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Four Featured Speakers



Dr. Stephen Harmon
invited speaker



Dr. Xiaoqing Gu
invited speaker



Dr. Vanessa Dennen
invited speaker



Dr. Kyle L. Peck
invited speaker

Dr. Stephen Harmon



Stephen Harmon currently serves as Professor and Chair of the Learning Technologies Division in the College of Education at Georgia State University. After majoring in English literature at Furman University, Dr. Harmon moved to Upper Egypt to teach fourth-grade English for two years. While traveling through the Middle East and Africa, he realized the tremendous need, and scarce resources, for education and training in developing countries. He returned to the US and earned a masters and doctorate in instructional technology, with a cognate in global policy studies, from the University of Georgia. Dr. Harmon's research centers on educational uses of emerging technologies and has for the last few years focused on e-learning, particularly with respect to synchronous online learning environments. He is the President of the Association of Educational Communications and Technology, an international professional association of thousands of educators and others whose activities are directed toward improving instruction through technology. Dr. Harmon also conducts research on educational technology in developing countries. He has worked in several Middle Eastern and African countries, including as a consultant for USAID's Education for Development and Democracy Initiative in Botswana.

Dr. Xiaoqing Gu



Dr. Xiaoqing Gu is a professor and the Chair of Department of Educational Information Technology at East China Normal University (ECNU), where she earned her Ph.D. in Educational Technology. Dr. Gu teaches courses on instructional design for Information and Communications Technology (ICT)-supported learning, ICT-integrated pedagogy, and research on E-learning. Her research has focused primarily on ICT in education, including the ICT-supported content design and development, ICT-integrated pedagogical innovation, computer-supported collaborative learning, and learning analytics to inform pedagogical design. Dr. Gu has well cited publications in peer reviewed Chinese journals, such as E-education Research, China Educational Technology, and Open Education Research, among others.

Dr. Vanessa Dennen



Dr. Vanessa P. Dennen is an Associate Professor of Instructional Systems at Florida State University where she teaches classes on learning theory, instructional design for technology-mediated environments, research methods, and learning analytics. She earned a Ph.D. in Instructional Systems Technology from Indiana University. Her research investigates the nexus of cognitive, motivational, and social elements in computer-mediated communication, concentrating on two major issues: learner engagement in online discussion activities and identity development, informal learning, and knowledge brokering within online communities of practice.

Dr. Kyle L. Peck



Dr. Dr. Kyle L. Peck is Professor of Education at Penn State University and Co-Director of the Center for Online Innovation in Learning (COIL). He studies and applies innovations in education, and his current interests include the reducing cost of and increasing access to higher education, competency-based education, digital badges in education, online learning, and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). Dr. Peck recently served as Principal Investigator for the NASA Aerospace Education Services Project, Director of the Regional Educational Lab for the mid-Atlantic region, and Co-Director of Pennsylvania's Classrooms for the Future Evaluation Project. He is a Past President of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) and its Pennsylvania affiliate, PAECT, and has also served as Associate Dean for Research, Outreach, and Technology, Head of the Learning and Performance Systems Department, and Professor in Charge of the Instructional Systems Program at Penn State. He was also Co-Founder of the innovative "Centre Learning Community Charter School," and completed two terms on the Board of Directors of the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). Before coming to Penn State, he taught middle school for seven years, and was involved in corporate training for five years.

Virtual Presentation Sessions

AECT-LKAOE 2015 Summer International Research Symposium will have two virtual event keynote addresses on Day 1 and five virtual presentations on Day 2.

Virtual event keynote addresses on Day 1:

Jan Herrington: The Critical Importance of Authenticity in the Design of Open-Ended Learning Environments
Wednesday, June 17, 8:00 PM — 8:50 PM
WebEx facilitator: Yue Wan

John M. Traxler: Philosophical and Social Impact of Mobiles on Ideas of Knowledge, Knowing, Learning and on Identity, Community, Ethics, and Expression
Wednesday, June 17, 9:00 PM — 9:50 PM
WebEx facilitator: Xiaojing Guo

Virtual Presentations on Day 2:

Shabana Figueroa: Are Instructional Designers Cognizant of the Relationship between Their Personal Background and Instructional Design Process?
Thursday, June 18, 8:00 PM — 8:50 PM
WebEx facilitator: Jing Dai

Ying Shen: Teacher Candidates' Reflective Thinking Assisted with Videos in an Online Collaborative Environment
Thursday, June 18, 8:00 PM — 8:50 PM
WebEx facilitator: Shuyi Zhang

Jamie Bernhardt: A Review of the Design of Cognitive Ability Training Games
Thursday, June 18, 9:00 PM — 9:50 PM
WebEx facilitator: Jing Dai

Donalee Attardo, Akesha Horton, Pat Reid, James Willis, Wei Zakharov: Educational Technologists as Change Agents to Integrate Social Media for Teaching and Learning
Thursday, June 18, 9:00 PM — 9:50 PM
WebEx facilitator: Hui Qiao

Fei Gao, Venu Dasigi, Shilpa Gannamuneni: Identifying Members' Participation Trends in the #Edchat Online Community
Thursday, June 18, 9:00 PM — 9:50 PM
WebEx facilitator: Shuiyi Zhang

Preconference Workshop

Preconference Workshop on MOOCs, Open Education, and E-Learning

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Location: 1st Lecture Hall, Conference Building, Houkou Campus, Shanghai International Studies University, 550 Dalian Road (W), Shanghai 200083, China

Morning sessions:

David Wiley: Open Education: Higher Education in Transformation
Curtis Bonk: MOOCs and Open Education: Creations, Challenges, Curators
Ke Zhang: Data Mining Research on MOOCs and Social Media in China
Vanessa Dennen: Social Media MOOCs for Professional Development

Afternoon sessions:

David Wiley: Creating and Implementing Open and Digital Textbooks
Vanessa Dennen: Badges, Credentials, and Other Forms of Assessment
Ke Zhang (with Curt Bonk): Online Pedagogy with the R2D2 Model
Curtis Bonk (with Vanessa Dennen): Online Pedagogy with TEC-VARIETY

For the full schedule of the workshop, please visit <http://aect.org/chinasymposium/schedule.html>

If you have any questions, please contact [Dr. Curtis Bonk](#).

Team Member Spotlight: Introducing Mr. Haisong Ye



Mr. Haisong Ye is the technology director on the committee of AECT-LKAOE 2015 Summer International Research Symposium.

Haisong received both his Bachelor and Master's Degrees at Shanghai Normal University (SNU). After he received his Master's degree in 2001, he was offered a faculty position at SNU. In 2012 he decided to pursue a doctoral degree in the US. Saying good-bye to his associate professor title, Haisong became a student again. Haisong preferred to study at Indiana State University because during his year as a visiting scholar at ISU, his son fell in love with the school in Terre Haute. Haisong now is a PhD candidate at Bayh College of Education, Indiana State University. His major area is Educational Technology.

Haisong's hobbies include photographing, chess, reading kids' stories, and building and fixing things. He also loves traveling. Haisong has three lovely kids: a son and two daughters. He spends most of his time with the kids at his leisure.

Haisong is the most helpful assistant. He has done so much for the Symposium but never complained. It is always Haisong who is doing everything that is technology related. Besides his role as the technical support for the Symposium, Haisong also functions as a secretary to assist with newsletters and the program, to list but a couple. You must have visited the Symposium's Website. Hai! The developer of the Website is Haisong, too!! His contribution is critical to the success of the Symposium. Thank you, Haisong!

Transportation and Hotels

Transportation

From Pudong International Airport to ECNU, the most convenient way is to take Airport Shuttle No. 6 and then call a taxi. There are taxis at the terminal of Airport Shuttle No. 6. It is very convenient for you to get a taxi when you get off the airport shuttle. The main public transportation in Shanghai includes buses and subways. The nearest subway station to ECNU is Jin Sha Jiang Road Station. Both Line 3 and Line 4 have a stop at the station. If you prefer to take a bus, both Buses No. 67 and No. 856 have a stop at ECNU close to the university gate.

For more information about transportation, please visit <http://aect.org/chinasymposium/transportation.html>.

Hotels

Hotels on the ECNU campus:

Yifu Lou Guest House
The International Exchange Center

Hotels near ECNU campus:

Guoman Hotel
Marriott Hotel
Jinjiang Inn Hotel
7 Days Inn Hotel
Shanghai Yue — Bay Convention Center

For more information about hotels and reservation, please visit <http://aect.org/chinasymposium/hotel.html>.