



FIRST FRIDAY LEADERSHIP TALKS

OCTOBER 2025 THROUGH MAY 2026

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The Library Edge: Your Leadership Resource Toolkit

Speaker: Elizabeth Brown, Professor and Instruction Coordinator Librarian

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Strategic Leadership and Decision Making: Navigating the Path to Success

Speaker: Sathy Rajendran, Ph.D., Dean, College of Education and Professional Studies

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AI in the Workplace: Opportunities, Cautions, and What's Next

Moderator: Chad Tester

Panelists: Ginny Tomlinson, Jared Vallejo, Ph.D, Chelsea Riddle, Joey Bryant

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Diagnosing Performance, Giving Feedback and Earning Trust: Practical Tools for People Leaders

Speaker: James Avey, Ph.D., Professor of Research in the College of Business

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Think Again: Outsmarting Your Brain to Lead Better

Speaker: Kara I. Gabriel, Ph.D., President of United Faculty of Central

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Beyond Safety: Power, Bravery, and Mutuality in the Supervisory Relationship

Speaker: Cindy Bruns, Ph.D., Director of Counseling

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De-escalation Strategies for the Workplace

Speaker: Jason Berthon-Koch, Executive Director of Strategic Operations, CEPS

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