

**Part 1: Presentation • The Potential of Open Badges and
Microcredentials to Improve Learning and
Engagement**

**Part 2: Workshop • Badge-a-thon: Creating Your
Microcredentials**

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Open badges are a form of micro credential that can enable acknowledgment of learners' skills, knowledge, and abilities outside of traditional credentials such as degrees and diplomas. In this presentation, I will first define and explain open badges as a potentially disruptive concept for education, and discuss the potential for micro credentials to improve student learning and engagement. Then we will engage in a hands-on experience designing and conceptualizing badges for the instructional environments of the participants. If possible, come prepared for this workshop by considering what skills/competencies you believe students should have that would be meaningful in your area, and what criteria might provide evidence for these competencies. We will discuss these together.

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