



EATS CONFERENCE 2026



TIME	MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026	LOCATION
10:30 – 11 a.m.	CHECK-IN	Foyer Outside Great Hall
11 – 12:00 p.m.	WELCOME AND CONFERENCE LOGISTICS MEET YOUR BETTER HALF – COLLABORATE TO GET IT DONE - Through interactive workshopping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Find a Writing Partner o Find a Competition Co-host o Find a Mentor o Find a Collaborator 	Great Hall
12:00 – 12:15 p.m.	BREAK	
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	ALL GROUP SESSION COMPETITION V. THE REAL WORLD - What are the “right” skills to teach? - Do our courses and competitions teach these skills? - What is getting left out and how do we prioritize?	Great Hall
1:15 – 2:30 p.m.	LUNCH NALAE UPDATE NITA & ASPEN ROUNDTABLE - Roundtable discussion with NITA and Aspen editors about how publishers can support the advocacy community members	Mann Lounge Great Hall

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5 – 6 p.m.	ALL GROUP SESSION REMEMBERING JERRY DEISE COACHING 360: FROM FINDING TO SUPPORTING TO BEING A COACH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploring how we recruit, train, and support coaches - Tackling the challenges of coaching and how program directors can assist 	Great Hall
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	HAPPY HOUR AT THE TOASTED MONKEY	678 75th Ave. St. Pete Beach, FL 33706.

Time	Tuesday, June 9 2026	Location
7 a.m.	RUNNING/WALKING/REFLECTING AT THE BEACH (INFORMAL GATHERING)	Beach behind Beach Suites 3860 Gulf Blvd. St. Pete Beach
9 – 10 a.m.	BREAKFAST & INFORMAL CLUBS THE BOOK CLUB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Discussing interesting books that affect your teaching or practice?</i> THE NEW DIRECTORS' CLUB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Addressing common challenges & sharing potential solutions</i> 	Mann Lounge Great Hall
10 – 10:15 a.m.	WELCOME FROM DEAN BARROS	Great Hall
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	ALL GROUP SESSION – “HOW DO I TEACH”	Great Hall
11:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.	BREAK	
12 – 1 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSIONS SESSION 1: FROM COURTROOM TO CLASSROOM: NAVIGATING THE LEAP INTO ACADEMIA	Great Hall

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding the unwritten rules when navigating faculty expectations and culture when you didn't come through the traditional academic pipeline - Advocating your value to administrators and colleagues <p>SESSION 2: ADVANCING OUR STUDENTS IN THE JOB MARKET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharing how we are working with Career and Professional Development colleagues on developing pipelines for their students - Working on ways to collaborate with advocacy community colleagues to support our students in the national job market 	Eleazor Courtroom
1 – 2:15 p.m.	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>PRESENTATION (1:15 – 1:45 p.m.)</p> <p>LUNCH PRESENTATION:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annual Advocacy Writing Competition Winner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“TRIAL LAWYERS HAVE BEEN TEACHING COGNITIVE SCIENCE FOR 2,000 YEARS: HOW MODERN NEUROSCIENCE EXPLAINS ADVOCACY PEDAGOGY BUILT ON ANCIENT WISDOM”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Adam Sokoloff</i></p> <p>AI VENDOR DEMOS</p>	Mann Lounge Great Hall
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	<p>ALL GROUP</p> <p>CREATING YOUR OWN CHATBOT – LET AI HELP STUDENTS PRACTICE THEIR SKILLS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providing simple steps to employ AI applicable to Trial, Moot & DR - Translating valuable skills to your academic colleagues at your home institution 	Great Hall
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	BREAK	
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	<p>SUSAN POEHLS SESSION:</p> <p>ETHICS LEARNED AT COMPETITION ARE ETHICS DEMONSTRATED IN PRACTICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussing professionalism in competition and advocacy teaching 	Great Hall
4:30 – 4:45 p.m.	BREAK	

