

Debating the Future of University Teaching

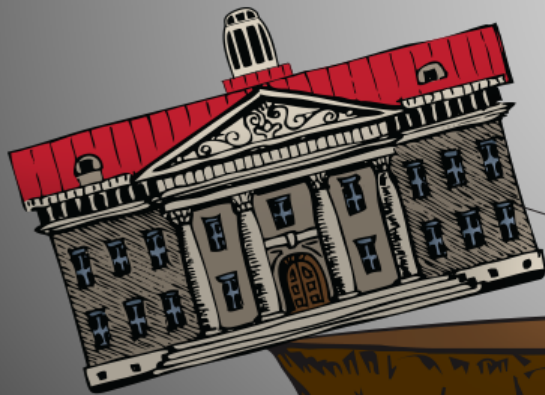
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Lightning Panel 2

The Threatening Future of Why



Welcome to the *Lightning Round*...

Each panel features *competing* visions of the future of higher education.

- Morning Panels: Pessimistic visions
- Afternoon Panels: Optimistic visions



During the Lightning Panels...

- Each presenters will speak for five minutes
- Audience members break into seatmate conversations (five minutes)
- Moderator facilitates questions and answers
- Audience members choose one presentation to move on to the Forum Commons



You Decide: *The Audience Vote*

Consider:

- its thought-provoking nature
- its potential significance
- illustration of important trends
- implications for teaching practice
- the presenter's clarity, verve, and communicative impact



The Panelists

- Susan Awbrey, Interim Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Oakland University
- Ollivier Dyens, Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning, Concordia University
- Joy Mighty, Associate Vice-President (Teaching and Learning), Carleton University
- Chitra Rangan, Chair, Department of Physics, University of Windsor



Susan Awbrey

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 - Movement toward certification/vocationalism
 - Limited access
 - Fewer top level/research institutions in US
2. What factors will determine the interests and directions that universities move in?
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 - State government
3. Why did universities thrive?
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 - People saw universities as way to move into middle class

Olivier Dyens

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Kevin Kelly, Out of Control. The Rise of Neo-Biological Civilization, 1994.

Joy Mighty



Chitra Rangan

Threatening Futures
Why? Never Enough Blanket



Paired Discussion (c. 5 mins)

- Introduce yourself to your neighbour
- Review each presentation
- Identify key points and questions



Question and Answer Period

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Cast Your Vote!

Vote for the presentation you feel should be further explored at the Forum Commons.

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