

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Lois Brooks

(she/her)



Lois Brooks joined UW–Madison in August 2018 as vice provost for information technology and chief information officer. The vice provost for information technology and chief information officer (CIO) has direct and indirect responsibility for the entire sphere of information technology (IT) related activities on campus. In conjunction with advisory groups, this role oversees the development and delivery of IT services, IT security policies and best practices.

Prior to joining UW-Madison, Lois served as Oregon State University’s vice provost for information services and chief information officer. She also served for twenty-five years at Stanford University, most recently as Director of Academic Computing. During her tenures at Stanford and Oregon State she co-founded the Sakai Foundation (now Apereo) and UNIZIN Consortium, serving on the Board of Directors for each. She also served as Executive Director of the Sakai Foundation.

She is active nationally in the higher education community, having served in leadership and governance roles with the Northwest Academic Computing Consortium, Educause and Internet2. She holds a BS in Applied Economics from the University of San Francisco, an MBA from the University of California Berkeley and an MBA from Columbia University.

In-Person Attendance Information

Conference Location	Pyle Center 702 Langdon Street Madison, WI 53706
Check-In	Check-in begins at 8:30 am near entrance to Alumni Lounge
Refreshments	Will be available throughout the day in the first floor hallway.
Restrooms	Located on all levels, including the first floor main hallway.
Need help?	Find one of our conference volunteers at the check-in table!

Day 1 - Thursday, May 29th - In-Person & Virtual

8:30 am - Registration Table and Zoom Lobby Open

Alumni Lounge & Virtual

9:00 am - 10:15 am	Conference Welcome & Opening Remarks + Keynote Address - The Only Constant is Change Lois Brooks, Vice Provost for Information Technology and CIO, University of Wisconsin–Madison
--------------------	--

15 minute break

	Alumni Lounge	Lee Lounge/109	Room 112
10:30 am - 11:00 am	<u>AI in Action: Two Anecdotal Experiences</u> Scott Winger & Julie Zachman	<u>It is Possible to Take Down Old Websites: How WCER Manages the Website Lifecycle</u> Elizabeth Kraege-Soechting & Pete Boguszewski	<u>Making Digital Accessibility Work: Practical Strategies that Stick</u> Al Nemec & Mark Whittaker

15 minute break

11:15 am - 11:45 am	<u>Collaborating in Support of RISE</u> Todd Shechter	<u>Present Harms and Future Risks: A Case for Responsible AI</u> Lanya Yu, William Anderson, Kaushal Dasika, Alka Lakadia & Viktoria Sakman	<u>Planned Obsolescence: Turning a Technology Fallacy into a Leadership Strategy</u> Jay Ray
---------------------	---	---	--

15 minute break

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	<u>Countdown to Workday: Hot Topics and a Peek of What's to Come</u> Sabrina Messer & Salima Currimbhoy	<u>Unlocking Potential: Streamlining Processes with Low Code Solutions</u> Jeanne Hains & Joel Herron	<u>Empowering Expert Authors with the KnowledgeBase API</u> Jonathan Dederig
---------------------	--	---	--

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm – Lunch for in-person attendees

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	<u>IT Connects</u> Elizabeth Kraege-Soechting	<u>Flash Talks</u> Andrew Petro, David Lee, Mary Murphy & Lindsay Bolan	<u>From the Notebook to the Cluster</u> Erwin Lares
-------------------	---	--	---

15 minute break

2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	<u>Collaborating and Planning for AI Across the Universities of Wisconsin</u> Todd Shechter, Beth Schaefer & Suzanne Traxler	<u>Networking / Virtual Networking</u> Philip Doll (In-Person) & Megan O-Rourke (Virtual)	<u>Meet the Wisconsin Cyber Response Team</u> Jamie Glass & Eric Franco
-------------------	--	--	--

15 minute break

	Alumni Lounge		
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	<u>2025 IT Recognition Awards Presentation</u> (with Reception and Networking to follow)		

*Room listings are subject to change, see itproconf.wisc.edu for updates

Day 2 - Friday, May 30th - Virtual Only			
9:00 am - 9:30 am	<u>Lessons Learnt from Upgrading a Legacy IICS Secure Agent</u> Mehrnaz Ahmadi Joobaneh & Becky Wheeler	<u>Using Vibe Programming with AI to Transform Black and White Data into Visual Dashboards</u> Dexter Fiero & John D. Graham	<u>Redesigning Without Disruption: Transforming UW–Madison's KnowledgeBase Editor</u> Leah Scheide & Weizhong Wang
10 minute break			
9:40 am - 10:40 am	<u>Unlock Your Creative Thinking</u> David Berg	<u>What's "Unconference" and Do We Need One Here?</u> Tomomi Imamura & Tom Jordan	<u>Take the Next Step in Your Career with UW-Women in IT</u> Amanda Thornton, Jaime Gutkowski, Elizabeth Simcock, Kim Channpraseut & Kelsey Harrington
10 minute break			
10:50 am - 11:50 am	<u>Getting Started with Gitlab CI, Gitlab Runners, and Ansible</u> Phil Jochimsen	<u>Improving Your Skills as a Technology Instructor</u> Cliff Cunningham	<u>Continuing the Conversation: IT Support Symposium Virtual Meet-Up</u> Ella Tschopik
1 hour break			
12:50 pm - 1:50 pm	<u>Object Storage (S3): Reduce Cost and Enable New Ways to Use Data</u> Casey Schacher, Kevin Kettner & Rushabh Vora	<u>Networking and Games</u> Phil Jochimsen & Mandy Morrow	<u>Connecting Relationships to Results: Enhancing IT and Business Partnerships</u> Ken Fanta
END OF CONFERENCE Thank you for joining us!			



Welcome to the 9th annual IT Professionals Conference!

The UW–Madison IT Professionals Conference brings the IT community and friends from across campus together to connect, collaborate, and share ideas, experiences, and varied perspectives. This conference is brought to you by and for IT professionals at UW–Madison.

All sessions on THURSDAY will be hybrid and all sessions on FRIDAY will be virtual only.

Join us for the IT Awards Reception @ The Pyle Center

Location: Alumni Lounge at the Pyle Center, 702 Langdon St.

Time: Thursday, May 29th – 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Join the conference planning committee and IT Recognition Award Winners at the end of the first day of the conference for a relaxed in-person social gathering! There will be light refreshments.

Open to all attendees, not just those who registered in-person!

And thank you to our sponsor – IT Connects!

UW IT Connects recognizes that people are the highest value of a successful information and technology enterprise. Sponsored by the Office of the CIO and Vice Provost of Information Technology in partnership with campus affiliates, UW IT Connects addresses areas of professional development and networking by creating events and programming to enable a diverse set of opportunities for the community to engage.

Tips for logging into Zoom Events:

- Join the Zoom Event via the QR Code to the right or at: <https://go.wisc.edu/itpc25-zoom>
- If you see a "Register" button, you can select it to login with your NetID (even if already registered)
- Make sure to sign in with the same account you used to register for the conference. If you try to use a different account, you may receive an error message or create a duplicate registration.
- Please reach out to itproconf@wisc.edu with any questions!

