

2026 Accessibility Guide

32nd Annual Fall Conference on Teaching and Learning

L. William Seidman Center (SCB)
Grand Valley State University, City Campus
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Welcome!

Welcome and Overview

The Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center is excited to have you join us for the [32nd Annual Fall Conference on Teaching and Learning](#). This year we are practicing our pivot with a change in venue. We recognize many attendees are accustomed to attending the Fall Conference on Teaching and Learning in the L.V. Eberhard Center, so we want to be sure to you are familiar with the new space.

As such, this guide is meant to provide information about this year's venue, the L. William Seidman Center (SCB).

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Sensory

Sound and Light

You are welcome to bring fidgets, knitting, or any other self-soothing mechanism. Individuals with sound sensitivity are also welcome to bring their own noise reduction earplugs (such as Loop Earplugs).

The welcome address, keynote presentation, lunch, and lightning roundtable discussions will take place in the Charles W. Loosemore Forum. Microphones will be utilized in this space.

Guests can expect the building inside to be well-lit and bright, with natural and artificial light.

Seating

The standard seats in Loosemore Forum (picture right) are lightly cushioned, without arm rests, and will need to be pulled out.

Most seats in classrooms on the second floor (where Morning Concurrent Sessions are held) are without arm rests and will need to be pulled out. For images and descriptions of classroom spaces, you may search [GVSU's Academic Spaces webpage](#).

You will have the option of eating lunch in the Loosemore Forum, outdoor courtyard, or the seating area adjacent to the courtyard ([see First Floor Map](#)).



If there is anything you request to make the space more inclusive, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate.

Getting to the L. William Seidman Center

Parking

All Grand Valley Faculty and Staff with a parking permit may park in the **Mount Vernon, Watson, or Front Lot** (highlighted in blue). Each parking lot has a gate that will open by scanning your vehicle's license plate. Note that it may take a few seconds for the camera to pick up your license plate. If you do not have a valid parking permit or if the gate does not open, press the "Press for Ticket" button and notify a Pew FTLC staff member when you arrive. We will provide you with a validation ticket to scan upon exiting the parking lot.



Laker Line (Route LL)

Instead of driving you may prefer to ride the Lake Line Bus. All GVSU faculty and staff can ride the Laker Line for free with their valid GVSU faculty/staff ID.

Watch the short video about the [Laker Line bus system](#) and [how to read the bus schedule](#).

If you are traveling from Allendale to Downtown, it is recommended to plan for at least 30 minutes to travel.

- Traveling Eastbound (Allendale to Downtown)? Get off at the PEW STATION.
- Traveling Westbound (Downtown to Allendale)? Get off at the DEPART PEW STATION.

Riding a Bicycle

Riding a bicycle is another option! There are two uncovered bicycle racks outside the L. William Seidman Center (see image below).

Concerned about the safety of your bike?

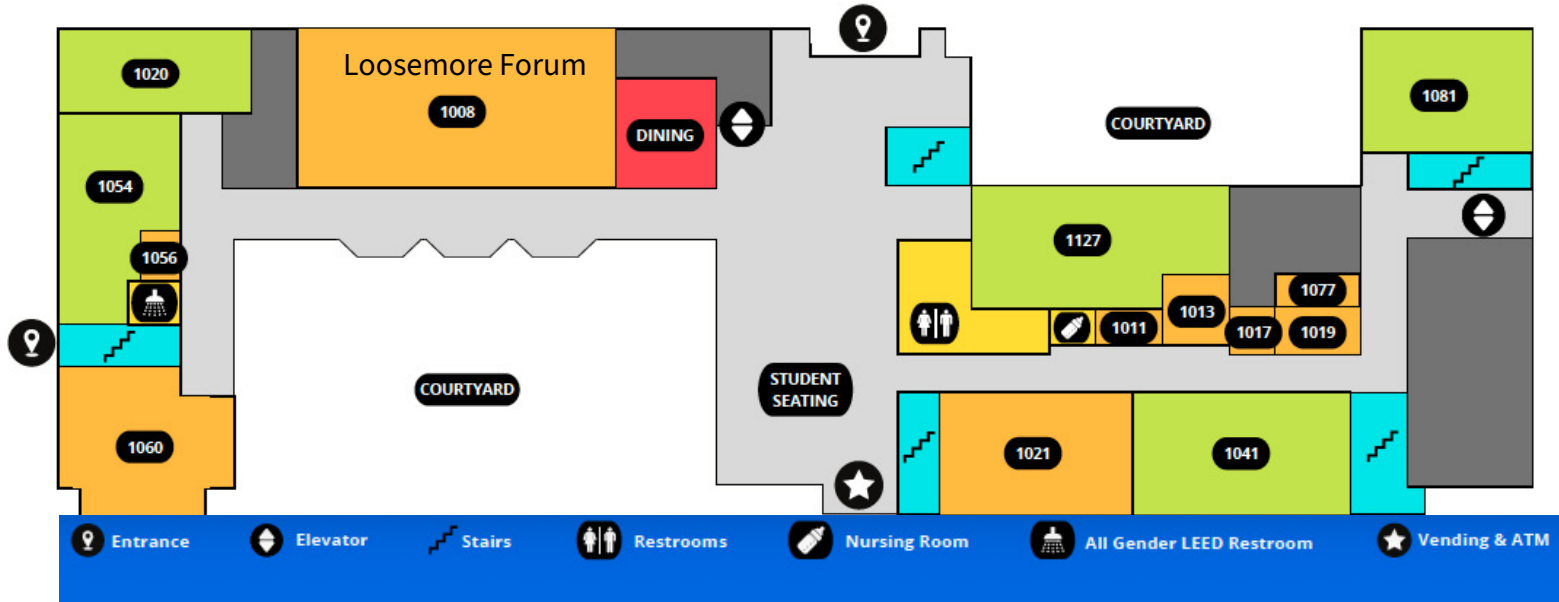
Register your bicycle with the Grand Valley's Department of Public Safety. According to the Department of Public Safety, "The more detailed you are, the better chance we have of retrieving your property if it is stolen. You will receive a registration sticker in the mail after you submit your information."



Venue Information

First Floor - L. William Seidman Center

Most of the day's programming will take place on the first floor, including check-in, food and beverages, welcome remarks, the keynote presentation, and afternoon Lightning Roundtable Discussions.



Second Floor - L. William Seidman Center

All Morning Concurrent Sessions will take place in classrooms on the second floor. You may take the elevator or stairs.



Restrooms and Nursing Rooms

Locations for restrooms and the nursing room are listed in the below, as well as on the [floor level maps on page 5](#).

Women's Restrooms.....	First Floor 1003 Second Floor 2055 Third Floor 3157
Men's Restrooms.....	First Floor 1005 Second Floor 2051 Third Floor 3161
Single Stall All Gender Restroom.....	First Floor 1058 Second Floor 2024, 2026, 2029, 2031 Third Floor 3119, 3126, 3128, and 3131
Nursing Room.....	First Floor 1007

Hydration Stations

We encourage you to bring your own reusable water bottle. Hydration stations (water fountains) are located on the first and second floor outside the Women’s and Men’s Restroom (1003 – 1005; 2055-2051).

If you are using your own water bottle, we request that you refill it at a hydration station instead of at the smaller beverage station provided by catering.



Dietary Information

Laker Food Co. Dietary Accommodations

Gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options will be made available. However, GVSU venues do not have certified kosher or certified gluten free kitchens and therefore, they cannot guarantee zero cross contamination. Meat provided at these meals also cannot be guaranteed as meeting Halal standards. All guests are welcome to bring their own meals if that makes them more comfortable. We can provide access to a refrigerator upon request.

We recognize dietary restrictions fall on a spectrum of mild reaction to severe. If your dietary restriction requires you to have a separately plated or separately prepared meal, please contact us directly at pewftlc@gvsu.edu.

Light Breakfast [Available 8:00 - 9:00AM]

Light breakfast is offered as serve-yourself.

- Starbucks coffee, decaf, and hot tea (available all day)
- Assorted pastries: muffins, danishes, and croissants
- Vegan blueberry banana bread (limited to guests with dietary restrictions) **vg**
- Seasonal fresh fruit platter **vg**

Tex Mex Lunch Buffet [Available Noon - 1:00PM]

The lunch buffet will include a serve-yourself Tex Mex bar. All items listed below are served in separate containers.

- Tortilla Chips
- Mexican Rice **vg**
- Charro Beans **vg**
- Sautéed Peppers and Onions **vg**
- Chicken Fajitas
- Shredded Cheddar Cheese
- Sour Cream
- Vegan Chorizo **vg**
- Vegan Cheese **vg**
- Tortillas
- Pico Del Gallo **vg**
- Salsa Roja **vg**
- Cinnamon Crisps **v**

- Water
- Lemonade and Iced Tea
- Starbucks coffee, decaf, and hot tea (available all day)

vg VEGAN

v VEGETARIAN

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