* *• +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)* *• +1 305 224 1968 US* *• +1 309 205 3325 US* *• +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)* *• +1 507 473 4847 US* *• +1 564 217 2000 US* *• +1 669 444 9171 US* *• +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)* *• +1 689 278 1000 US* *• +1 719 359 4580 US* *• +1 253 205 0468 US* *• +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)* *• +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)* *• +1 360 209 5623 US* *• +1 386 347 5053 US*
May 14, 2026	**Mid-Level Leadership IG Meetup** **https://msu.zoom.us/j/98297226918?pwd=I9WiCZ9bt4wWzl4IOsbx6bucw2WR9B.1** 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST Emilia Marcyk, marcyk@msu.edu *Join the Mid-Level Leadership IG for a monthly informal discussion or presentation about a variety of leadership topics. Spring 2026 meetings will take place by Zoom on the second Thursday of every month, 1-2 pm (February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11).*

May 22, 2026	**MIX Conference Proposals Due**
	All day
	Kelli Herm,
	hermk@lcc.edu
	May 22 is the deadline to submit your proposal for the MIX 2026
	Conference. Presentation formats include individual or group presentations, panel
	discussions, or lightning talks (10 minutes each).
	All proposals will be blind-reviewed by the MIX Conference Planning Committee. You
	must register for the conference if your proposal is accepted.
	Submit your proposal
May 27, 2026	**Distance & Online Learning Interest Group**
	MiALA
	1407 Rensen Street
	Lansing, MI 48910
	01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST
	Topic: Marketing tactics, best practices, & outreach tactics

June 4, 2026	**MiALA Board Meeting**

Zoom
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84710125022?pwd=DrU3o43129jIwkHBCisHrt4zkXHZIa.1

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June 9, 2026	**new event**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST
Join the meeting now
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June 11, 2026	**Mid-Level Leadership IG Meetup**

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July 17, 2026	**MIALA?s MIX 2026 Conference: Mapping Trends in Information Literacy Instruction** **Alma College Library** 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM EST *MIALA's MIX 2026 Conference: Mapping Trends in Information Literacy Instruction* *Date: Friday July 17, 2026* *Time: 10am-4pm with optional happy hour immediately following at Block House* *Location: Alma College Library* *A call for conference session proposals and registration details coming soon. Stay tuned!*
July 29, 2026	**Distance & Online Learning Interest Group** **MiALA** **1407 Rensen Street** **Lansing, MI 48910** 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST *Topic: AI's influence on distance/online learning, including hybrid courses, and how educators can integrate it*
August 11, 2026	**IGCC Meeting** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST *Join the meeting now* *Meeting ID: 282 376 956 204* *Passcode: rD7QN3yw*