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Aloha and welcome to the annual Science, Technology & Engineering, Arts, Mathematics and Education Conference held at the Prince Waikiki Hotel on the island of Oahu. We trust that you will gain new experiences and new insights in your field of study while interacting with your peers. This is an exciting opportunity to meet with educators from different universities throughout the nation and throughout the world. They bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience in their particular disciplines to share with each and every one.

We hope you enjoy your stay with our host, the Prince Waikiki Hotel, located a block from the Ala Moana Shopping Center offering a wide variety of shops and attractions.

The famous Waikiki Beach and prime restaurants are close by for your convenience. Be sure to check with the hotel’s activity desk for all the latest adventures and tours to make your trip to the Hawaiian Islands a memorable experience.

The Islands of Hawaii offer a very unique experience for all people who visit to gain a better understanding of the Hawaiian culture and its spirit only found in these islands. Enjoy some of the best weather and beaches found anywhere in the world, and take your experiences home with you to return another day.

E' Komo Mai!
(All are welcome!)
CONFEERENCE SCHEDULE

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HAWAIIAN STEEL GUITAR OPENING PRESENTATION
June 09, Thursday: 6:30 am - 8:00 am, Naio Room

KEYNOTE SPEAKER ADDRESS by Prof. Jont Allen, University of Illinois
June 09, Friday: 7:30 am - 8:00 am, Naio Room

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June 09, Friday: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, Naio Room

BREAKFAST/APPRECIATION LUNCH - Naio Room
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SESSION CHAIRS (Instructions)
- Introduction of Participants.
- Start and complete sessions on time.
- Chair leads the discussions and holds question and answer period at the end of each session.
HAWAII Steel Guitar Performance

Friday - June 09, 2017
Naio Room
6:30 - 8:00am

HSGA
Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association

The Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association is a worldwide organization promoting traditional Hawaiian music and the signature sound of the Hawaiian steel guitar.

Our site contains information for HSGA members and for non-members who wish to learn about and listen to the beautiful music of the Hawaiian steel guitar.

We welcome you and encourage you to explore HSGA. If you enjoy your experience here, please let us know. We are always looking for new friends and new members.

Mr. Paul Kim
Hawaii, President
DAY 1

Thursday - June 08, 2017
I. Terrorism: The Definition Conundrum. Understanding Terrorism from a Historical Perspective.

The narratives on terrorism soared after the attack on the United States of America on September 11, 2001 (9/11). These narratives have focused on the definitions of terrorism as a recent occurrence. Arguably, terrorism is not a new phenomenon but the problem of terrorism resides in its definition. Conceptualizing terrorism depends on which framework one utilizes to define it. The use of a different lens to define a crime has contributed to lack of global acceptance of what constitutes terrorism.

Q: Is military force the answer to curbing terrorism?
A: Terrorism is undefinable and its a force behind ideological belief.

Author/Presenter: Prof. Kwame Badu Antwi-Boasiako
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II. The Marginalization and Safety of K-12 Students: School Uniforms

On school grounds, more guns are being carried by students, gang activity is increasing, as is the number of students assaulted because of the type of clothing they wear. As part of an over-all safety program, numerous school districts are considering adopting uniform policies. In this presentation, issues explored include a rationale for policy adoption, legal implications; the perceptions of parents, students, and educators; and recommendations for successful policy formation.

Q: What do you see as pros and cons of policy formation?
A: Some pros include cost effectiveness, safety (due to the high visibility of an intruder in contrast to uniformed students), and the protection of the marginalization of poor students. Some cons include students not supporting policies, individual identities are not as easily expressed, and if policies are voluntary, many pupils choose not to wear uniforms.

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III. Understanding Global Terrorism: Pitfalls of the Double Standard Approach

As a global threat, the fight against terrorism requires a global approach; but does it? In this study, I argue that the approach to global comprehension and effective fight of terrorism suffers from the double standard trap.

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Thursday - June 08, 2017

Room: Palolo 2  
Time: 8:15 - 9:45am  
Session: Chemistry; Students with Disabilities; Adaptive Technology; Equal Access for Students with Disabilities; Science Education; Organic Chemistry, History of Science, Artistic Representation

Session Chair: Dr. April A. Hill

I. Development of Adapted Laboratory Manuals to Promote the Inclusion of Students with Blindness or Low Vision in the Chemistry Laboratory

Students with blindness or low vision (BLV) are often excluded from participation in the chemistry laboratory due to safety concerns. In this presentation, tools and techniques for adapting procedures for BLV students will be presented. Video demonstrations and an example adapted procedure will also be presented. Our goal is to produce BLV-compatible laboratory manuals to ensure that students with an interest in STEM fields are not discouraged by a lack of equal access to the laboratory.

Q: Can a blind student complete a spectroscopy experiment independently?
A: If you provide the student with the proper tools, absolutely!

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II. Opportunities for Collaboration, Education and Research: Combining International Service Learning and Research in the Health Sciences

This paper describes a short term study abroad program that incorporates service-learning, research and collaboration in the health sciences. Students operate a clinic in rural Jamaica and biometric data is collected on each patient. The data is used to better understand the population that is being served and to make improvements on future service-learning programs within this community. Students and faculty leaders use the the data to conduct meaningful research in their area of expertise.

Q: Can you provide examples of how the data that you have collected has been used to change or improve this service-learning program?

A: We have been able to identify with the qualitative data common health concerns and misconceptions within the population. For example, this community is concerned about diabetes, hypertension and asthma and they have requested education about each of these topics. This didn’t surprise us because the quantitative data we’ve collected has indicated that these are major health issues facing this population. Therefore, our educational efforts have focused on these topics. However, we also learned that this community is concerned about pinworms and has been treating their children prophylactically rather than confirming that they actually have pinworms, so a future program will address this through education. The goal is to see changes over time in the health and health literacy of this population. This will not be evidenced for years to come, but provides each researcher the opportunity to analyze the data and look for any appearing trends which we then can use in the planning of our next program in this community.

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Dr. Amy Way

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III. Conception and Implantation of an Experiential Approach to Science Teachers’ Training in Francophone Minority Communities: A Three Phases Design Research

We describe an "experiential" approach to training for science teaching in minority settings in which future teachers are encouraged to explore their representations about science teaching and learning and to undertake a process of internal transformation of their representations in order to improve their pedagogical skills towards minority communities. In this regard, our research is part of a partnership between a faculty of education and a French high school in a minority setting.

Q: What is experiential approach to science teaching?

A: a) The commitment of the student teacher (ST) in a concrete experience, which is essentially to get in touch with a situation at school or in the community;

b) reflective observation, which enables the ST to objectify the situation and study it from different perspectives;

c) abstract conceptualization, where the ST tries to link the properties observed with a framework of interpretation to conceive an action plan;

d) active experimentation, when the ST verifies the plan previously conceived while implementing it in the chosen minority educational setting.

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Session Chair: Dr. Brent Estes

I. Predicting Productivity of Higher Education Faculty: An Expectancy Theory Analysis

This study uses expectancy theory to predict sustained productivity of tenured/tenure-track faculty in higher education. It discusses how value perception directly influences motivation and performance.

Q: What exactly is expectancy theory and how does it predict behavior?

A: Expectancy theory is an organizational behavior theory of worker motivation that suggests individuals make decisions to perform based on cognitive concepts of subjective probabilities. It is based on the idea that a worker’s perception of the likelihood of accomplishing a task is combined with the degree of value the worker places on the potential outcomes associated with the completion of the task in order to determine that worker’s level of motivation or effort.

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II. How Does Specific Efficacy Rest on an Educator’s Role in Relation to Students’ Learning Style?

This paper explored how an educator’s role affects change of an English efficacy belief of Japanese undergraduates if it is fitted to students’ learning style. We used a longitudinal format for approximately three months, applying an undergraduate context in Japan. Results supported a view that a proper fit between educators’ roles and students’ learning styles is important to develop specific self-efficacy.

Q: What kind of educator's role should be taken in order to enhance a self-efficacy belief?
A: It depends on what kind of learning style a student has.

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III. Supercharging Results Through Self-Motivation

Various techniques for improving students’ accomplishments through self-motivation are presented. These techniques are demonstrated in a 3rd year Electrical Engineering Design Studio course. An end-of-course survey and a comparison to a prior iteration of the same course demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed techniques.

Q: What motivates students more than anything?
A: When they want to be like you.

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Thursday - June 08, 2017

Room: Palolo 4  
Time: 8:15- 9:45am

Session: WORKSHOP - Art in Education; Mathematics

I. Art of Stepping Through Mathematics

Art of Stepping promotes artistic expression in conjunction with mathematics to creatively stimulate the minds of our youth. More importantly, AOS is a K-12 curriculum based program that incorporates mathematical formulas and the art form of Stepping. The latter, will ultimately provide program participants that ability to write codes in mathematical connotation that will give them the ability to perform and create their own personalized choreography (stepping or dance).

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Thursday - June 08, 2017
Room: Palolo 1  
Time: 10:00 - 11:30am  
Session: Mathematics; Pre-K-6th Grade Mathematics; Special Education; Mathematics Education  
Session Chair: Dr. Michele Stites

I. Actions and Beliefs in Pre-K-6 Mathematics Instruction: Exploring Universal Design for Learning to Increase Conceptual Understanding

This presentation presents the findings of a quantitative study examining mathematics teachers' beliefs and actions related to Universal Design for Learning (UDL). UDL is a framework for instruction designed to increase opportunities for conceptual understanding in mathematics. The basic tenets of UDL are reviewed in relation to the study findings.

Q: How do we increase students' conceptual understanding in mathematics?

A: Universal Design for Learning is a framework for instruction designed to make conceptual understanding accessible to all learners.

Author/Presenter: Dr. Michele Stites  
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II. Mathematics Teacher Professional Development: Improving Pre-K through 6 Mathematics Instruction using Universal Design for Learning

This presentation reviews a researched-based, professional development (PD) experience for Pre-K-6th grade mathematics teachers. The PD reviewed in the presentation focuses on using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in mathematics instruction with the goal of improving students' conceptual understanding.

Q: How do we improve the students' mathematical conceptual understanding?

A: Using the UDL framework allows teachers to design instruction that uses student strengths and interests.

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Thursday - June 08, 2017
Room: Palolo 2
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Session: Interdisciplinary Education; Health Science; International Relations and Studies; Chemistry Education
Session Chair: Prof. Renat Letfullin

I. Cross-Disciplinary Curriculum in Medical Physics and Nanomedicine for STEM Undergraduate Students

We propose to enrich STEM education of undergraduates by developing a highly innovative interdisciplinary program to train STEM students in a multidisciplinary environment of medical physics and nanomedicine; to teach the latest scientific breakthroughs in nanotechnology and build the bridge between nanoscience, medicine and treatment of disease.

Q: What is a nanomedicine education?

A: Nanomedicine involves many science disciplines including physics, optics, chemistry, biology, computers and nanoscience, providing an excellent avenue for introducing students to the truly interdisciplinary nature of much of what takes place in scientific research.

Author/Presenter: Prof. Renat Letfullin
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II. Environmental Education in one of the Largest Superfund Sites in America

How do you teach the next generation about Superfund, and its associated environmental damage and repair? How do you talk about the science of toxic waste effects on a local ecology and environment? How do you engage a community and their beliefs to encourage stewardship of the land? As STEAM program providers, we will describe how we do this work, our opportunities for improvement, as well as our pedagogical "minds-on and hands-on" approach to tackle this complex issue.

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Ms. Abigail Peltomaa

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III. "Molecules That Matter": On the Creation and Impact of an Interdisciplinary Museum Exhibit

The 2007-10 Skidmore traveling national exhibit, "Molecules That Matter", showcases ten organic compounds--one per decade--that profoundly shaped life in the 20th century. The central scientific theme of MTM is the notion that the collective scientific understanding of our world at the molecular level has permitted humans the opportunity to alter the natural evolution of the biosphere, as well as society and the economy, on a scale unimagined by previous generations.

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IV. Diversity Audit Tool for Chemistry Education

The Diversity Audit Tool consists of critical self-reflective questions and concrete strategies for educators in order to build an equitable and inclusive Chemistry classroom. The tool was created interdisciplinary research and consultation with numerous stakeholders across North America including Chemistry Faculty, students and postdocs from equity seeking groups, disability lawyers, advocacy organizations, scientists, leading researchers developing inclusive Chemistry classrooms.

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Science Faculty
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Thursday - June 08, 2017
Room: Palolo 3
Time: 10:00 - 11:30am
Session: Distance Education; On-line Learning; Science Education; Inter-disciplinary Areas of Science; Discrete Structures; Information & Computer Sciences; Information Technology
Session Chair: Dr. Maureen Andrade

I. Success for Online Learners: Applying the Dimensions of Self-Regulated Learning

Online learning is expanding access to diverse learners, some of whom may not be prepared to succeed. Application of the six dimensions of self-regulated learning—motive, methods of learning, time, physical environment, social environment, and performance—provide a framework to inform course design and teacher facilitation of learner success. The presenter will introduce the framework, share applications of self-regulated learning in online English language courses, and invite discussion.

Author/Presenter: Dr. Maureen Andrade
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II. “Science with Bobert” a Successful Online Introductory Science Course Created with the Help of My Dog

A highly successful online introductory science course (with lab component) has recently been developed at Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) in San Antonio, Texas. The course is designed for undergraduate non science majors. The objective of the course is to introduce today’s science in a fun and interactive way through “do-at-home” activities, original video, and animations of scientific concepts.

Q: Are any of the activities dangerous?
A: Science with bobert shows how to tow a car using two interlaced notebooks of tablet paper, but students to date have not tried to repeat that activity.

Author/Presenters: Dr. Charles Smith
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III. Familiarity Breeds Engagement

In the modern world traditional forms of distance education do not hold the attention of the students of the new millennium. To engage a distance education cohort a Mental Health unit within a 3 year bachelor of nursing degree at Central Queensland University is presenting recorded on-line lectures in a familiar and engaging way, that is, using the same format as a talk show. Concepts: talking Mental Health is a recorded talk show that presents all the information of traditional lectures.

Q: How are the shows broadcast to students?

A: All students who enrol in our distance education programs must have access to reliable internet and a computer as our distance education is presented via the Moodle platform. As these make up a component of course work they are presented this way. The shows are recorded prior to term by a professional camera person/producer and these are then edited and uploaded to Moodle via ECHO360.

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Thursday - June 08, 2017
Room: Palolo 1
Time: 12:45 - 2:15pm
Session: Childhood Development; Early Childhood Education; Elementary Education; Interdisciplinary Areas of Sciences; Summer Bridge Programs; Student Success Services; Narrative Approach
Session Chair: Prof. Cheryl Pawlowski

I. Teens, Tweens, and Social Media
Utilizing the work of Bandura (1977, 1986, 2004, and 2006) and other scholars on child development and Social Learning Theory as a general framework, the scholars will examine a multitude of literature regarding how social media may accelerate the effects of anti-social and sexual development of children, both genders.

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  Colorado
- Prof. Diane Matuschka
  Communication Studies Department
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  Florida

II. Neuro-Education: A Possible Model for an Educational Paradigm Shift
A Neuro-Education approach to literacy requires connecting the literature about the brain, mind, and language function. From this literature, the Neuro-Semantic Language Learning Theory (NsLLT) emerges. Language methods based on this theory that have been utilized with individuals, groups, and classrooms. These methods match the way the brain learns (not learning styles) and result in effective literacy with all learners, across ages, and across grades. Examples of application will be provided.

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III. Teaching Physics Core Ideas to Content Generalists

We describe the physics content course for future elementary teachers at Iowa State University and our textbook for this course, "Children Doing Physics: How to Foster the Natural Scientific Instincts in Children." The course consists mainly of teachers performing the same experiments their future elementary students will be doing: measuring masses and length, making clocks to measure time, making electroscopes to measure charge, building a solar powered car, etc.

Q: Will children like this?
A: We shall see.

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II. On Chebyshev's Inequality in Elementary Statistics - an Original Proof

This paper will present an original proof of Chebyshev’s Inequality and attempt to show that the inequality is extremely valuable in statistics, can be understood with minimal effort and can be proved in an understandable way in an elementary statistics course.

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III. Approximation of Some Compound Distributions

This paper examines a simple, but reasonably accurate approximation method for computing tail probabilities and probability (density) functions of some compound distributions. The approximate probabilities are compared numerically with the exact results through simulations.

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I. Globalization and The Academy: The African University Within The New World Order –
Inclusion or Relegation?

This paper examines the African university within the New World Order, in terms of its
relevance, role, status, and ability to contribute toward national and global knowledge and
development. It argues that globalization may, eventually, reduce the African university to
nothing more than an educational site that offers students international cultural and diversity
experience, but incapable of achieving any global recognition as a serious and competitive
academic institution within the New World Order – unless it begins to re-orient its focus to
developing its local indigenous knowledge and technological resources.

Author/Presenter: Dr. Clemente Abrokwaa
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II. The Acquisition of a Japanese Practical Formulaic Sequences List from a Closed Caption
TV Corpus

We try to acquire a practical formulaic sequences list from the huge raw FSs. We focus to keep a
balance between frequency and string-length. We investigate FSs which have more than 5
characters and occur more than ten times in the corpus. From our preliminary investigation using
these parameters, we can expect to acquire a FS which can be considered as a prefabricated
component. We describe the details of the method and results. We also show what kind of strings
are extracted as practical FSs.

Q: What kind of formulaic sequences were extracted?
A: Because we tried to extract long size FSs, most extracted FSs form meaning units such as
sentences, phrases, and long proper nouns.

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Time: 12:45 - 2:15pm
Session: African Studies; Language Education; Linguistics; Indigenous STE(A)M Education
Session Chair: Dr. Clemente Abrokwaa

III. Aboriginal Ways of Knowing and Learning, 21st Century Learners, and STE(A)M Success

This paper explores how Aboriginal ways of knowing and learning and those of the 21st Century learners of today very closely parallel each other and illustrates how the creative multidisciplinary approach of a liberal education and the arts might be the way to enable early academic engagement, success and retention of Aboriginal learners in the sciences and mathematics.

Q: What do Aboriginal learners and 21st Century learners have in common?
A: They are hands-on applied learners; they learn by doing first.

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I. Teachers "Engineer" Contextualized Units to Challenge & Engage Students

An NSF-funded program provides professional development and coaching to help secondary math and science teachers integrate engineering design into their classrooms. This paper examines the process by which participating teachers individually develop five engineering design units, uniquely suited to address their classes’ academic standards, and teach those units over two school years, as well as the findings related to the impact of this process on the teachers themselves and their students.

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II. High School Students’ Conceptual Understanding of Parabolic Motion

High school students experience difficulties when they studied parabolic motion since it requires, to understand its properties, that they combine one dimensional kinematics concepts. To understand the nature of their difficulties, we analyzed with qualitative methods the content of students’ answers to a questionnaire. Among key results, we found that many students encounter difficulties differentiating between position (time) and speed (time) along X and Y components.

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III. Summer Bridge Programs: Championing Excellence through Diversity Inclusion

This paper explores the ways in which Summer Bridge Programs champion equity and inclusion amongst underrepresented and first-generation college students. Case studies include the VU in Amsterdam, UCLA, and Nevada State College, which use the narrative approach to ask students, peer educators, and teachers to exchange their life stories as a way of raising awareness about identity capital, encouraging identification with others, and inspiring transformation through self actualization.

Q: Is the Narrative Approach effective in boosting student interest and participation, particularly during Summer Bridge Programs?

A: Yes, in our case studies, we determined that the exchange of student narratives allowed students to connect with one another, while also enabling them to build a supportive network that increased their investment and performance in the program.

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IV. Remediation Challenges in California

This paper examines remediation in California’s public universities, specifically San José State University (SJSU) and the California State University (CSU) system, and suggests possible interventions to help those students in need of remediation progress to a college degree in a timely fashion. The authors include a history of remediation in the United States and California. The effectiveness of strategies currently being employed and recommendations to further explore the issues are presented.

Q: What is one strategy to reduce remediation in college students?

A: Corequisite remediation

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Thursday - June 08, 2017

Room: Palolo 2
Time: 2:30 - 4:00pm
Session: Manufacturing Engineering Education Enhancement; Mathematics and Viral Biology; Interdisciplinary projects in Chemistry, Biology, and Mathematics
Session Chair: Dr. Tzu-Liang (Bill) Tseng

I. LEGO Based Low Cost Teaching For Enhancing Manufacturing Education

The United States to maintain its role in technology and innovation, Manufacturing industries provide an important foundation in ensuring the world leadership. According to a skills gap report conducted by the Manufacturing Institute and Delloitte consulting, critical concerns were addressed on the potential of the manufacturers to fill the positions required for manufacturing settings that require post secondary education with a deficit of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Q: Manufacturing Education Enhancement
A: LEGO based Low Cost Teaching.

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II. Interdisciplinary Projects for Freshmen College Students

Interdisciplinary projects utilize real world data, classroom demonstrations, and technology to illustrate the concepts of functions, mathematical modeling, rates of change, asymptotic behavior, and viral biology using in-class data collection and real world applications.

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III. Feedback Linearization and Optimal Control of Electromagnetic Ball Suspension System (EMBSS)

This paper presents the non linear feedback linearization technique and the optimal control of the two models of EMBSS. One of the models has the input as voltage and the other has the input as the current. The two models were analysed on linearized, it was found out that both models are feedback state input-output linearizable. The optimal control was given by the solution of algebraic Riccati equation.

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Thursday - June 08, 2017

Room: Palolo 3  
Time: 2:30 - 4:00pm  
Session: Education/STEM; Women Studies  
Session Chair: Dr. Cengiz Yakut

I. Gender, and Practice Factors on Learning of a Visual Aiming, and Target-Acquisition Task

This paper demonstrates that current social, cultural, and task contexts, not the motor control and learning deficiencies affect women’s performance in complex visual motor tasks. The results showed that, although males’ performance appeared to be better overall (largely due to small differences accumulates) across conditions, women performed as well as men and even better for accuracy when practicing the altered task factors simultaneously in a complex visual motor task.

Q: What are the practical and theoretical implications of this study?

A: The task in this study is related to technology use and operating heavy machinery, drones and airplanes. Thus, women can perform as good as men for these real-life technology related tasks if they are given opportunities to train and practice. Subsequently it was argued that current social and environmental contexts, including the design of human computer and media interaction, favor males and that technological design should be geared toward a more gender-neutral, user-interface design.

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II. Women and Computing: Constructing Digital Identities in Computer Science Education in Schools and Universities

For the last two decades, research has been conducted and programmatic measures have been taken to slow the ‘leaky pipeline’—that is, increase the numbers of women and minorities who choose science, technology, engineering, and mathematics [STEM] in public schools, universities, and industry. This has not happened; structural changes have not occurred.

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III. Bringing Women into Software Engineering

Women are a minority in Software Engineering careers and studies. This paper serves to discover the reasons for the imbalance of genders in Software Engineering and other STEM related fields.

Q: How to attract more women into software engineering discipline?
A: Start very early (in education).

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I. Distributed Lagrange Multiplier/Fictitious Domain Finite Element Method for Stokes/Parabolic Interface Problems with Jump Coefficients

The distributed Lagrange multiplier/fictitious domain (DLM/FD) finite element method for a generic transient Stokes/parabolic interface problem with jump coefficients is studied in this paper, where the mixed finite element approximation is developed and analyzed within the proposed DLM/FD framework on the aspects of well-posedness, stability and optimal convergence. Numerical experiments are carried out to validate theoretical results of the proposed DLM/FD mixed finite element method.

Q: What is the main application of your research topic?

A: It can contribute to the numerical methodology of fluid-structure interaction simulation, a type of quite popular and quite challenging problems engineers and mathematicians have to face in practice.

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II. An Analysis of Capital F in the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

This paper will reflect on the integrating function central to the statement of the theorem which will be called Capital F. Capital F’s relationship to all of the other antiderivatives of f(x) and the various structures of capital F producing the same function will be examined.

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III. Bayesian Change Point Detection: A comparison between DWT and Lifting

We use wavelets within a Bayesian framework to identify changes in the form of shifts in data collected over time in the presence of noise and missing observations. We modify and extend an existing Bayesian change point detection procedure due to Ogden and Lynch(1999) which uses the discrete wavelet transform. Our main objective is to investigate and compare the usefulness of the two procedures: Discrete Wavelet Transform and Lifting.

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DAY 2

Friday - June 09, 2017
KEYNOTE SPEAKER - PROF. JONT ALLEN

Friday - June 09, 2017
Room: Naio
7:30 - 8:00am

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Allen graduated from the Univ of IL in 1966, and then did an MS (1968) and PHD (1970) at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA. He then went to Bell Labs, where he enjoyed a 32 year AT&T Bell Labs career. At AT&T Allen specialized in nonlinear cochlear modeling, auditory and cochlear speech processing, and speech perception.

In 1982-1987 Allen had primary responsibility with the development of the first commercial multi-band wide-band dynamic range compression (WDRC) hearing aid, later sold as the ReSound hearing aid. During this 5 years he was working closely with clinical audiologists and speech and hearing scientists, and with several hearing aid manufacturers (Starkey, Phonak, Etymotic), who subsequently funded Allen’s work.

In Aug. 2003 he join the ECE faculty as a Professor, University of IL, Urbana, where he teaches and works with his students on the theory and practice of human speech recognition, for both normal and hearing impaired hearing. From 2005-present Allen has also worked on reading disabilities in young children, in collaboration with Prof. Cynthia Johnson of the UIUC Speech and Hearing Science Department.

He teaches courses in mathematical physics (ECE493), Concepts in Engineering Math (ECE 298JA), Speech processing (ECE537), analog (ECE210) and digital signal processing (ECE310), and Audio Engineering & transducer design (ECE403). The details may be found at http:\auditorymodels.org.

Since the early 1990’s, Allen has been a visiting scientist in the Departments of Otolaryngology of Columbia University, City university of New York, and University of Calgary, and was an Osher Fellow at the Exploratorium Museum, San Francisco. He has been very active in IEEE and the ASA, running both major conferences and small workshops. Allen has more than 20 US patents on hearing aids, signal processing and middle ear measurement diagnostics.
I. "The Harlem Renaissance of the 1920's", African American Literature and its implications for Equity, Diversity and Multi-Cultural Education

Harlem once glittered as one of the world's most vivid entertainment centers during the 1920s and 1930s. Nightlife revolved around the Cotton Club, Smalls Paradise and the Savoy Ballroom, featuring floor shows headlining glamorous African American women. African American artists during the Harlem Renaissance were social activists, making a significant contribution to black culture and aesthetics. Creating the notions of Black Identity, Black Consciousness and Black Pride sustained these artists as activists in the face of adversity and placed "The New Negro" on the global artistic scene.

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II. The Effects of Studying Natural Sciences for African American Students

Studies have shown that African American students struggle in STEM subjects compared to their other counterparts. This lowers the confidence levels when it comes to science. If all teachers found effective teaching styles that produced more critical thinking as opposed to one-sided lectures, then the grades and attitudes towards the natural sciences would increase.

Q: What is the national average for African American students graduating with STEM degrees?

A: African Americans received just 7.6 percent of all STEM bachelor's degrees and 4.5 percent of all doctorates in STEM since 2008.

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Friday - June 09, 2017

Room: Palolo 2
Time: 8:15 - 9:45am
Session: Collaborative Learning Groups for Effective Learning, Interactions in Learning Groups; Computer Science Courses; Security in Computing Systems; Science Education; Other Area Related to Sciences - Aquaculture/Aquatic Science
Session Chair: Dr. Ronald P. Uhlig

I. Enhancing Student Collaboration for Improved Learning

In a traditional class, students interact primarily with the instructor. Increasing the level of student interaction with one another during the learning experience provides a significant multiplier in the student learning experience. Instead of all learning occurring on the student-instructor axis, learning occurs on multiple axes between students. Getting students to interact meaningfully with each other is an important result of student collaboration. During this academic year, we have conducted research on collaboration with student mentors and in small groups. Results are presented, including analysis of surveys of students along with instructors’ experiences.

Q: How do you know that students’ learning experience will improve when collaborative learning and mentoring techniques are combined?

A: Make an agile plan with appropriate rubrics for small or medium size groups and adjust the plan dynamically, if necessary, as suggested in the current study.

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II. Evaluation of Project-Based Learning Programs in Aquaculture: A Qualitative Study of High School Students’ Learning

A three month project-based pilot program was evaluated in efforts to assess students’ perceptions, attitudes, and behaviors when engaged in hands-on aquaculture activities and located at Kentucky State University's Aquaculture Research Center in Frankfort, Kentucky. Students were engaged in real-world aquaculture environments and learned how to construct, size, and troubleshoot a small-scale backyard aquaponics system. The data-gathering techniques included field observations and interviews.

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III. A Content Analysis in the Discipline System of Selected Diocesan Schools in the Philippines

The study aims to open new perspectives in handling the system of the school in terms of discipline. The study will start by conducting a survey in various schools and exploring the possible effects and impacts of the current system being implemented. The ultimate aim is to redesign a justice system for the school which best fits the students' personalities and maximising the potential of holistic formation of students.

Q: What is the most used type of justice system in your country?
A: Punitive

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I. Managing the System of Higher Education: The Case for Collaboration

The systems view of quality postulates that product or service quality comes as the result of interactions between various components that comprise a production process. Thus, to be effective, any quality improvement initiative should address the needs of the system as a whole. It must balance the needs of the different functional areas in the organization as no single area operates in a vacuum. All areas are interrelated and interdependent.

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II. Citizen Science: Scientific Literacy Education in the College First Year Curriculum

A scientific literacy course, Citizen Science was added to Bard College’s first-year core curriculum. During this, students take part in problem-based learning, hands on laboratory and computing activities. Incorporated with exploration of scientific evidence and data interpretation are discussions of ethical and societal influences on scientific inquiry. Students perform science outreach in community schools. Student self-reported learning outcomes from years 2-7 will be presented.

Q: Who are the students, and how does this connect to their academic trajectory?

A: Bard emphasizes mandatory curricular components, common to all students during their first year of study. This common educational experience develops campus-wide conversations surrounding large questions, with a goal of preparing students for a lifetime of thoughtful engagement with complex issues. Beyond disciplinary knowledge, students learn how to interrogate issues outside of their area of knowledge in appropriate and meaningful ways. Approximately 80% of Bard College students major in a field outside of the sciences.

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III. Design History Leaps Off the Page

How to connect a historical survey course with today’s digitally-savvy, textbook-averse, over-entertained undergrads? This paper details the specific changes made to create a “flipped” classroom for teaching design history.

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Friday - June 09, 2017

Room: Palolo 4
Time: 8:15 - 9:45am
Session: Interdisciplinary Education - Integrating STEM Classes with the Humanities; Art, Visual Art, Drama Film Television & Other Media, Interdisciplinary Study, Art Education; Studying effects of Biology/ Natural Sciences
Session Chair: Prof. Melanie Brandt

I. Interrogating Integration: Examining the Costs of Interdisciplinary Education

Interdisciplinary classes have become an increasingly popular form of education, especially for classes that integrate STEM and humanities disciplines. This paper employs a pilot course that combines aspects of design engineering with ethics and composition to explore some of the costs and complications that are inherent in this disciplinary integration.

Q: Are interdisciplinary classes more effective than single discipline classes?

A: Maybe. However, it is necessary for educators to recognize the costs that are associated with integrating courses.

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II. Identifying Qualitative Datatypes and Artist’s Literacies to Amplify STEAM-Team Research

Successful evolution of STEM systems to STEAM systems is dependent on artists and the arts community’s ability to understand the relation of their work and methods to those of scientists, technologists, and mathematicians, as it relates to research and education. This means reframing the role of the artist as something more than a mere communicator of information; it means recognizing the practice of art as the creation of knowledge itself - the way we recognize this of science, math, and technology.

Q: How can we more rigorously engage artists in contemporary research systems?

A: By reframing the role of the artist beyond that of a mere communicator, and recognizing - from within the artists community and from without it - that art is knowledge creation itself, and we only lack language and tools to recognize the forms of knowledge generated in art-making.

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Friday - June 09, 2017

Room: Palolo 1  
Time: 10:00 - 11:30am

WORKSHOP: Entrepreneurship Development, Inter-disciplinary; STEM/STEAM

I. Teaching our Students that the Arts and Engineering are Really the Same Thing

A cross-disciplinary faculty group at Lafayette College does not want to infuse the Arts within the STEM fields. Instead, we argue that STEM and the Arts share meaningful and identifiable commonalities of thought and process. Lafayette has developed a Model illuminating what many of us already do when approaching and overcoming challenges. In turn, that clarity amplifies what we do in our own disciplines while offering a common language that connects us with colleagues of differing disciplines.

Q: How have you created a community of faculty?

A: We have brought members of our faculty together by showing them the Model, gaining excitement, and offering opportunity for them to recognize the benefits of connecting with their colleagues.

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I. Hairstyle and Photograph Augment Based on Face Recognition

This paper presents an interesting project that people may try out different hairstyles and colors on their face pictures before they make a real change on their hairstyle. It will be used in the undergraduate course to motivate the students to learn how to use MATLAB toolboxes and its application on face recognition and segmentation.

Q: Does your hairstyle fit their face shape?
A: Try out this algorithm and you will have an answer.

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Session: WORKSHOP - Mathematics Education

II. The Art of Mathematics: Exploring Tessellations with Technology & Traditional Methods

Tessellations can be used to engage K-16 students in thinking deeply about the art of mathematics, specifically the intersection of beauty & transformations. In this session, participants will create tessellations using paper and pencil, GeoGebra (free software), and online applets. Regular, semi-regular, and Escher-style tessellations will be explored through each of these methods. Participants will leave the session with materials to effectively implement the activities in the K-16 classroom.

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Room: Palolo 3
Time: 10:00am - 11:30am
Session: Visual Culture; Women's Studies; American Studies; Higher Education; Visual Arts; Inter-disciplinary; Art Education; Graphic Design; Inter-disciplinary, Product Design, Interior Architecture, Exhibit Design; Art, Drama; Film; Television & Other Media
Session Chair: Dr. Gloria Shin

I. Studies in Genre: Elizabeth Taylor in Elephant Walk - The Plantation Film's Place in American Empire

Elizabeth Taylor’s Hollywood plantation films, including Elephant Walk (1954) allows viewers to access the colonial past as the U.S. rises to become the world’s most powerful imperial state in the 1950s, providing the representations that help form the American racial imaginary during this period of initial global postcolonial decolonization, assuaging the fears of viewers fearing the death of official empire while modeling a new white cultural imperative, cosmopolitanism.

Q: How does the plantation film of the 1930s differ from its 1950s iteration in Hollywood cinema?

A: The 1930s version including Gone with the Wind apologizes for the failures of capitalism after its revival post Depression. The 1950s plantation film recuperates a global imperial past as it marks the U.S. ascension as the greatest of global superpowers.

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II. Teaching by Storydoing

The graphic designer of yesterday solved communication problems. The designers of today and tomorrow need to solve business problems.

StoryDOING, rather than storyTELLING, is our method of teaching advertising design. Our students are challenged to come up with a problem and then...solve it. This approach requires deeper creative thinking and research, and results in more meaningful work on behalf of brands and social causes.

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III. Celebrating the Girl Child in South India: Fathers and Daughters in Tamil Cinema

This paper focuses on South Indian commercial cinema, selecting three award winning Tamil films that highlight the father–daughter relationship, and celebrate the girl child against the tide of social discrimination in favor of sons, and box office demands for non-serious entertainment.

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I. Strengthening Industry/University Partnerships Through Multidisciplinary Capstone Projects

STEAM Capstone projects with industry. The presentation includes (1) How companies are recruited and how cross-disciplinary teams are formed; (2) Process for organizing/executing projects; (3) Processes for tracking progress, reporting results, and applying lessons learned; (4) Methods for ensuring course credit and accreditation requirements are satisfied; (5) Vehicle for compensating faculty (across campus) in team mentor roles; and (6) How intellectual property is managed.

Q: How do you manage IP ownership?
A: Most IP stays with the industry sponsor; provided they are fully engaged in the project

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II. Engage MSU Students in Research of Model-Based Systems Engineering with Application to NASA Sounding Rocket Mission

Large and complex systems or systems-of-systems (SoS) design requires efficient collaboration between interdisciplinary teams of engineers. The engineers must communicate effectively with each other and the finished project or system must be reliable and robust. Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) is a useful approach in achieving this goal.

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III. Concepts, Cranes, and Crayons: Inclusivity through Design

The design process is one of inclusivity. It is a tool used to synthesize and translate information to create universal understanding. In the Fall of 2016, design students worked with the Boston Children’s Museum’s to re-envision one of their exhibits. Developing S.T.E.A.M. based concepts the students created educational and engaging experiences for guests of all ages, genders, or physical abilities. This talk will showcase the challenges, methods and results of the 15 week course.

Q: How did your institution support such an ambitious project?

A: Wentworth Institute of Technology has a history of supporting multidisciplinary projects. In fact, the institution is focused on building an Externally Collaborative Project-Based Interdisciplinary Culture (EPIC). Because of this we are encouraged to create courses across disciplines and with outside organizations that not only challenge the students but also the professors. The real world experience that comes from programs like this is invaluable to the students professional development which is also another pillar of the college.

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Friday - June 09, 2017
Room: Palolo 4
Time: 10:00am - 11:30am
Session: Project Based Learning; Cross-disciplinary Projects; Real World Projects with Other Disciplines
Session Chair: Dr. Patrick Gardner
Poster Session

Friday - June 09, 2017
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Naio Room
1. **Service Learning: Student Meets Real-World Culture**

The presenters share reflections and benefits found in integration of Service Learning with online and face to face courses to enhance student application of course concepts in a real-world environment with cultural diversity as they also make a difference in that world.

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2. **3-D Printing for Explosive Ordnance Disposal in the US Air Force**

In 2015, the U.S. Air Force Academy established a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with Autodesk, Inc., a leading global software and innovation corporation from northern California. The Primary investigator, Dr. Dan Jensen, led a senior capstone course in the Mechanical Engineering Department to accomplish several strings of effort for the Air Force Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) community that minimize costs of disposal, yet required for inventory, shape charges.

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3. **The Impact of Costs Associated with Information Systems at the Lean Production Practices in Saudi Industrial Companies**

This study aimed at identifying the impact of costs associated with information systems at the Lean production practices, namely: Saudi industrial companies. The study was implemented during the academic year 2016/2017.

**Q:** Are there significant statistical differences for the application of costs associated with information systems by the Saudi industrial companies due to gender (male, female)?

**A:** There are no significant statistical differences at the level ($a \leq 0.05$) for the application of costs associated with information systems by the Saudi industrial companies from the perspectives of employees due to gender.

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4. **Active Learning Strategies to Improve Mastery of Anatomy and Physiology of the Human Endocrine, Neural and Excretory Systems in Freshman and Sophomore Foundational Biology Courses**

Mastery of anatomy and physiology is essential for successful training of health care professionals. Active learning methods such as case studies, model labelling, group discussions and simulations incorporated into the lecture period increases learning gains and engages students.

Q: *What are three active learning pedagogies you could use in your course for students to master material?*

A: *Hands-on labelling of models, group discussions, case studies, peer mentors and physiological simulations*

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**Dr. Kathryn Mickle**  
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5. **The Impact of Learner Characteristics on the Multi-dimensional Construct Social Presence**

This study explored the impact of learner characteristics on social presence as measured by the computer-mediated communication questionnaire. Using MANOVA findings reveal that the number of online courses taken and computer-mediated communication experience significantly affect the dimensions of social presence. Recommendations for online learning recognize that interaction patterns and pre-course instructional activities be structured so learners are prepared for online learning environments.

Q: *Why is the construct social presence important to online learning?*

A: *Evidence suggests that when learners experience a high degree of social presence in their online courses they are more likely to engage their cognitive presence in higher order thinking; actively participate in online communications; are less likely to drop out of their classes; and are more satisfied with their learning experience. As a result, social presence has come to be considered the critical affective component and is one of the more important constructs in determining the level of interaction and effectiveness of learning in an online environment.*

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6. **A Psychometric Analysis of the use of Instructional Videos for an Undergraduate Chemistry Lab**

Eight instructional videos were made for an undergraduate organic chemistry lab for students to view. Psychometric instruments were used to assess learning outcomes and help demonstrate that there is a relationship between the use of instructional laboratory videos and laboratory performance, understanding, and technique. Understanding how students learn by way of instructional videos informed changes in lab pedagogy that helped student learning and retention.

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7. **Pre-service Elementary Teachers and Emerging Technology**

The purpose of this study is to understand the phenomenon of the “professional journey” of pre-service elementary teachers, by developing a conceptual model that provides information on the learning experiences and practices of that journey as it regards emerging technology, a virtual world called Second Life (SL).

**Q:** What is the nature of learning experiences when pre-service elementary teachers are engaged in an emerging technology activity?

**A:** As a virtual reality (VR) platform, Second Life provided unique learning experiences that encouraged inquiring, discovering and problem solving. Also found were aspects of playing and social interacting.

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8. **Engineering Students’ Stereotypic Images of Scientists in Japan**

This study is a work-in-progress exploring stereotypical images of scientists held by Japanese undergraduate students. The participants enrolled in a small university located in the northern island of Honshu and majored in the fields of computer science and engineering. A total of 79 students participated in a Draw-A-Scientist-Test (DAST) developed by Chambers (1983). Also conducted were two focus group interviews, which were audio recorded and later translated from Japanese to English.

Q: *Do stereotypic images of scientists exist in Japan?*

A: *Yes. Initial results indicated that the stereotypic images found in the Mead and Metraus’s (1957) study were still evident (e.g., a man who wears a white coat and works in a lab).*

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9. **The Computational Thinking Curriculum for the Cross-Disciplinary Students**

Yonsei University decided to provide computing thinking education to all students. We have developed and applied the curriculum for the past two years. From the first semester of 2017, we will create a new field of common curriculum and conduct computational thinking education. Computational thinking is taught to first year students regardless of major. After developing the curriculum, we are now extending the class that has been in prototype form into computational thinking and SW programing.

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10. **Social Cognitive Theory and Physical Activity Among Korean Male High School Students**

The most critical step in developing and implementing effective physical activity interventions for adolescents is to understand the determinants and correlates of physical activity and it is strongly suggested that such effort should be based on theories. The purpose of this study is to use structural equation modeling to test the direct, indirect, and total effect of social cognitive theory constructs on physical activity among Korean male high school students.

**Q:** Does social cognitive theory predict physical activity among Korean male high school students?

**A:** The social cognitive theory explained 42% of variance in physical activity among Korean male high school students.

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11. **Student Use of Online Mathematics Support (Maths Skills) in First Year Biochemistry**

Many STEM students lack the necessary mathematical skills required for successful study in biochemistry. We introduced an online support site (Maths Skills) linked to the learning management system to provide clear explanations of important topics (e.g. algebra, graphing, logarithms) in the context of chemistry and biochemistry. It includes worked examples, and questions and answers for practice. In this study we investigated the utilisation of Maths Skills support by first year students.

Q: *Do online support systems offer an effective way to address mathematical deficiencies of students?*

A: *They are cost effective and can provide mathematics relevant to the discipline. There is also the option in the LMS to build in the discussion forum to increase student engagement.*

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12. **MathBench Australia: Incorporating Online Biology Modules into the Biosciences to Promote Students’ Engagement, Confidence and Competence in Quantitative Skills**

The MathBench online biology modules are educational resources that have been designed in response to an increased need for supporting good quantitative skills and mathematical reasoning amongst our STEM students. Incorporation of some of these modules at Griffith University suggests that the MathBench modules are a valuable resource for students to practice and improve their quantitative skills and for consolidating their understanding of course content.

Q: *What are the limitations on the effectiveness of online self-paced resources?*

A: *Students’ motivation and engagement; non-assessed online resources; students’ mathematical background,*

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13. **Case Study on Local Area Revitalization in Japan Using Food**

The purpose of this study is to investigate local area revitalization projects based on food. In Japan, there have been increasing numbers of proactive, food-based local area revitalization projects in recent years. Some examples of successful food-based local area revitalization projects include efforts using local farm products for revitalization, as well as cases where familiar products and ingredients that have a connection to the area were used as tools for revitalization, among others.

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14. **Case Study on Failed Local Area Revitalization Projects in Japan**

The purpose of this study is to investigate failed local area revitalization projects in Japan. Local area revitalization projects are various actions that are taken with the goal of strengthening the local economy or increasing the population. In terms of policies for local area revitalization, achieving short-term revitalization of an area is comparatively simple, but maintaining it in the long term is difficult. In this study, we focus especially on the aspects of local area revitalization plans that have failed.

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15. **Case Study on Applying Unused Resources in Local Areas**

The purpose of this study is to investigate the application of unused resources in local areas. Declining town shopping areas are sometimes called shutter towns. In shutter towns, the shops and offices are closed-up, and the presence of many shuttered businesses stands out. In Japan, this development has become more striking since the late 1980s, and it is now attracting attention as an urban problem. In this study, we investigate applications for unused resources such as shutter towns.

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16. **Case Study on Promoting Attendance for Japanese Professional Baseball Teams**

The purpose of this study is to investigate promoting attendance at professional baseball games in Japan. For professional baseball teams, attendance at the stadium is one of the major factors that affects revenue. Revenue from attendance includes not only ticket sales, but also concession and product sales. In this study, we focus on attendance as a factor that facilitates the stable management of professional baseball teams.

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17. **Case Study on the Development of Practical Methods for Easing Tension that Require as Little Speaking as Possible**

The purpose of this study is to investigate the development of practical methods for easing tension (“ice-breakers”) that require as little speaking as possible. Ice-breakers are methods for easing the tension when people meet for the first time. This study discusses the development of ice-breakers that can be used with as little speaking as possible, enabling them to be used when the two parties speak different languages.

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18. **Case Study on Mitigating the Asymmetry of Information in the Medical Field**

The purpose of this study is to investigate mitigating the asymmetry of information in the medical field. Medical practice represents an example of the principal agent relationship. Principal agent theory deals with the asymmetry of information that occurs between two parties. A principal agent relationship exists in medical practice, in which the patient is the principal and the doctor is the agent.

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This paper is the summary of more than twenty years of work, search, inquiry, and passion for all aspects of evaluation in academic settings. The authors have always understood the “Fifth Generation of Evaluation” as “Evaluating for Quality.” When the authors think of the daring cognitive notion of advancing a “Fifth Generation of Evaluation”, it is not with the intention of disavowing or disqualify the prior four generations, on the contrary, the intention is to contribute, based upon our experiences, with useful elements of analysis that will allow us to find common venues to solidify future evaluation processes [Muñoz, 2010].

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20. **The Impact of Learner Characteristics on the Multi-dimensional Construct Social Presence**

This study explored the impact of learner characteristics on social presence as measured by the computer-mediated communication questionnaire. Using MANOVA findings reveal that the number of online courses taken and computer-mediated communication experience significantly affect the dimensions of social presence. Recommendations for online learning recognize that interaction patterns and pre-course instructional activities be structured so learners are prepared for online learning environments.

**Q:** Why is the construct social presence important to online learning?

**A:** Evidence suggests that when learners experience a high degree of social presence in their online courses they are more likely to engage their cognitive presence in higher order thinking; actively participate in online communications; are less likely to drop out of their classes; and are more satisfied with their learning experience. As a result, social presence has come to be considered the critical affective component and is one of the more important constructs in determining the level of interaction and effectiveness of learning in an online environment.

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21. **Seagrass and Aluminium are Strange Bedfellows: A Science-art Collaboration Via the Power of STEAM**

This paper describes the collaboration of a project team consisting of two educators, an artist and a scientist who are producing a community event in the form of an art-science installation. The public event has not yet happened, but the journey to arrive at an unveiling of public art is well documented. The reasoning for undertaking the journey is a belief in the arts being a conduit to communicate science knowledge, thus shaping the way a community views their environment.

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22. **Information Literacy Instruction in the STEM Classroom**

Information Literacy forms the basis for lifelong learning. It is common to all disciplines, to all learning environments, and to all levels of education. It enables learners to master content and extend their investigations, become more self-directed, and assume greater control over their own learning.

Q: *Why is Information Literacy important?*

A: *An information literate student with strong analytical reasoning, critical thinking and problem-solving skills will be highly effective in the STEM classroom.*

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23. **Differentiated Learning in Science Classrooms**

Our research is on differentiated instruction in science classrooms. This research was done to educate and assist teachers with differentiating instruction in a science classroom. Differentiated instruction involves the teacher tailoring instruction to fit the needs of the students in the class. This research gives insight on how to properly integrate differentiation in the classroom and heighten student success outcomes.

**Q:** *How can this strategy assist students in the classroom?*

**A:** *Differentiated learning involves the students in the learning which makes them engaged in learning and eager to learn.*

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Time: 12:45 - 2:15pm
Session: Project Based Learning; Cross-disciplinary Projects; Real World Projects with Other Disciplines; Speech/Communications
Session Chair: Dr. David Hedgecoth

I. Crossroads: Charter Schools and Music Education

The purpose of this session is to present current research on the topic of charter schools and arts education. Recommendations will be offered regarding ways music education can be implemented into charter curriculum. Philosophical and practical questions presented will include: How does current charter school policy align with the ESSA? How is choice in charter schooling paramount to other curricular issues? What effects have charters schools had on preexisting TPS music programs?

Q: Do charter schools live up to expectations set forth by parents and school districts?
A: Like all relationships, it's complicated.

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II. The Tale of Two Creatives: The Maturing of Integrated Visual Communication

The maturing of visual technologies into visual culture has provided a glimpse into the future life of creative mediated communication. As mass communication and visual art become more intimately intertwined they bear offspring. The study investigates contemporary research and practice leading to IVC (Integrated Visual Communication) through professional experience, academic articles, discipline-based trade magazines and professionally based textbooks—1979 through 2013.

Q: Who are the 21st century creatives and what do they do?
A: They are the new amateurs/producers predicted by Alvin Toffler and many futurists.

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III. Culturally Responsive Teaching Practices for General Education Communication Courses

This paper focuses on incorporating culturally responsive teaching practices into a general education communication course at a large state university in the western United States. Using a case study of a large public speaking course consisting of 70 class sections (N=1800 students), this paper discusses how a public speaking course was redesigned through innovative curricula, a customized textbook, reflexive learning exercises and assignments focused on increasing student academic success.

Q: What are some ways for faculty members to incorporate these ideas into an already existing course?

A: Culturally responsive teaching requires instructors to learn more about their students and their experiences. From here, instructors must find innovative ways to connect course material to student experiences through relevant narratives, incorporation of local discourse and by creating material customized for the specific student population and aligned with student needs.

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Session: Interdisciplinary Project-Based Learning; Vector and Circuit Analysis; Physics Education; Engineering Education; Industrial Design; Network Security; Computer Science; Computer Graphics/Animation Simulation Modeling
Session Chair: Dr. Franz Rueckert

I. It's All Fun and Games Until Somebody Learns

At Wentworth Institute of Technology the authors led students of both Industrial Design and Physics in the creation of gamified lab kits that deliver a more complete learning experience for all participants. In this paper, we review the process and creation of the lab kits from both scientific and design perspectives. We then show how the design and implementation of these lab kits led to appreciable gains in both physics and design learning environments.

Q: How did your institution handle Intellectual Property issues regarding the products you created?

A: WIT focuses on a model which stresses external collaborations and project-based learning. To foster such collaborations and further creative approaches, WIT has agreed that the authors retain sole ownership of our product.

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II. Kerberos Simulator for Teaching Cyber Security

Education in cyber warfare is one of the most important factors in this on-going attack on information secure. Educating students and professionals on how cyber applications be posed to cyber-attack are created and implemented to keep information secure is vital. This paper presents the cooperation work between Charleston Southern University and the University of Florida on a Kerberos V4 Simulator that explains and demonstrates how the Kerberos V4 protocol is carried out.

Q: Is this set of tools available for free distribution?
A: It will be free for non-commercial use.

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III. Generating Procedural City using Three.js

The following paper describes simple steps involved to create a procedural city using the THREE.js library. This idea is explored through the implementation of a computer-generated city, containing multiple features such as dynamic draw distances and texture limiting. The overall focus of this project was to learn more about implementing 3D procedural city using the THREE.js is a cross-browser JavaScript library for creating animated 3D computer graphics in a web-browser.

Q: What is your favourite color?
A: Green.

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Session: Teacher Preparation STEM; Elementary Grades Engineering
Session Chair: Dr. Ron Browne

I. Development of STEM Certificate Program for K-6 Preservice Teachers

Minnesota is facing a shortage of teachers trained in STEM philosophy and possessing the knowledge and strategies needed to support a STEM curriculum. There is currently no licensure for STEM teachers in Minnesota, so Minnesota State University, Mankato developed a certificate program to add on to the K-6 elementary initial licensure program. This paper will describe the contents and development of this certificate program. It will also highlight successful program graduates.

Q: Can your students graduate with both elementary licensure and STEM certificate in four years?
A: Yes, and ten credits of STEM program can be applied to a graduate program in STEM education.

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II. Teacher Cognition and Practices in a Low-SES School: A Case Study of Four Teachers

This study examined the cognition and practices of four teachers in low-SES schools. The study explored how the teachers’ schooling, professional coursework, classroom practices, and contextual factors affected their teaching. The conceptual framework for the study came from Borg’s (2003) representation of cognition for language teachers. The findings showed the teachers’ cognition was influenced by schooling, classroom practices, and contextual factors, but not professional coursework.

Q: How does this research impact how pre-service teachers are trained?
A: It calls for more respect and acknowledgement of teachers' implicit belief structures. It causes teacher education professionals to consider integrating those beliefs and understandings into the existing curriculum.

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I. Horticultural Activities Presented to Preschool-Aged Children in an Inclusive Setting and the Influences of the Activities on Peer Interaction and Task Engagement

This study will investigate the possible influences of horticultural activities with two classes of preschool children in a theoretically inclusive setting. As well as considering the influences of using Horticulture activities in a science methods course on students in Higher Education as part of a Teacher Preparation program and their perceptions of teaching science in PreK-4.

Q: *Do these activities influence behavior in the classroom and the perceptions of Science Education?*

A: *These activities influence both behavior and perceptions.*

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II. How Nature Engages Young Minds to Build STEM/STEAM Skills

Let us take a look at how Nature engages young children in STEM/STEAM learning in early years of development. Using rocks, leaves, flowers, plants, acorns, pine cones and other materials of nature children develop interest to build STEM/STEAM skills. They learn to explore and investigate their surroundings and build a strong foundation for future learning.

In this hands-on interactive workshop participants will learn how to design curriculum in STEM/STEAM and get take away lesson plans.

Q: *What is the importance of STEM/STEAM in early childhood?*

A: *To explore, experiment and find in early years of development.*

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Time: 2:30- 4:00pm
Session: Making Science Education Accessible; Natural Science, Physics and Astronomy; Science Education; Psychology of Teaching and Learning Mathematics; Mathematics
Session Chair: Prof. John Hauptman

I. Newspaper Physics: Instruction, Assessment, Content, and Community

I will describe and illustrate a physics course for students whose only knowledge of physics is that they do not like it! The physics content is driven entirely by what appears in the daily newspapers and generally covers most physics topics in a semester. This course was structured as a “Learning Community” at Iowa State University combining English and Physics into a single course. Most of the writing assignments were about physics.

Q: Does this work?
A: Yes.

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II. Nature Explained Naturally (Pre-Socratic Philosophy vs. Cutting-Edge Physics)

The scientific theories of the pre-Socrates, natural philosophers from the sixth and fifth centuries BCE, were extraordinary! What were they and how do they measure up with our sophisticated mind-bending modern science after two and a half millennia of scientific progress? The answer will be surprising—scientists today are still pondering the fundamental problems raised twenty-five hundred years ago.

Q: In brief, what’s your research all about?
A: The scientific theories of the pre-Socrates, natural philosophers from the sixth and fifth centuries BCE, were extraordinary! What were they and how do they measure up with our sophisticated mind-bending modern science after two and a half millennia of scientific progress? The answer will be surprising.

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III. Math for First Year College Students: Concepts in Engineering Mathematics, Via its History

A new math course for first year engineering students, organized along historical lines, has been developed to present six semesters of engineering mathematics, in one semester. This includes Calc I, Calc II, Calc III, linear algebra, complex variables, ordinary (scalar) and partial (vector) differential equations, and elementary Greek number theory. It has been successfully taught for two semester. A text book has been written for the class.

Q: How can you teach 6 semesters of heavy duty math in one semester?

A: The key to this is to use the history to tell a story. Typically math is taught in a sterile way, with little or no physics, no system of units, and little to no history context.

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I. Seen and Unseen: Cultivating Intercultural Competence through Visual Methods in Social Science Classrooms

We live in a media saturated world where still images mediate our imaginations about different cultures and cultural conflict. It is imperative that we focus on how students across the humanities and social science majors are self-learning about cultural difference through consuming media images. The focus of our paper is on what we call “Self Learning of Differences” (SODs): i.e., how students become aware about their own “meaning-making” around media images from leading news outlets.

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II. “An erosion of confidence”: Obstacles to Religious Philanthropic Giving in the US

This presentation highlights findings from a qualitative study on religious philanthropic giving in the US and Canada. We conducted nine focus groups with 53 participants to understand the trends of lessened giving to mission offerings. The results reveal the challenges to giving included: (1) a growing distrust of how funds are managed, (2) a preference for local giving, (3) a perceived shortage of communication regarding missions, and (4) insufficient personal funds.

Q: What are the barriers to religious philanthropic giving in North America?

A: Distrust about how funds are used and preferences for local giving.

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III. Fonts of My Family: The Fleeting Craft of Cursive Writing

Cursive writing as a means to communicate is a fleeting practice. Students in grade schools are now being taught words per minute on a keyboard versus the craft of cursive writing, making this art form close to extinction. This research project centers on resurrecting the past through typographic design. Technology can encapsulate, document and archive one’s handwriting from the past, thus creating digital typefaces for today from the handwritings of the deceased.

Q: How can design and technology fuse together in order to recreate the handwritten traces of the past for digital use today?

A: By understanding, collecting and transposing the past (physical) to be used in the conceptual and applicational (digital) means of today.

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I. Environmental Education and Stewardship: Vital Ingredients for Successful Environmental Restoration

Solastalgia is the pain or sickness caused by witnessing and experiencing harm to one’s home environment. The risk for solastalgia is great in the U.S., where 53 million people live within 3 miles of a Superfund site. Suggested cures include involvement in the restoration of damages, and control in the solutions proposed to reverse damages. Environmental education and stewardship are vital components to the success of environmental restoration efforts, and for the alleviation of solastalgia.

Q: How do you guarantee environmental restoration success?

A: Environmental education.

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II. Evaluating Efficacy of Environmental Education Programming

Researchers will share the evaluation methods and outcomes of the Clark Fork Watershed Education Program (Cfwep.Org). Cfwep.Org students demonstrate strong understanding of the nature of the ecological impacts within their watershed and increased positive attitude toward stewardship. The need for robust evaluation methods within the environmental education realm is well-documented. Presenters will share outcomes, lessons learned, and insights regarding the program evaluation.

Q: How does one develop a robust evaluation protocol for an environmental education program?

A: Cfwep.Org has developed reliable and valid tools that are targeted toward measuring both knowledge outcomes and dispositions.

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III. Essentials of Energy Storage

Hawaii is the most fossil fuel dependent state in the United States. But HI has set a 2045 deadline for 100% renewable electricity sourcing. Unfortunately, two of the principal renewable energy sources, wind and solar are intermittent, producing energy only when the wind blows or the sun shines. Even with substantial increases in renewable electricity production, there will be periods without enough available power. Some sort of bulk energy storage will be required. For various reasons, only the Sisyphus system of energy storage will be suitable for Hawaii’s use. Fortunately, the cost of the Sisyphus system in terms of levelized cost of energy is lower than all other renewable options.

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IV. On Upper Bounds for the Ratios of Teichmuller to Stable Translation Lengths of Some Pseudo-Anosov Maps

In this presentation we provide a better upper bounds for the ratios of Teichmuller to stable translation lengths of point pushing pseudo-Anosov maps on punctured Riemann surfaces.

Q: What is a point-pushing map on a punctured Riemann surface?  
A: A point-pushing map is a map that is isotopic to the identity when the puncture is filled in.

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I. Visual Art and Digital Storytelling as Mediating Tools for Literacy Identity Transformation: Pedagogy for Literacy Rich and Equitable Access Classrooms

The topics of visual art and digital storytelling as mediating tools for literacy identity transformation will be explored and described in this workshop session. The authors assert that multimodal instructional engagements (the creation of visually artistic and digital re-presentation of self) that open space for an autobiographical exploration of literacy [reading, writing, speaking, visualizing, representing] practices, paired with a multimodal [artistic and symbolic] representation of those practices, when utilized pedagogically, become mediating tools that influence and transform literacy identity development, as well as support equitable access to disciplinary learning.

Q: What 21st century transformative pedagogical practices incorporating multiple modalities of composition influence literacy identity development?

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II. Why Art and Creativity are at the Center of Curriculum in Early Childhood?

How do children learn and express themselves? How do children think? What role does imagination, thinking and cognitive development play in Art and Creativity?

Art is all about process and not product in children. Creativity enhances Art building on children’s imagination. Art starts with scribbling and scratching among toddlers and transforms into drawing, painting and coloring in early childhood period. Creativity continues throughout one’s life.

Q: What is Art and Creativity in early childhood years?

A: It is process and not product when we consider children’s Art.

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