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# **International Symposium**

A Palette of Virtues: A Humanistic Education  
through Computer Science

Boston College  
May 28th–30th, 2025



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## Wednesday, May 28th

### **4–6 pm Registration**

*Carney Hall, Room 306*

Check-in at the DevTech workshop to receive welcome packets and other information

### **4:30 pm Optional Tour of Boston College Campus**

*Carney Hall, Room 306*

Join DevTech's Lab Manager Caleb Weinstock on a 1-hour walk around the Boston College Campus

### **6 pm Welcome Reception**

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*

Join all symposium attendees for a welcome dinner with Professor Marina Bers and the DevTech team. Learn about goals and activities for the days ahead and get to know each other!



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**Thursday, May 29th**

## **8:30 am Breakfast**

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*

## **9 am Kick-Off Talk**

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*

*Hear from Professor Marina Bers about the day's agenda and DevTech's research associate Emily Nadler about the Coding Brain research project*

## **9:15 am International Partnerships Flash Talks**

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*

All attendees have the opportunity to give a flash-talk: a 5-minute presentation on their current explorations with CAL and ScratchJr.

## **11:15 am Coffee Break**

*Carney Hall, 3rd Floor Hallway*

## **11:30 am Palette of Virtues Activity**

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*

Professor Marina Bers and Prof. Zvi Bekerman will lead conference attendees through an activity followed by a reflective discussion.

## **1:00 pm Lunch**

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*



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## **2 pm Individual & Group Photos**

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*

## **2:30 pm ScratchJr Bots Workshop: CAL Playgrounds Around the World**

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*

Explore DevTech's newest ScratchJr prototypes through a group activity in which participants work together to build a robot and design physical blocks to tell a story about Coding as Another Language playgrounds around the world

## **5 pm Optional ScratchJr Project Rubric Training**

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*

Jess Blake-West will lead a 1-hour training on how to use the ScratchJr Project Rubric

## **6:30 pm Dinner at the Hatchery**

*BC Makerspace in 245 Beacon, 2nd Floor*

Visit the Boston College Makerspace called "the Hatchery" for Dinner and Maker Activities.



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## Friday, May 30th

### 8:30 am Breakfast

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*

### 9 am DevTech Latest Research

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*

Hear from the DevTech team about current projects

### 10 am Future Directions

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*

Discuss opportunities for further research

### 11 am Coffee Break

*Carney Hall, 3rd Floor Hallway*

### 11:15 am Palette of Virtues Activity Revisited

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*

Return to the Palette of Virtues discussion to explore the next steps

### 12:45 pm Lunch

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*

### 2 pm Closing Ceremony

*DevTech Workshop in Carney Hall, Room 306*