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We welcome you to a summit meeting of university leaders—vice presidents, deans, and other senior staff directly engaged in the management and delivery of online programs—to address the key topics and issues afecting the online enterprise.

This week, we will focus on groundbreaking models of designing programs for scale, engage in discussions on the state and federal policies that impact our work, explore the collaboration and research essential to the design of online learning, consider our role in creating and delivering non-credit/non-degree credentials online, and consider ways we can organize our units and work to grow the online enterprises at our institutions.

This year’s Summit reflects the partnerships and collaborations UPCEA has forged with other online organizations, highlights the exemplary work being done by UPCEA members, and further emphasizes the impact online learning has on institutions, faculty, staff, and students. This incredible program would not be possible without the work of the National Council for Online Education, the many speakers and presenters on the program, and a world-class venue.

Through high-level sessions featuring national and international leaders we will assess challenges and opportunities and help set an agenda for the future that will preserve quality and access while offering affordability and innovation to the students of today and tomorrow.

Welcome to Washington D.C., and the fifth annual Summit for Online Leadership!

Julie Uranis  
Vice President, Online and Strategic Initiatives  
UPCEA
Monday, June 18, 2018

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM  Opening General Session  
   Bharat N. Anand

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM  Welcome Reception

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  Monuments at Night

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  Breakfast

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM  General Session  
   Nancy Harhut

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM  Concurrent Session I

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM  Networking Break in the Exhibit Hall

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM  Concurrent Session II

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM  Lunch and General Session  
   Federal Policy Panel: Economic Competitiveness and Online Learning  
   Iris Palmer, New America  
   Diane Auer Jones, Department of Education  
   Van TonQuinlivan, California State Community College  
   Scott Cheney, Credential Engine  
   Moderator: Joel Simon, CAEL

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM  Concurrent Session III

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM  Networking Break in the Exhibit Hall

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  Concurrent Session IV

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM  Networking Reception  
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Wednesday, June 20, 2018

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM  Breakfast
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM  Concurrent Session V
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM  Networking Break in Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  Concurrent Session VI
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM  Closing General Session
Adam Alter
12:30 PM – 4:30 PM  2018 Online Leadership Roundtable
Pre-Registration Required

Summit At A Glance

Registration Desk Hours
Monday, June 18  12:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Tuesday, June 19  8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, June 20  7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Exhibit Hall Hours
Monday, June 18  4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, June 19  8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, June 20  7:30 AM – 12:15 PM

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Venue Floorplan

Washington Hilton
Concourse Level

- Concurrent Session rooms
- General Session room
Summit Sessions by Track

Find the content most relevant for you in this year’s concurrent session tracks:

PROGRAMS AT SCALE
- Bring your team and learn from leaders at Georgia Tech, Arizona State University, University of Washington, and Western Governors University about the key facets of how (and why) to scale up programs.
- Setting the Stage to Scale Up Programs
- Governance and Compliance
- Financial Models & Partnerships
- Faculty & Learner Services
- Quality, Design, & Rigor
- Go It Alone or Partner?

BUILDING THE ENTERPRISE
- We know that UPCEA member-led units incubate new initiatives that provide postsecondary access to today’s learners. UPCEA members are the standard-bearers for innovative practices focused on learning design, faculty and student services, program development, marketing online programs, and revenue/cost sharing. Presenters will share their experiences building, refining, or positioning online units for success.
- Managing Up, Managing Down, Managing Across: Building a Culture and Infrastructure for Effective Fully-Online Education
- How Do the Costs of Online Instruction Measure Up to Face-to-Face? Understanding the True Costs
- Change! How Institutions are Dealing with Organizational Change
- Building Online Programs within a Highly Traditional College
- Zero to 60: Strategies and Structures for Rapid Online Capability Growth
- Find, Foster, Flourish: Growth Strategies for Student Enrollment and Retention
- Building Shared Vision and Minding the Gaps: Launching an Inter-College, Interdisciplinary Online Bachelor’s Degree Program
- Using Data and Automation to Humanize Student Experiences
- Quality Assurance and the Online Enterprise: Using UPCEA’s Hallmarks of Excellence in Online Leadership to Document Quality Online Operations

ONLINE NON-CREDIT/ALTERNATIVE CREDENTIALS
- In this track, presenters will share the strategies and processes they followed (or are considering) to support the development of non-credit programming and credentials to meet stakeholder needs.
- Leveraging Competency-Based Design for Continuing Education
- Conversations with Colleagues: Non-credit to Credit Pathways and Stackable Credentials
- Two Birds, One Stone: Program Innovation and Alumni Engagement
- Program CPR: Staying Alive in a Changing Global Market

See full session details in the Summit Schedule starting on page 10 of this program.
POLICY

Presented in partnership with WCET, CAEL, and OLC, sessions in this track will feature experts in the field as we seek to reshape the landscape of federal and state policy. Are you concerned about how federal or state policies might impact your institution and the students you serve? Presenters will provide the high-level content you need to inform your institution about key policy issues impacting online students.

- Working Session: Policy Brief Development
- Working Session: Harmonizing Online Definitions
- Online Education Compliance: Engaging Administrators, Faculty, Staff, Students, and Vendors in the Implementation of Compliance Goals

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

Join your colleagues from other instructional design shops in concurrent sessions focused on instructional designer competencies and research, as well as the eDesign Collaborative ThinkTank with Georgetown University. During the ThinkTank, participants will explore various types of design shop models and practices, collaborate to find best practices, and network.

- Expertise in the Room: Leveraging the Competencies and Research of IDs
- Partnering with Faculty in the Design Process: Approaches to Faculty Partnership (ThinkTank)
- Lightning Round: Problems, Solutions, and Conversation (ThinkTank)
- Working Session: eDesign Partnerships and Possibilities (ThinkTank)
- Digital Learning Efficacy Research and Evaluation
- Working Session: eDesign Research

SPOTLIGHT

Connect with organizations and individuals leading innovation in these hand-selected sessions.

- U.S. News Best Online Programs Rankings: Review and Discussion of an Evolving System
- Creating Learner Opportunities—Digital Credentials as a Tool for Collaboration with Industry
- How Universities Learn: Innovation as a Strategic Focus and Catalyst for Change
- Blockchain in Higher Education: From Hype to Implementation
- CHLOE2: A Deeper Dive and Discussion Among Online Leaders
- Making Digital Learning Work
Monday, June 18, 2018
9:30 AM – 2:00 PM
UPCEA Board of Directors Meeting
Location: Georgetown East
2018–19 Board of Directors and UPCEA Staff only

12:00 PM – 2:45 PM
National Council for Online Education Advisory Board Meeting
Location: Georgetown West
2017–18 and 2018–19 National Council for Online Education Advisory Board Members only

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Opening General Session: Scaling Online & Building the Online Enterprise
Location: International Ballroom East
Bharat N. Anand
Bharat N. Anand is the Henry R. Byers Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School, and the Senior Associate Dean and faculty chair of HBX, the school’s digital learning initiative that he helped create.

Professor Anand is an expert in digital strategy and corporate strategy. He created Harvard Business School’s first executive program on digital strategies for media companies. He has written over fifty articles and case studies, many in the top journals in economics, strategy, and marketing. His research and case writing has received various awards, and his work has been profiled in numerous media outlets. He has served as faculty head for the required strategy course in the MBA program, and currently serves as faculty chair of various other executive programs at the school.

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Welcome Reception
Location: Exhibit Hall, Concourse Foyer
Hosted by Exhibitors and Sponsors

Tuesday, June 19, 2018
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Breakfast
Location: Exhibit Hall, Concourse Foyer

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
General Session: Surprise! The Brain Science Behind the Actions We Take
Location: International Ballroom East
Nancy Harhut
Even though we think we’re in total control, science has proven that up to 95% of decision-making takes place in the subconscious mind. In order to conserve mental energy, humans routinely rely on decision defaults—automatic, reflexive behaviors. And that means leaders need to know the triggers that prompt these hardwired behaviors, so you can get online students and prospects to take desired actions.

Nancy Harhut, Chief Creative Officer of Nancy Harhut and Associates, will share the proven principles of psychology that impact how people notice and respond to information. For instance, did you know that humans are instinctively drawn to images of faces, particularly a person’s eyes? Did you know that researchers have identified the word ‘because’ as a compliance trigger? When people see or hear it, they often start to nod yes without fully processing what comes next. You’ll leave this session with an understanding of the behavioral science behind some of the automatic actions people take—and a new perspective on how behavioral science can impact your institution’s online marketing communications.

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Monuments at Night
Location: Meet at the National World War II Memorial
(1750 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20024)
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10:15 AM – 11:15 AM  
**Concurrent Session I**

### Programs at Scale: Setting the Stage to Scale Up Programs

**Location:** Lincoln

Hugely successful programs with thousands of registrants are the dream of many leaders in higher education. But how do you scale up and more importantly why would you want to? In this session representatives from Georgia Tech, Arizona State University, University of Washington, and Western Governors University will discuss their reasons for scaling up programs, the learners they attract, and building partnerships with entities outside of higher education. Join us for a discussion on the Iron Triangle (accessibility, affordability, and quality) and how these leaders identified the programs to scale through market analysis and campus readiness.

*Marni Baker Stein,* Western Governors University  
*Rovy Branon,* University of Washington  
*Karen Dowdall-Sandford,* University of Washington  
*Yakut Gazi,* Georgia Institute of Technology  
*Jeffrey Goss,* Arizona State University  
**Moderator:** *Nelson Baker,* Georgia Institute of Technology

### Managing Up, Managing Down, Managing Across: Building a Culture and Infrastructure for Effective Fully-Online Education

**Location:** Jefferson West

The challenge for digital and online education leaders charged with launching, sustaining, and scaling online education on campuses in the U.S. is not just one of convincing faculty that online education can be “as good” as face-to-face education. Indeed, in many cases, leaders of fully-online educational programs have to work with and gain buy-in from leaders that sit above and across from them. In this panel, we talk about how “institutional buy-in” might happen and what it means to develop a space for innovation and creativity while also making data-informed decisions about what to build and how to build it. This panel will talk out loud about the trials and tribulations of developing online educational programs within the context of institutions, in particular, that have not always seen this as a logical pathway for their own growth and development. It does so while discussing how online leaders engage campus leaders.

*Vincent J. Del Casino,* University of Arizona  
*Jeff Grabbill,* Michigan State University  
*George DiGiacomo,* University of Virginia  
**Moderator:** *Jody Cebina,* University of North Carolina—Charlotte

### Leveraging Competency-Based Design for Continuing Education

**Location:** Jefferson East

Brandman University and Sagence Learning will share their experiences designing a competency based CE portfolio for K–12 professionals. Already offering multiple online credit-bearing programs for this audience, the initial focus was a determination to repurpose e-content and instructional design elements already proven successful and engaging within existing competency-based models. Education advisory boards and school district clients emphasized the need for personalization, application, and fostering of critical thinking and creativity. Teachers in Brandman programs encouraged the continuing format of teachers teaching teachers and opportunities allowing for transfer of knowledge to unfamiliar contexts. The discussion will include a demo of sample courses and the Sagence platform which allowed subject matter experts and instructional designers to build in the learning mechanisms called out as essential by the stakeholders. Participants will have an opportunity to work on their own online course design challenges and brainstorm solutions.

*Ricardo Lorenzana,* Brandman University  
**Moderator:** *Jay Hatchet,* The Learning House

### Federal Policy Insights: Non-Higher Ed Policy Impacting Higher Ed

**Location:** Monroe

While most higher education policy analysts are dialed in on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA), there are other major federal policy issues that have profound implications for higher education, especially adult and online learning. Net Neutrality, the Tax Code, and Accessibility regulations are but a few examples of non-HEA legislation and regulation that impact us all. This session features experts on these and other hot topics being discussed in Washington DC. Attendees will leave this session with a greater understanding of the unintended (and sometimes even intended!) effect that federal legislation has on the work we all do.

*Jarret Cummings,* EDUCAUSE  
*Julie Peller,* Higher Learning Advocates  
*Amy Laitinen,* New America  
**Moderator:** *Chris Murray,* Thompson Coburn LLP

Concurrent Session I continues on next page
10:15 AM – 11:15 AM Concurrent Session I continued

Expertise in the Room: Leveraging the Competencies and Research of Instructional Designers
Location: Georgetown West
Instructional designers are an integral component of public and private sector online learning operations yet the title ‘instructional designer’ and the duties performed by these professionals vary greatly. There is great variety among instructional designers (IDs) on work performed on a day-to-day basis. Role confusion or inconsistencies and ill-informed job descriptions can have a negative impact on ID workloads and their career paths. Researchers from the eDesign Collaborative and the Oregon State University Ecampus Research Unit will offer an overview of the results from their national studies on instructional designer competencies and more specifically on the research preparation and engagement of instructional designers. The presenters will discuss the necessary skills and knowledge instructional designers identified, the competencies IDs actually use in the workplace, and the role of research in the work of IDs. Participants will leave with a greater sense of the role of an instructional designer and be better prepared to engage with these professionals, lead teams of IDs, and hire IDs with the appropriate skills for their institution.

Olysha Magruder, Johns Hopkins University
Mel Edwards, Purdue University
Katie Linder, Oregon State University
Shaun Moore, Oakland University
Dan Arnold, Oakland University
Moderator: Christopher Miano, Temple University

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Coffee and Networking Break
Location: Exhibit Hall, Concourse Foyer

Chat with Online Administration Network Leaders
Location: OA Networking Zone (outside Georgetown Rooms)
Join your peers from leading institutions in conversations and networking around the topic of measuring online learning progress on your campus.

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Concurrent Session II

Programs at Scale: Governance and Compliance
Location: Lincoln
While higher education institutions are the power behind innovation in many societies, when it comes to renewing themselves, they fall behind. Join us as representatives from Georgia Tech, ASU, UW, and WGU discuss the concerns, considerations and creative approaches to governance and compliance that successfully push forward innovative programs.

Nelson Baker, Georgia Institute of Technology
Marni Baker Stein, Western Governors University
Karen Dowdall-Sandford, University of Washington
Moderator: Patricia Feldman, Arizona State University

How do the costs of online instruction measure up to face-to-face? Understanding the True Costs of Instruction
Location: Jefferson West
As funding for higher education tightens, institutional interest in online education continues to grow. But to many administrators, the costs to develop and deliver online courses can seem high in comparison to face-to-face instruction, as resources such as instructional designers, multimedia specialists, and programmers are added to the mix to ensure quality. Previous researchers have explored the costs related to providing online education, but have such examinations take all costs into account, particularly on the face-to-face side of the equation, to ensure a fair comparison? In this session, we will share an overview of past research findings, looking closely at the variables that are “counted” when assessing development and delivery costs. We will then engage the audience in a discussion that explores the gaps in the literature, working together to co-create a research agenda designed to help us all better understand the true cost comparisons and make better strategic decisions.

Stevie Rocco, Penn State University
Moderator: Karen Pedersen, Kansas State University

Moderator: Julie Urankis, UPCEA
Conversations with Colleagues: Non-credit to Credit Pathways and Stackable Credentials

Location: Jefferson East
In the effort to develop additional markets, more universities are exploring the potential of noncredit to credit pathways and stackable for-credit credentials. The concept sounds simple, but policies, technology and structures at many institutions make development and implementation complex and challenging. In roundtable conversations, participants will share approaches, challenges, strategies, successes and failures from their institutions.

Facilitators: Kim Siegenthaler, University of Missouri & Nina Huntemann, edX

Change! How institutions are dealing with organizational change.

Location: Monroe
This presentation will discuss changes that are occurring within specific institutions, changes that are occurring within the field of online learning, and changes that are needed to ensure future growth and development in higher education today. Ray Schroeder will discuss the “Strategic Compass” approach to envisioning future directions of the online program, Rovy Branon will explore how online learning is shaping the new “60-year curriculum” at the University of Washington’s Continuum College, Jason Rhode will share his institution’s experience reimagining distance learning support as a result of a recent institution-wide program prioritization process. Participants will be provided a weblink to materials.

Rovy Branon, University of Washington
Ray Schroeder, University of Illinois—Springfield
Jason Rhode, Northern Illinois University

Moderator: Vickie Cook, University of Illinois—Springfield

eDC ThinkTank
Partnering with Faculty in the Design Process: Approaches to Faculty Partnership

Location: Georgetown West
Sponsored by CNiLS, THE CENTER FOR NEW DESIGNS IN LEARNING & SCHOLARSHIP

Leaders from Georgetown University will kick-off our discussion on partnering with faculty. Experts will share the successful approaches they have used to meet faculty where they are, including individualized support, a cohort-based Design Studio, and a mixed/hybrid approach. Whether you are struggling with partnerships or have been very successful in working with faculty you won’t want to miss this opportunity to engage with your peers and learn about different models of faculty collaboration!

Yianna Vovides, Georgetown University
Shenita Ray, Georgetown University

Moderator: Camille Funk, University of California—Irvine

Creating Learner Opportunities—Digital Credentials as a Tool for Collaboration with Industry

Location: Georgetown East
Badge standards help employers and institutions embrace the interoperability of badges by creating a common credential holding valuable data about the learners’ achievements. Digital credentials in Open Badges bridge the divide between workplace learning and postsecondary degrees—leading to partnerships and collaborations that were previously difficult to navigate. Join experts in this movement who will discuss Open Badges and provide examples from the University System of Maryland and Madison Area Technical College as well as Northeastern University’s innovative collaboration using IBM Digital Badges. Participants will leave with a greater understanding of digital credentials, Open Badges and ideas on how they can begin this work at their institution—leading to better partnerships between institutions and industry stakeholders.

David Leaser, IBM
Kemi Jona, Northeastern University
MJ Bishop, University System of Maryland
Kathleen Radinoff, Madison Area Technical College

Moderator: Mark Leuba, IMS Global
12:45 PM – 2:15 PM
**Lunch and General Session: Federal Policy Panel—Economic Competitiveness and Online Learning**

*Location: International Ballroom East*

Join panelists from leading organizations as they discuss the intersection of the knowledge economy, online learning, and higher education along with a host of other federal policy topics. As legislators work through the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, we see signals that legislation could be more inclusive of non-traditional education providers, which may provide different or new pathways and skills for workforce development while also having interesting financial aid implications. At the same time, four-year institutions continue to make headway in a domain previously dominated by community colleges via non-degree credentials and other competency-based training. Attendees will leave with greater familiarity on the future of workforce development and other federal policy issues.

*Iris Palmer*, New America  
*Diane Auer Jones*, Department of Education  
*Van TonQuinlivan*, California State Community Colleges  
*Scott Cheney*, Credential Engine  
**Moderator: Joel Simon**, CAEL

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
**Concurrent Session III**

**Building Online Programs within a Highly Traditional College**

*Location: Jefferson West*

How does institutional culture shape the way in which institutions move online? Does it shape whether and to what extent they move online, the types of programs that are offered online, or how they make strategic decisions? This session will discuss specific challenges and strategies related to building robust online programs within a highly traditional college environment and will engage participants in conversation and activities related to their own institutional cultures. A range of strategies for getting approval, starting up programs with limited support, and navigating political and contracting obstacles will be considered, alongside strategies for working with Research-1 faculty members, developing processes and procedures for instructional design, and implementing robust assessment.

*Aleksandar (Sasha) Tomic*, Boston College  
*Bryan Blakeley*, Boston College  
**Moderator: Erik Nelson**, Columbia University

**Quality Assurance and the Online Enterprise: Using UPCEA’s Hallmarks of Excellence in Online Leadership to Document Quality Online Operations**

*Location: Georgetown East*

Did you know UPCEA’s Hallmarks map to the C-RAC guidelines used by regional accreditors? Have you wondered how you might create innovation for your institution using the strong leadership models of the Hallmarks of Excellence? Join Hallmark experts as they share how the Hallmarks can inform strategy, create innovation in online leadership, and be utilized as guideposts for all-important accreditor visits. Our speakers will share their lessons learned as Hallmarks reviewers and having participated in the review process. They will discuss why external reviews and self-assessments of online leadership are so important for online program success.

*Jason Ruckert*, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
*Vickie Cook*, University of Illinois—Springfield  
*Ray Schroeder*, University of Illinois—Springfield  
**Moderator: Julie Uranis**, UPCEA
State Higher Ed Policy Trends: Cap Appropriations. 
Lower the Price. Expect More.

Location: Monroe

If federal higher education policy gets most of the press at national conferences, it is often state policy issues that most directly affect our institutions. Higher education has experienced declining state allocations in the wake of rising concern among policymakers and the public alike about the cost and value of a college education. As a result, states have increased their focus on workforce development, displayed certainty that distance education costs less and should be priced lower, renewed interest in alternatives (new institutions or alternative providers), and implemented tuition-free community college plans. We’ve convened a group of state-level policy experts to help attendees make sense of these trends and themes so that you can anticipate what legislative initiatives could be on the horizon for your state.

Morgan Wilson, National Governors Association
Evie Cummings, University of Florida Online
Russ Poulin, WCET
Moderator: Neal Holly, Education Commission of the States

How Universities Learn: Innovation as a Strategic Focus and Catalyst for Change

Location: Jefferson East

This session will feature new and ongoing research for an upcoming book titled, “How Universities Learn”. The book’s central tenet is that learning innovation has emerged as a strategic focus at many colleges and universities in recent years. Like many leaders, the authors are attempting to make sense of why this focus on learning innovation has emerged and what it may mean for both individual institutions and the larger postsecondary sector. In the session the authors will present early research findings, and then challenge participants to consider organizational change and learning innovation occurring at their institutions.

Josh Kim, Dartmouth University
Eddie Maloney, Georgetown University
Moderator: Carin Nuernberg, Berklee College of Music

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Coffee and Networking Break

Location: Exhibit Hall, Concourse Foyer

Chat with Online Administration Network Leaders

Location: OA Networking Zone (outside Georgetown Rooms)

Join your peers from leading institutions in conversations and networking around the changes you would like to see in online education on your campus.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Concurrent Sessions IV

Programs at Scale: Faculty & Learner Services

Location: Lincoln

In this session, we’ll explore learner services, learner engagement, and the faculty role through the lens of program scalability. Join us as representatives from Georgia Tech, ASU, UW, and WGU discuss academic rigor, instructional models, and the role of faculty in meeting learner needs.

Karen Dowdall-Sandford, University of Washington
Yakut Gazi, Georgia Institute of Technology
Octavio Heredia, Arizona State University
Moderator: Marni Baker Stein, Western Governors University

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Two Birds, One Stone: Program Innovation and Alumni Engagement
Location: Jefferson West
Between 2015–2018, we ran an experiment offering online learning experiences for UChicago alumni in partnership with the UChicago Alumni Association with the joint intent of innovating in online learning programming and building alumni engagement. These experiences were focused on intense discussion, primarily asynchronous, and offered on a social platform instead of a traditional LMS. In terms of engagement and learning, the experiment was very successful, though we encountered difficulties around social outcomes and technology. In this session, we will share lessons learned, our findings from this experiment—including alumni learning activity, engagement data, and feedback—and offer best practices for other institutions hoping to engage alumni and innovate on their programming models.
Matt Cohn, University of Chicago
Moderator: Angela Gunder, University of Arizona

Zero to 60: Strategies and Structures for Rapid Online Capability Growth
Location: Jefferson East
In January 2015, Georgetown SCS launched its first online master’s degree; just 3 years later we have over 1000 online students across 15 fully online programs, many of which hold the largest share of their respective markets. And for the first time, this spring new enrollments from online programs surpassed those of our on-campus programs. In this session, we’ll present the strategy we developed which—despite coming late to the online game—allowed SCS to rapidly build capabilities, resources, programs, and enrollments in a financially successful way, while keeping academic quality front-and-center. Our presentation will cover three components of our strategy: (1) how we planned to rapidly scale-up our digital learning operations; (2) our approach to competitive strategy and its application to our online programs; and (3) the structures we put in place to support our strategy. We’ll conclude with thoughts about how our online and digital capabilities will factor into thinking about the future.
Jeremy Stanton, Georgetown University
Shenita Ray, Georgetown University
Moderator: Gary Chinn, Penn State

Working Session: Policy Brief Development
Location: Monroe
You’ve heard from the experts, now it is your time to weigh in! Higher Education leaders often struggle to mobilize around policy issues because of the perceived learning curve, the limited access to legislators, or the lack of time. In this working session, we will break down the most pressing policy issues for higher education. Discussants will lead group discussions and collect feedback. The perspectives shared will inform a policy brief that will be widely distributed after the event.
Facilitators: Becky Klein-Collins, CAEL; Tanya Spilovoy, WCET; Ken Hartman, OLC; & Jordan DiMaggio, UPCEA

eDC ThinkTank
Working Session: eDesign Partnerships and Possibilities
Location: Georgetown West
Sponsored by CNTLS: THE CENTER FOR NEW DESIGNS IN LEARNING & SCHOLARSHIP
We’ve heard from experts on partnerships and witnessed the work our peers are doing via the Lightning Round Session—now it’s time to engage! This session provides eDesigners, Multimedia Experts, and Instructional Technologists the opportunity to digest what they’ve learned in earlier sessions and discuss their perspectives. This is a great opportunity to have in-depth discussions with peers after shared learning experiences. You’ll leave with new ideas and new friends/colleagues!
Facilitators: Camille Funk, University of California—Irvine & Shawndra Bowers, Auburn University
Blockchain in Higher Education: From Hype to Implementation

**Location:** Georgetown East

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) has partnered with Learning Machine to set a path for learners to receive recognition for their skills and achievements through digital credentials. Using Blockchain technology, SNHU has a long-term vision for technology that provides secure documentation of learner achievements searchable by employers needing qualified candidates. Leaders from Learning Machine and SNHU will share why institutions should consider this technology, the path they are taking through implementation, and early results on user experiences. If you have been looking for a practical example of the use of Blockchain in higher education you won’t want to miss this session!

**Ben Dexter,** Southern New Hampshire University

**Jamil Dewji,** Learning Machine

**Moderator:** David Soo, US Department of Education

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**Wednesday, June 20, 2018**

**7:30 AM – 8:30 AM**

**Breakfast**

**Location:** Exhibit Hall, Concourse Foyer

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**5:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

**Reception**

**Location:** Heights Courtyard (Lobby Level)

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**8:30 AM – 9:30 AM**

**Concurrent Session V**

**Programs at Scale: Quality, Design, & Rigor**

**Location:** Lincoln

The Iron Triangle of higher education (accessibility, affordability, and quality) challenges us in creating affordable and accessible programs while maintaining quality. When we talk about quality, we have a sense of exclusivity or small faculty/student ratio. Can we have quality at scale? Join us as representatives from Georgia Tech, ASU, UW, and WGU discuss maintaining quality in at-scale programs.

**Marni Baker Stein,** Western Governors University

**Danielle Allsop,** University of Washington

**Yakut Gazi,** Georgia Institute of Technology

**Moderator:** Wayne Anderson, Arizona State University

**Concurrent Session V continues on next page**
**Find, Foster, Flourish: Growth Strategies for Student Enrollment and Retention**

*Location: Jefferson West*

A comprehensive strategy for enrollment and retention is critical to providing an optimal experience throughout the student life cycle. To be successful, institutions must have a clear understanding of what online students think, feel, and want, as well as the current risk factors that contribute to attrition. Each year, The Learning House, Inc. and Aslanian Market Research survey current, prospective, and recently graduated online college students to understand what they look for in an online program. In this presentation, Julie Delich, MS (Learning House) and Daria Tecco LaTorre, J.D. (Alvernia University) share growth-focused enrollment and retention strategies inspired by the findings of the Online College Students report. Attendees will discover insights into how to best serve students in a fiercely competitive marketplace, along with strategies for providing optimal experiences as online student populations evolve and expand.

*Daria Tecco LaTorre*, Alvernia University  
*Julie Delich*, Learning House  
**Moderator:** *Joshua Steele*, University of Arizona

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**Program CPR: Staying alive in a changing global market**

*Location: Jefferson East*

It is critical to adapt curriculum quickly to meet the shifting needs of industry and our students; however, infusing new ideas, energy and commitment into existing curricula requires buy-in from multiple stakeholders. Leveraging an effective methodology for the assessment and revision of existing programs can improve and reinvigorate content and delivery without discarding proven elements or alienating stakeholders. The Professional Development Programs at the Northwestern University School of Professional Studies uses this approach to provide innovative, non-credit learning opportunities designed to meet the lifelong learning needs of working professionals and the ever-changing demands of industry. In this session, we will walk through a case study of a revision of an online museum studies certificate program from initial assessment to program launch.

*Reba-Anna Lee*, Northwestern University  
*Suzanne Rovani*, Northwestern University  
**Moderator:** *Patricia Malone*, State University of New York at Stony Brook

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**Working Session: Harmonizing Online Definitions**

*Location: Monroe*

This working session will provide online leaders with a historical perspective on some of the definitions and criteria that exist for the stakeholders they serve. We will use our time together to components that can be used to conceptualize online experiences. Ultimately, this work will serve as the foundation for new set of definitions with the potential to inform the practices of stakeholders, inside and outside the higher education ecosystem, and influence policy.

*Facilitators: Lucas Kavlie*, Western Governors University; *Mary Niemiec*, University of Nebraska & *Julie Uranis*, UPCEA

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**Digital Learning Efficacy Research and Evaluation**

*Location: Georgetown West*

Research on digital learning efficacy lags far behind the explosive growth of products, meaning faculty and administrators often must make decisions about technology with inadequate evidence of effectiveness. We know digital learning research/evaluation projects are necessary as well as locating resources to support advancement of scholarship and evaluation in our work. The challenge is often time and money—and sometimes a steep learning curve. Join experts in an exploration of online tools developed to help faculty and staff evaluate the impact of technology-supported instruction on their campuses as part of a continuous improvement process. We will discuss current evaluation practices and opportunities for improvement and future research.

*Jill Buban*, Online Learning Consortium  
*Rebecca Griffiths*, SRI International  
*Bart Epstein*, Jefferson Education Exchange  
*Cristi Ford*, University of Maryland University College  
**Moderator:** *Josh Kim*, Dartmouth College
CHLOE2: A Deeper Dive and Discussion Among Online Leaders

**Location: Georgetown East**
QM and Eduventures have teamed up to conduct a multi-year study, The Changing Landscape of Online Education (CHLOE), to examine institutions’ online learning strategies, structures and policies. As online learning continues to mainstream, it is important to think through operational implications and opportunities. Online leaders can use the results of this work to place their institution within a broader context and help direct and influence strategic decisions and organizational changes. Presenters Richard Garrett and Deb Adair will share some of the insights gained from the 2018 CHLOE2 report and engage online leaders in a discussion of their online initiatives, strategic direction, and the broader institutional impact of online learning.

**Deb Adair**, Quality Matters
**Richard Garrett**, Eduventures
**Moderator: Asim Ali**, Auburn University

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**Using Data and Automation to Humanize Student Experiences**

**Location: Jefferson West**
To meet the needs of today’s students, college and universities are turning to automated software and data analysis to enrich the student experience. This session explores the growth in institutions capturing student data and employing automation strategies to enhance learning capabilities and improve student outcomes. We’ll explore how tech is enriching student/faculty interaction and doing so more efficiently, more affordably, and at scales not previously seen.

**Sarah DeMark**, Western Governors University
**Moderator: Joellen Shendy**, University of Maryland University College

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**Building Shared Vision and Minding the Gaps: Launching an Inter-College, Interdisciplinary Online Bachelor’s Degree Program**

**Location: Jefferson East**
While higher education traditionally divides academic content by department and college, the realities of the modern workplace increasingly demand workers who can effectively combine diverse skills. Interdisciplinary degree programs afford students the chance to create pathways that align to their long-term goals, breaking through disciplinary silos. In an online context, interdisciplinary programs distribute risks and rewards across academic units, ideally fostering greater faculty buy-in and enabling faster-to-market development. In this session, we’ll discuss the development and refinement of an inter-college, online bachelor of design degree across three colleges at Penn State. Specifically, we’ll share strategies that were successful, challenges and obstacles we encountered, and roles and resources that supported success from curricular planning through course design to program launch. We’ll consider processes from faculty, learning design, and administrative support (admissions and advising) perspectives, and discuss how we developed a shared vision and identified gaps (curricular and administrative) along the way.

**Gary Chinn**, Penn State University
**Kate Miffitt**, Penn State University
**Moderator: Sarah MacDonald**, James Madison University

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Online Education Compliance: Engaging Administrators, Faculty, Staff, Students, and Vendors in the Implementation of Compliance Goals

Location: Monroe

As the popularity of postsecondary online education increases, so have compliance risks. Online courses must comply with a complex regulatory framework including federal, state, and accreditor regulations and standards. This interactive session begins with a brief overview of core areas of compliance to consider when designing and administering online courses and programs (e.g., consumer protection and state authorization requirements, web accessibility for individuals with disabilities, and the crucial but controversial Title IV distinction between distance education and correspondence education). Presenters will then guide a discussion of policy formation and implementation strategies that are inclusive of the various stakeholders affected by compliance mandates within the institution and of third-party vendors as well as opportunities for advocacy and leadership outside of the institution. Recommendations for and discussion of compliance strategies for small, medium, and large or complex institutions or university systems will be highlighted throughout.

Richard LaFosse, Indiana University
Ilona Hajdu, Indiana University
Moderator: Witt Salley, Maryland University of Integrative Health

Making Digital Learning Work

Despite the promise that digital learning can expand access, improve outcomes, and decrease costs, institutional data on the impact of digital programs is limited. With support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Arizona State University and the Boston Consulting Group released “Making Digital Learning Work,” a study of six institutions with the goal of understanding and quantifying the impact of digital learning on institutional priorities (e.g., enrollment growth, student outcomes, financial returns). The report highlights pioneering efforts in innovating to expand access to postsecondary education, improve student outcomes, and provide higher education at an affordable cost. In this session, Lou Pugliese—director of ASU’s EdPlus Action Lab and a co-author of the report—will share the insights that led to these conclusions and share best practices and lessons learned from ASU’s research.

Lou Pugliese, Arizona State University
Moderator: Paul Fain, Inside Higher Ed

Working Session: eDesign Research

Location: Georgetown West

In earlier sessions we talked about eDesigner competencies, goals, and the desire/need for research performed by instructional design teams. We then heard from experts on digital learning efficacy research and evaluation—now it’s time to engage! This session provides an opportunity to digest the earlier sessions and discuss the role of research at your institution and within your work unit. This is a great opportunity to have in-depth discussions with peers after shared learning experiences. You’ll leave with new ideas, new colleagues/research collaborators and maybe a new research project!

Facilitators: Olysha Macgruder, Johns Hopkins University & Mel Edwards, Purdue University

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Closing General Session: Making Online Learning Addictive

Location: International Ballroom East

Adam Alter

Adam Alter is a bestselling author who studies how we think. In his new book, Irresistible, he explores how tech companies design games, apps, and experiences with predictable human psychology in mind—and how you can direct, and command, attention.

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Moderator: Jill Buban, Online Learning Consortium

12:15 PM

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12:30 PM – 1:15 PM Working lunch for Roundtable Attendees
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1:30 PM – 2:15 PM Mission Alignment and Market Research
Georgia Tech Professional Education

2:15 PM – 3:00 PM Governance, Infrastructure, Finances, and Stakeholders

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM Break

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM Institutional Capacity, Program Design, Student/Faculty Support

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM Wrap-Up, discuss future workshops like this

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