iFEST 2022
New Paradigm of Learning: Partner and Prevail

16 – 18 August | Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
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The National Training & Simulation Association (NTSA) is America’s premier organization representing the interests of the modelling and simulation community worldwide. As such, it serves as a constant point of contact for government, academia, industry, research organizations and the military to exchange information, share knowledge, align business interests and in general stimulate growth and overall advancement of the industry. NTSA pursues these goals through a series of conference, meetings and exhibitions throughout the year. NTSA produces The Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation and Education Conference (I/ITSEC), which is the world’s largest conference and exhibition dedicated to modeling and simulation. While NTSA primarily serves the North American community of practice, many of its members and participants are non-US. NTSA is a key member of the International Training and Simulation Alliance (ITSA), a worldwide group of simulation associations that promotes knowledge and information about training and simulation worldwide.

The Department of Defense established the Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) Initiative to support the development and adoption of a data-driven DoD-wide digital learning ecosystem. The ADL Initiative is a government program reporting to the Defense Human Resources Activity (DHRA), under the Director, DHRA. The technologies, standards, and policies that form the foundation of this ecosystem are now being demonstrated by multiple DoD stakeholders. The ADL Initiative’s development of this ecosystem will enable the delivery of high-quality anytime and anywhere learning across an interconnected system-of-systems customized for the war fighter. The Total Learning Architecture (TLA), a driving factor in this ecosystem achieving learning system and data interoperability across the enterprise, has been a principal focus of iFEST.
**EVENT INFORMATION**

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**SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE**

**TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST**

- **Registration Open**
  Lower Foyer
  1200 – 1800

- **Exhibits Open**
  Lower Foyer
  1300 – 1900

- **General Session**
  Plaza Ballroom BC
  1330 – 1600

- **Concurrent Sessions**
  Plaza Ballrooms I-III, Beech A/B, Arbors
  1615 – 1700

- **Networking Reception**
  Lower Foyer
  1700 – 1800

- **War on the Rocks**
  “Reception Continues”
  Terrace Room
  1800 – 1900

**WEDNESDAY, 17 AUGUST**

- **Registration Open**
  Lower Foyer
  0700 – 1730

- **Continental Breakfast**
  Lower Foyer
  0730 – 0830

- **Exhibits Open**
  Lower Foyer
  0800 – 1900

- **Concurrent Sessions**
  Plaza Ballrooms I-III, Beech A/B, Arbors
  0830 – 0915

- **General Session**
  Plaza Ballroom B/C
  0930 – 1130

- **Concurrent Sessions**
  Plaza Ballrooms I-III, Beech A/B, Arbors
  1145 – 1230

- **Lunch & Exhibit Time**
  Terrace Room and Lower Foyer
  1230 – 1330

- **General Session**
  Plaza Ballroom B/C
  1330 – 1445

- **Concurrent Sessions**
  Plaza Ballrooms I-III, Beech A/B, Arbors
  1500 – 1645

**THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST**

- **Registration Open**
  Lower Foyer
  0700 – 1200

- **Continental Breakfast**
  Lower Foyer
  0730 – 0830

- **Professional Networking & Poster Reception**
  Lower Foyer
  1730 – 1900

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Registration, Breaks, Receptions, Exhibits, Posters
Plaza Ballroom Foyer

General Session
Plaza Ballroom B & C

Breakouts
Plaza I, Plaza II, Plaza III, Beech A & B, Arbors

Lunch
Terrace Room
AGENDA

TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST (ALL TIMES IN EASTERN TIME, UTC-4)

1200 – 1800
REGISTRATION OPEN
LOWER FOYER

1300 – 1900
EXHIBITS OPEN
LOWER FOYER

1330 – 1345
OPENING CEREMONY & WELCOME
PLAZA BALLROOM B/C
Angie Gamble, Ph.D.
Deputy Director, Training Support Analysis & Integration Directorate (TSAID), U.S. Army; iFEST 2022 Chair

1345 – 1430
INDUSTRY KEYNOTE SESSION
PLAZA BALLROOM B/C
Shawnna Hoffman
Chief Technology Leader, Legal Strategy & Operations, Dell Technologies
Angie Gamble, Ph.D.
Deputy Director, TSAID, U.S. Army; iFEST 2022 Chair
Moderator

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PANEL | MILITARY EDUCATION & TRAINING
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Defense leaders who oversee core components of the U.S. and Allied military training and education systems address the need to upskill and enhance the Total Force, and how the latest policies and technologies can enhance training and education.

RADM Peter Garvin, USN
Commander, Naval Education and Training Command

Brigadier-General Krista Brodie
Commander Military Personnel Generation Group, Canadian Armed Forces

Kimberly Jackson, SES
Deputy Asst. Secretary of Defense for Force Readiness, DoD

William R. Mansell, SES
Director, Defense Support Services Center, Defense Human Resources Activity, DoD

Celeste Ward Gventer, Ph.D.
President, Defense Security Cooperation University

Fred Engle
Director for Military Training, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness

Sae Schatz, Ph.D.
Outgoing Director, Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) Initiative

Moderator

NETWORKING BREAK & EXHIBIT TIME
LOWER FOYER

Refreshments Available

CONCURRENT TUTORIAL SESSIONS

1615 – 1700
Learner Focused Design: xAPI Enabled Adaptivity and Complex Skills Development
PLAZA I
Duncan Welder, IV
RISC, Inc.

Just In Time: AI-Driven Micro Learning for Everyone
PLAZA II
Alec Walker, Alan Harris, and Jerry Castanos
Growth Engine, Inc.

Using xAPI to Track Learning Experiences in Unity Projects
PLAZA III
Art Werkenthin
RISC, Inc.

Learning Experience Measurement (LXM)
BEECH A/B
Sydney Heimbrock, Ph.D., Ryan Twedell, Cyndey Miller, Sha’Reff Rashad, and LtCol Jill Leyden
Qualtrics

Meeting Learners’ Expectations: A Survey-based Methodology for Quality Improvement
ARBORS
Alicia Sanchez, Ph.D. and Judith Bayliss, Ph.D.
Defense Acquisition University

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1700 – 1800  NETWORKING RECEPTION & EXHIBIT TIME
LOWER FOYER

1800 – 1900  WAR ON THE ROCKS | FORMING THE FORCE: LEARNING IN AN ERA OF GREAT POWER COMPETITION
RECEPTION CONTINUES IN THE TERRACE ROOM

LtGen Michael Groen, USMC (Ret.)
Former Director, Joint Artificial Intelligence Center

Ryan Evans
Founder and CEO, War on the Rocks
Moderator

WEDNESDAY, 17 AUGUST (ALL TIMES IN EASTERN TIME, UTC–4)

0700 – 1730  REGISTRATION OPEN
LOWER FOYER

0730 – 0830  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
LOWER FOYER

0800 – 1900  EXHIBITS OPEN
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CONCURRENT ACTIVITY SESSIONS

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PLAZA I
Ashley Hall, Ph.D.
Parallax Advanced Research

Multi-Session Demonstration of Competency-Based Experiential-Learning Model for the U.S. Army Synthetic Training Environment (STE)
PLAZA III
Kevin Owens
ARL: The University of Texas at Austin

Benjamin Goldberg, Ph.D.
U.S. Army DEVCOM Soldier Center, STTC Orlando

Shelly Blake-Plock
Yet Analytics

Fritz Ray
Eduworks

Sanjay Mishra
ORISE

Applying Artificial Intelligence (AI) to New Distributed Learning Challenges in the Post-Pandemic Era
BEECH A/B
Robert Sottilare, Ph.D.
Soar Technology, Inc.

Xiangen Hu, Ph.D.
University of Memphis

Evan Oster
Aptima, Inc.

Robby Robson, Ph.D.
Eduworks

Educational Aspects of Organizational Development: Learning by Doing in Technology-Enabled Interventions ARBORS
Tonya Henderson, D.M.
ADL Initiative

Phil Brown, Ph.D.
Six Points Consulting
0915 – 0930  
**NETWORKING BREAK & EXHIBIT TIME**  
LOWER FOYER

Refreshments Available

0930 – 0935  
**DAY TWO WELCOME**  
PLAZA BALLROOM B/C  

**RADM James A. Robb, USN (Ret.)**  
President, National Training & Simulation Association (NTSA)

0935 – 1015  
**GOVERNMENT KEYNOTE SESSION**  
PLAZA BALLROOM B/C  

**The Hon. Beverly J. Seay**  
Southeast Regional Director, National Security Innovation Network  

**Frank Kelley**  
Vice President, Defense Acquisition University, BG, USMC (Ret.)  

**Moderator**

1015 – 1130  
**PANEL | NEW PARADIGMS OF LEARNING: PARTNER AND PREVAIL**  
PLAZA BALLROOM B/C  

The panel will address the criticality of partnerships for meeting the demands of learners and employers alike, describe innovative and cutting-edge learning partnership models, and outline how new paradigms of learning need to evolve to meet the changing needs in the workplace.

**Jason Strickland**  
Workforce PM – East Region, AWS Education to Workforce, Amazon Web Services  

**Heather Haseley**  
Co-Executive Director, Learning Futures, Arizona State University  

**Tim Quine, Ph.D.**  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Education, University of Exeter  

**Levent Yarar**  
Senior Director Strategic Partnerships, Wharton Interactive  

**Nunzio Quacquarelli**  
CEO and Founder, QS Quacquarelli Symonds  

**Jerry (Yoram) Wind, Ph.D.**  
Emeritus Professor of Marketing, The Wharton School  

**Moderator**

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Megan Torrance, TorranceLearning

**Closed Network xAPI**
Paul Miller and Ilya Voloshin, LSI, Inc.
1230 – 1330  LUNCH & EXHIBIT TIME  TERRACE ROOM & LOWER FOYER

1330 – 1445  PANEL | SOFTWARE AND DATA FOR LEARNING  PLAZA BALLROOM B/C

Our learning ecosystem has been driven to new heights in the last two years. Propelled by the adoption of the virtual workforce, advancements in technology and methodologies, and new ways to capture and leverage data, learning and development are more agile than ever. Join leaders in the field as they discuss where we’re headed as well as best practices for creating impactful learning and development programs.

Martin Dougiamas  
Founder & CEO, Moodle (Virtual)

David Porcaro, Ph.D.  
Vice President Learning, General Assembly

Russ Shilling  
EVP for Research, Riiid Labs; Senior Advisor, EdSAFE AI Alliance

Danny Williams  
Technical Account Manager, Epic Games

Jason Briefel  
Director of Policy & Outreach, Senior Executives Association (SEA)  
Moderator

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RADM JAMES A. ROBB, USN (Ret.)

President, National Training & Simulation Association

Rear Admiral Jim Robb is the President of the National Training & Simulation Association (NTSA).

NTSA is a non-profit corporation that provides a portfolio of events allowing the training, simulation and gaming industries to engage with national security markets. NTSA advocates the use of advanced simulation technologies, such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality and serious gaming, to support training, education and analysis. NTSA also runs the largest Training Systems Conference and Exposition in the world, I/ITSEC.

Before assuming his current position, Robb provided consulting and strategic planning services to large and small businesses in the defense market. He transitioned from the U.S. Navy in 2006, after a 34 year career in Naval Aviation where he deployed nine times across the globe, accumulated over 5,000 hours in the air, and survived over 1,000 carrier landings at sea. He is a recognized expert in training and simulation, having spent much of his Navy career instructing in fighter tactics and threat simulations. His notable training tours included flying captured Russian MIG fighters against U.S. forces in the Nevada desert and command of the Navy Fighter Weapons School, also known as TOPGUN. Robb also commanded a fighter squadron, a carrier air wing and a carrier strike group.

Robb graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, and from the University of West Florida with a Masters Degree in Aeronautical Systems.

iFEST CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

ANGIE GAMBLE, PH.D. – iFEST 2022 CHAIR

Deputy Director, Training Support Analysis and Integration Directorate (TSAID), U.S. Army

Dr. Angie Gamble is a Department of the Army Civilian and has worked within the training and education community since 2005. Gamble currently serves as the Deputy Director for the Training Support Analysis and Integration Directorate (TSAID) under the Combined Arms Center – Training (CAC-T), U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Fort Eustis, VA. She manages and executes program requirements integration for the Army Training Support System Enterprise (TSSE) in cooperation with the Department of the Army (DA) G 3/7 TRADOC to provide Training Support for the Army. She conducts training support analyses, manages fielded training aids, devices, simulators and simulations to include Graphic Training Aids and consolidated Training Support Systems (TSS) non-maintenance services, manages the Army Doctrine Training Publication Program (ADTPP), and leads TRADOC Training Modernization efforts in coordination with Army Commands and Army Service Component Command (ASCC), HQ TRADOC, Army Futures Command (AFC), Centers of Excellence (CoE), and other key Stakeholders across the Army.

Prior to moving to Virginia. Gamble was the Chief of Faculty & Staff, Directorate of Training at the Cyber Center of Excellence, Fort Gordon, GA.

SAE SCHATZ, PH.D. – SENIOR GOVERNMENT ADVISOR

Outgoing Director, Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) Initiative

Dr. Sae Schatz is an applied human–systems scientist, with an emphasis on human cognition and learning, instructional technologies, adaptive systems, human performance assessment, and modeling and simulation. She is the Outgoing Director of the Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) Initiative, a research and development program reporting to the Defense Human Resources Activity (DHRA), under the Director, DHRA. Before joining the government in 2015, Schatz led the authorship and execution of three military textbooks, and received professional recognition for her publications and research, including best paper awards from the I/ITSEC and MODSIM conferences.

She also maintains close ties with her alma mater, the University of Central Florida. She formerly held an assistant professor position with the university, and previously taught courses in visual design, web design and development, modeling and simulation, and human–systems interaction.
KEITH BEURSKENS, DM – iFEST 2022 CONFERENCE CHAIR

Deputy, Directorate of Academic Affairs and Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Office of the Provost, Army University

Dr. Keith Beurskens is the Deputy, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, Army University. Beurskens was the lead author for the “Army University White Paper” and the “Strategic Business Plan for the Army University,” which led to the establishment of Army University in 2015. Beurskens entered civilian service in 2005. Prior to his current position, he established the School of Advanced Leadership and Tactics, Command and General staff College, and served in the Center for Army Leadership. He is the editor for the Journal of Military Learning, has edited two books of historical case studies of large-scale combat operations, and authored several articles.

Beurskens completed a 24-year military career that included assignments in combat engineer units, the Corps of Engineers, and as Professor of Military Science at the University of Illinois. Beurskens holds a Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership and is married with five adult children and five grandchildren.

AARON PRESNALL, PH.D. – iFEST COUNCIL OF CHAIRS

President, Jefferson Institute

Dr. Aaron Presnall is Founder and President of the Jefferson Institute, a non-partisan, not-for-profit corporation. Presnall has 25 years of experience in leading transformational efforts in security sector reform across Europe. Before joining the Jefferson Institute, he served with the EastWest Institute for seven years in Prague, then in Belgrade for three years as EastWest’s Regional Director of Southeast Europe.

FRANK KELLEY – iFEST COUNCIL OF CHAIRS

Vice President, Defense Acquisition University, BGen, USMC (Ret.)

Mr. Frank Kelley is the Vice President of Defense Acquisition University (DAU). In this position, he is responsible for aligning DAU strategic plans to the goals of both the Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, while continuing to build the outstanding reputation of DAU as the Department of Defense primary learning institution for acquisition. He oversees the development and expansion of acquisition curriculum and learning opportunities and the delivery of those learning assets throughout the five DAU regional campuses, the Defense Systems Management College, and the College of Contract Management. Prior to this assignment, Kelley served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy Unmanned Systems from October 2015 – June 2018. In this capacity, he was the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition on matters relating to unmanned systems across all domains – land, sea, and air. Kelley joined the civil service in 2015 following a 32-year career as a Marine.
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SHAWNNA HOFFMAN

Chief Technology Leader, Legal Strategy & Operations, Dell Technologies

Ms. Hoffman serves as the Chief Technology Leader for Legal Strategy & Operations at Dell Technologies. Prior to Dell Technologies, she was the ServiceNow Technology Workflows Manager and Predictive AIOps Federal Lead. She also spent a decade at IBM in Digital Transformation & Strategy in positions including Co-Leader of the Global Watson AI Legal Practice. She is a sought-after Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain Subject Matter Expert and has spoken at the UN at Blockchain for Impact (2018) and the UN Data Forum (2020 and 2021). In September 2018, she was appointed as Chair of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s (CFTC) Distributed Ledger Technology and Market Infrastructure Subcommittee for the 2018 - 2020 term. In October 2019, she testified in front of the CFTC on blockchain privacy and confidentiality. In March 2019, she testified in front of the CFTC on blockchain adoption. In June 2019, Congress submitted to the Congressional Record the paper she co-authored: “Diversity in Blockchain’s Initial Review of Facebook’s Project Libra.” She has one published patent for Detecting Clusters and Relationships in Large Data Sets (20180096047) and one pending patent for Method and System for Pattern-based Home Network Configuration (END820160894). She also co-authored the book eDiscovery Plain & Simple (ISBN-13:97814394079), is the co-founder of Women in eDiscovery, founded in 2007 and the co-founded Diversity in Blockchain in 2017. In 2017, she was awarded the Certificate of Leader Development in National Security and Strategy by the U.S. Army War College.

Hoffman’s community service leadership includes co-founding and serving on the Board of Directors of the Community Hope Center of Osceola County, FL.

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THE HON. BEVERLY J. SEAY

Southeast Regional Director, National Security Innovation Network

Beverly Seay is the Southeast Regional Director for the National Security Innovation Network (NSIN), a program office within the U.S. Department of Defense. In this role, she is leveraging talent through new partnerships with major universities and the venture community to drive national security innovation.

Seay is a former entrepreneurial modeling and simulation defense industry senior executive with global experience and a Fortune 500 track record in domestic and global business operations. She brings to NSIN strong university ties and industry collaboration expertise in start-ups, turnarounds, high growth, and acquisitions. Inducted into the National Center for Simulation Hall of Fame and selected every year as one of Florida’s most influential business leaders by Florida Trend, Seay is a member of the University of Central Florida (UCF) Board of Trustees (2013-present) and served as Chair from July 2019 through June 2021. She is past chair of the Deans’ Industry Advisory Boards at the University of Central Florida (UCF) College of Engineering and Computer Science and the Georgia Tech College of Computing. She is also chair of the board of Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) (2015-present).

As chair of the Florida Simulation Summit (2015-present), Seay works with the Orange County Mayor’s office and the National Center for Simulation to increase awareness of Modeling and Simulation technologies and their applications in industries such as healthcare, entertainment, transportation, education and defense.

In December 2020, Seay was recognized as i4 Business Magazine’s 2020 Business Leader of the Year. In February 2021, she was recognized as Orlando Business Journal’s Businesswoman of the Year. In November 2021, she was inducted into the Mid-Florida Business Hall of Fame.

Seay has a BS Mathematics and MS Computers, Information and Control Engineering from the University of Michigan.
MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PANEL

RADM PETER GARVIN, USN

Commander, Naval Education and Training Command

Rear Admiral Garvin became the 20th commander of the Naval Education and Training Command on July 9, 2020, an enterprise level shore command of the U.S. Navy of more than 19,000 military and staff personnel. His extensive military career includes service with the “Pelicans” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 45, where he was the 1995 Association of Naval Aviation Pilot of the Year; department head with the “Mad Foxes” of VP-5; navigator aboard USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), where he served as flag navigator for the embarked Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 6; executive and 59th commanding officer of the “Fighting Tigers” of VP-8; and commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 10. His shore assignments include flag lieutenant to Commander, Patrol Wings Atlantic (CPWL), Commander, Task Force (CTF) 84; instructor pilot at the P-3 fleet replacement squadron, VP-30; Washington placement officer at the Bureau of Naval Personnel (PERS 441); executive officer for the director, Operational Plans and Joint Force Development Directorate (J-7), Joint Staff; federal executive fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations; undersea warfare branch head in the assessments division (N81) and deputy director, unmanned warfare systems (N99), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations staff; and executive assistant to the vice chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Air Medal (two strike/flight) and various personal, unit and campaign decorations. He holds a BS in Aerospace Engineering (Astronautics) with merit from the U.S. Naval Academy (1989). He is also a 2005 graduate of the National War College, with a MS in National Security Strategy and a 2015 alumnus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL KRISTA BRODIE

Commander Military Personnel Generation Group, Canadian Armed Forces

Brigadier-General Krista Brodie joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1989. She is a graduate of Royal Roads Military College and was commissioned under the Regular Officer Training Program. During her time in the Canadian Army, she has commanded platoons, a company, and a battalion. Brodie has also commanded a Formation in the Canadian Joint Operations Command. She has been deployed to Croatia, Bosnia, and Afghanistan, and has served with both NATO and the United Nations. With qualifications as an aerial delivery specialist, she also earned American jump wings on exercise with the 2nd Battalion of the 75th Ranger Regiment (U.S.). Brodie is married with three children.

KIMBERLY JACKSON, SES

Deputy Asst. Secretary of Defense for Force Readiness, DoD

Ms. Kimberly Jackson was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Readiness in January of 2021. She is the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Strategic and Operational Readiness of the Armed Forces.

Prior to this position, Jackson was an international and defense researcher at the RAND Corporation. During that time, she directed studies on the role of military culture in inter-service competition and the development of senior military officers, as well as the Department of Defense’s evolving roles and capabilities in strategic competition. She also led research on topics including professional military education and talent management, special operations, security cooperation, and Reserve Component forces. Additionally, from 2019-2021, Jackson was a professor of policy analysis at the Pardee RAND Graduate School.

She served in several civilian positions throughout the Department of Defense, including Syria policy director, manager of various special operations and security assistance programs in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, a planner in three special operations commands, and a special assistant in the Pentagon’s Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation Directorate. Additionally, from 2004-2006, Jackson was the military legislative advisor to U.S. Senator Mark Dayton, where she spearheaded legislation to create the National Guard and Reserve Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

Jackson served as a Naval Reserve Officer until 2020 and held assignments within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Naval Special Warfare, and in the Chief of Naval Operations’ Strategic Studies Group. She holds a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Minnesota as well as an MPP and MPH from the University of California, Berkeley.

WILLIAM R. MANSELL, SES

Director, Defense Support Services Center, Defense Human Resources Activity, DoD

Mr. William Mansell is a member of the Senior Executive Service and serves as the Director for the Defense Support Services Center (DSSC), part of the Defense Human Resources Activity. As Director, Mansell ensures critical support services are provided to the Department’s military and civilian personnel that enhance national security, mission readiness, resiliency and reintegration. Mansell oversees the following Directorates: Advanced Distributed Learning Initiative, Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support; Defense Language & National Security Education Office; Defense Personnel and Family Support Office; and the Defense Travel Management Office.

A native of Portsmouth, VA, Mansell graduated from Norfolk State University with a BS in Political Science. He subsequently attained an MA in Executive Development from Ball State University and
an MBA – Management Information Systems from Old Dominion University. He is also a graduate of the Army War College.

Mansell’s career includes over 27 years of active duty service in the United States Army. He served as a Military Personnel and Information Systems Officer and commanded at company, battalion and brigade levels. He also served as the J5 Executive Officer for the United States Southern Command. His command assignments included the 417th Base Support Battalion in Kitzingen, Germany and the 1st Personnel Group at Fort Lewis, WA. Mr. Mansell’s Department of Army Staff assignments included Deputy Chief of Staff Logistics, Information Management Officer and Deputy, and The Adjutant General. Mansell retired from the Army in 2003 as a Colonel.

Mansell’s military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medals with four oak leaf clusters, and various other awards and unit commendations. He is also the recipient of the Commander’s Awards for Civilian Service.

CELESTE WARD GVENTER, PH.D.

President, Defense Security Cooperation University

Dr. Ward Gventer, Ph.D. is the President of the Defense Security Cooperation University (DSCU), a component of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) and the Department of Defense’s Center of Excellence for Security Cooperation Education. DSCU oversees three key DSCA components: the School of Security Cooperation Studies, the Institute for Security Governance (ISG), and the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies.

She has been a national security professional for over two decades with service in government, academia, and the private sector, both in the U.S. and overseas. She most recently served in ISG’s Advising and Consulting Division as a senior lecturer and regional program lead for Europe. She worked with several partner nations in the Balkans and Eastern Europe on institutional capacity building of their defense and security institutions. Gventer also worked as a subject matter expert for ISG and its predecessor organizations in Central and Eastern Europe, and was a defense organization and management advisor with AT Kearney in the UAE.

She was a 2020-2021 postdoctoral Fellow at the Albritton Center for Grand Strategy (CGS) at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University. While at CGS, she worked as the Chief Knowledge Manager for the COVID Commission Planning Group. She also taught public policy and writing at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas (UT) in Austin.

Gventer received a BA in Political Science from Stanford University, a Master of Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School, and a Ph.D. in History and Certificate in Cybersecurity from UT. Gventer has received the Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal, the U.S. Army Superior Civilian Service Award, and the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service.

FRED ENGLE

Director for Military Training, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness

Fred Engle is the Director for Military Training in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness, Office of the Secretary of Defense. His responsibilities include policy and oversight of all Department of Defense collective military training and training capability modernization, to include live ranges and live-virtual-constructive (LVC) technologies. He leads the Defense-wide Operational Training Infrastructure Working Group focusing on rationalizing operational training challenges and training capabilities to restore readiness and support the objectives of the National Defense Strategy. Engle leads a team of government civilian and contractor subject matter experts responsible for analyzing training readiness and advocating for interoperable training across the military services and warfare domains. His responsibilities also include oversight of military cyber training, the Persistent Cyber Training Environment and advocacy for cyber training resources. He co-chairs the DoD Cyber Training Advisory Council and the NATO Training Group’s Steering Group.

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Mansell’s military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medals with four oak leaf clusters, and various other awards and unit commendations. He is also the recipient of the Commander’s Awards for Civilian Service.

WAR ON THE ROCKS

LTGEN MICHAEL GROEN, USMC (RET.)

Former Director, Joint Artificial Intelligence Center

Lieutenant General Michael Groen (U.S. Marine Corps, Ret.) served over 36 years in the U.S. military, culminating his career as the senior executive for AI in the Department. Groen also served in the National Security Agency overseeing Computer Network Operations, and as the Director of Joint Staff Intelligence, working closely with the Chairman and Senior Leaders across the Department. He is an experienced Marine commander and multi-tour combat veteran. Groen earned Masters Degrees in Electrical Engineering and Applied Physics from the Naval Postgraduate School. He is an experienced change-agent—modernizing capabilities, organizations and cultures. He informs transformational change in military capabilities against the backdrop of an accelerating pace of digitally enabled warfare and rapidly modernizing opponents.

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MR. HEATHER HASELEY
Co-Executive Director, Learning Futures, Arizona State University

Ms. Heather Haseley is an expert in educational technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship and technology transfer. She currently serves as the Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director of the Arizona State University (ASU) Learning Futures, a collaborative and studio that brings collaborative leaders, creative thinkers and innovative ideas together to design the futures of learning and advance equity and excellence in education systems. She also is a Lead Design Architect of ASU’s Next Generation Learning. Haseley has presented at conferences and events around the world on learning innovation, immersive learning, digital credentials/skills development, learning design and program development. Before joining ASU, she served in leadership roles at UPenn, Northwestern, and Columbia University, fostering innovation in learning through the creation of new centers, programs, communities of practice, and learning experiences. Haseley holds a bachelor’s in Philosophy at Northwestern University and earned a M.S.Ed in Education Entrepreneurship at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education.

MR. TIM QUINE, PH.D.
Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Education, University of Exeter

Professor Quine is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Professor of Earth Surface Science at the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom. Prior to taking on the Deputy Vice-Chancellor role in September 2015, he was the Academic Dean for Students having been the Associate Dean for Education for the College of Life and Environmental Sciences.

As the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Quine is responsible for delivering the University’s Education Strategy (2019-2025) with oversight of its implementation and monitoring through the Education Executive Group, providing regular reports to Senate and Council. The education strategy sets out Exeter’s vision for teaching, learning and student experience for the next five years, identifying priorities focused on enhancing undergraduate and postgraduate provision, supporting and enabling educators, and responding to the opportunities presented by digital transformation. He is currently the sponsor of Project Enhance, which is facilitating the University’s approach to maintaining educational opportunities and outcomes for students in response to the COVID-19 pandemic through the provision of a blended model of teaching and learning. He is a member of University Senior Management Group Senate and currently chairs the University’s Education Executive Group. He has been an external examiner of undergraduate programs at three Russell Group Universities, and has examined Ph.D. theses at several UK and international Universities. He earned a BSc Archaeology from the Institute of Archaeology (UCL) at the University of London and holds a Ph.D., in Archaeology from the University of Strathclyde.

MR. LEVENT YARAR
Senior Director Strategic Partnerships, Wharton Interactive

MR. NUNZIO QUACQUARELLI
Founder and CEO, QS Quacquarelli Symonds

Mr. Nunzio Quacquarelli is CEO of QS Quacquarelli Symonds, a UK company specializing in the analysis of higher education institutions around the world, which he founded as a student project at The Wharton School of Business. QS is the world’s leading provider of services, analytics, and insight to the global higher education sector, whose mission is to enable motivated people anywhere in the world to fulfill their potential through educational achievement, international mobility, and career development. Quacquarelli currently leads a team of over 350 people from 30 different countries in offices around the world, and ensures that all sections of the business
meet social enterprise objectives which includes engaging the higher education community with the latest in education technology through the Wharton-QS Stars Reimagine Education Awards and Conference which he has co-chaired since 2014. As part of his commitment to the QS mission, Quacquarelli established a not-for-profit foundation, QS Education Trust, which provides merit-based scholarships for less privileged future leaders to gain access to higher education. Before starting his own business, he worked in strategy consulting in the UK and Italy. In 2010, he was selected as one of the ‘top 50 business leaders under 50’ by Diversity MBA magazine in the USA. Quacquarelli has an MA from Cambridge University and an MBA from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, where he won the Glockner Prize for Management.

JERRY (YORAM) WIND, PH.D.
Emeritus Professor of Marketing, The Wharton School

Professor Jerry Wind is known for pioneering research on organizational buying behavior, market segmentation, conjoint analysis, and marketing strategy. He consults with major firms around the world, provides expert testimony in intellectual property cases, and has lectured in over 50 universities worldwide. He is a highly-cited author in marketing, and is a regular contributor to the professional marketing literature, with 30 books and more than 300 research papers, articles and monographs on marketing strategy, marketing research, new product and market development, consumer and industrial buying behavior and international marketing. Over the years, he has served as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Marketing, the policy boards of the Journal of Consumer Research and Marketing Science, and on the editorial boards and as guest editor of special issues of the major marketing journals. He led the creation of the Wharton Executive MBA Program (1974) and was founding director of both the Joseph H. Lauder Institute (1983-1998) and Wharton International Forum (1987). He led the reinvention of the Wharton MBA curriculum (1991-93) and the development of the Wharton globalization strategy (1995-1997). In 1994, he co-founded Reichman University, the first private, non-profit university in Israel formerly known as The Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya. Wind has taught MBA courses in marketing strategy, marketing methods and applications for business consulting, Creativity and Interactive Marketing in the Age of the Empowered Consumer and numerous executive education programs. Professor Wind received his Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1967, and his MA and BS degrees from The Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

SOFTWARE AND DATA FOR LEARNING PANEL

MARTIN DOUGIAMAS
Founder and CEO, Moodle

Mr. Martin Dougiamas is the founder and CEO of the open-source Moodle software project launched in 1999. He continues to guide and grow the enterprise with the support of 80 employees globally and two major offices in Perth, Australia and Barcelona, Spain. Moodle LMS (Learning Management System) is Moodle’s best-known product, allowing educators to create a private space online filled with tools for collaborative learning for K-12, higher education and workplaces. First released in 2001, the Moodle LMS is now used in every country around the world by an active community of hundreds of millions of users and is key infrastructure for over 60 percent of all higher education institutions worldwide. Moodle LMS is one of a complete suite of open products, including Moodle Apps (for offline and mobile use), MoodleCloud (a SaaS hosting platform with 38,000 Moodle sites), MoodleNet (a new social network for educators), Moodle Educator Certifications (to teach digital competencies), and Moodle Workplace (a special version of Moodle LMS focussed on learning in the workplace). Dougiamas has a mixed academic background with multiple post-graduate degrees in computer science and education and two honorary doctorates. He continues to focus on researching how open education technology can best support teaching and learning in open and human ways, with a keen interest in helping to produce a generation that can meet the UN’s sustainable development goals. Recently, Dougiamas started a new initiative, OpenEdTech.global, which he hopes will encourage open source companies to work collaboratively to provide complete, high-quality, ethical, lasting educational technology solutions to power education into the future.

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RUSS SHILLING
EVP for Research, Riiid Labs & Senior Advisor, EdSAFE AI Alliance

Dr. Russ Shilling is a former Navy Captain, experimental psychologist, and program officer who has leveraged technology to revolutionize training, education, and psychological health. He currently serves as the Executive Vice President for Research at Riiid Labs and a senior advisor for the EdSafe AI Alliance, a
non-for-profit consortium that provides global leadership for the
development of a safer, more equitable, and more trusted education
ecosystem of artificial intelligence (AI) innovation. Previously, he
served as the Senior Vice President for Government Solutions and Policy at Riid Labs, leading strategy, programs, and partnerships
to leverage Riid’s strengths in AI and innovation to revolutionize
education and training across the government and provide 21st-
century learning opportunities to military members and veterans.
Dr. Shilling’s experience includes leading innovative programs at
the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) on the
use of AI and affective computing to address psychological health
problems, and both writing and lobbying extensively on the need
for DARPA for Education (ARPA-ED). From 2017-2018, he was a
Senior Innovation Fellow at Digital Promise where he co-created the
Advanced Education Research and Development Fund (AERDF),
a $50M educational technology Research & Development fund
modeled on DARPA to tackle intractable teaching and learning
challenges that disproportionately affect students of all races
experiencing poverty. In 2014, he joined the Obama Administration
as the Executive Director of STEM Initiatives at the U.S. Department
of Education. In this position, he coordinated efforts across 60+
STEM priorities at the DoD and numerous federal agencies. Dr.
Shilling was an early pioneer in serious games and virtual reality,
and developed games for STEM education and psych health, and
award-winning programs with Sesame Workshop to help military
children cope with deployments, injury, and grief.

DANNY WILLIAMS
Technical Account Manager, Epic Games

Mr. Danny Williams has worked in the simulation and training
industry for over 20 years. He is currently the Technical Account
Manager for Simulation at Epic Games where he helps customers
build training applications on Epic’s Unreal Engine. He joined Epic in
January 2021 to work with the simulation team to raise awareness
and facilitate adoption of the Unreal Engine in the simulation and
training industry. Prior to joining Epic, he worked for eight years
at MAK Technologies where he helped capture the STE Common
Synthetic Environment Program. Mr. Williams started his career
in simulation at BAE Systems from 2001-2005 which included
working on the Future Combat Systems program. In 2005, he
moved to the Johns Hopkins University Applied Research Lab
developing training systems for the U.S. Navy and the Department

JASON BRIEFEL
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Association (SEA)
IGNITE! PRESENTATION – THE CASE FOR DOUBLING DOWN ON OPEN EDTECH INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE FUTURE

MARTIN DOUGIAMAS
CEO and Founder, Moodle
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IGNITE! PRESENTATION – JEDX: MODERNIZING AMERICA’S JOBS AND EMPLOYMENT DATA

JASON TYSZKO
Vice President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Mr. Jason Tyszko is Vice President of the Center for Education and Workforce at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Through events, publications, and policy initiatives, the Center for Education and Workforce – in partnership with Chamber members and business leadership — the Foundation seeks to cultivate and develop innovative thinking that spurs action to preserve America’s competitiveness and enhance the career readiness of youth and adult learners. Tyszko’s prior experience focused on coordinating interagency education, workforce, and economic development initiatives. In 2009, he served as a policy adviser to Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn’s administration and as a member of the Executive Committee that directed more than $10 billion in investments to aid in the state’s recovery. While in the Office of the Governor, Tyszko chaired the interagency Job Training Working Group and developed Illinois Pathways, the signature public-private STEM education strategy included in the state’s Race to the Top proposal.

In addition, Tyszko was Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Adviser to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. There he oversaw the design and launch of the STEM Learning Exchanges, an innovative network of statewide public-private partnerships tasked with coordinating planning and investing to support regional STEM education and workforce programs. He further provided lead staff and policy support to the Illinois Workforce Investment Board.

Tyszko also managed innovative technology projects. This included the build-out of integrated education and workforce statewide longitudinal data systems and the implementation of the Illinois Shared Learning Environment, a transformative learning management system that enables personalized learning through integrated data in a cloud environment.

Tyszko received his MA from the University of Chicago and his Bachelor of Arts from DePaul University. He is a certified teacher in the state of Illinois. Tyszko resides in Washington, D.C.

IGNITE! PRESENTATION – J-NEXT: STRATEGICALLY RE-BALANCING JOINT-COMBINED SOF EDUCATION ACROSS THE LEARNING CONTINUUM

AMIE LONAS, ED.D.
Provost, Joint Special Operations University

Dr. Amie Lonas is the Provost of the Joint Special Operations University (JSOU). She serves as the Chief Academic Officer, overseeing and managing the University’s components that directly support the teaching and learning, research and analysis, and service and outreach responsibilities. Prior to arriving at JSOU, Lonas served as the Dean of Faculty and Academic Programs at the Joint Forces Staff College, overseeing two Joint Professional Military Education II programs, one of which awarded a master’s degree. Lonas previously served as the Director of Schools for Franklin County, Tennessee, and prior to this position, she served for five years at the JSOU where she held the position of Dean of Academics and Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs. A native of Dayton, TN, Dr. Lonas completed her Ed.D. at Vanderbilt University, specializing in Educational Leadership. Dr. Lonas also served as an Air Force officer in the Tennessee Air National Guard.

BETHANY FIDERMUTZ, PH.D.
Education Consultant, Joint Special Operations University

Dr. Bethany Fidermutz is an education consultant working with the Joint Special Operations University (JSOU). Her efforts support the strategic rebalance of Special Operations Forces education in response to the changing global geopolitical competition arena and new National Defense Strategy priorities. Fidermutz served as Director of the Institutional Research, Assessment, and Accreditation Division at Joint Forces Staff College, National Defense University. Further, she has advised the Joint Staff on topics related to outcomes-based military education, assessments, and joint acculturation. Outside of the DoD, Fidermutz has been employed with Virginia Beach Public Schools, first as a Program Evaluation Specialist, and then as Acting Director of the Office of Research and Evaluation. Fidermutz is originally from upstate NY, where she earned both an MS in Educational Psychology & Methodology and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University at Albany, State University of New York.
ADL GLOBAL COMMUNITY: STRONGER TOGETHER

AARON PRESNALL, PH.D.
President, Jefferson Institute
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ADL IN CRISIS: REPORT FROM THE FRONT LINE

COL. MAKSYM TYSCHENKO, PH.D.
ADL Partnership Director, National Defence University of Ukraine

Col. Maksym Tyshchenko is the Head of the Advanced Distributed Learning Scientific Centre, a structural unit of the National Defence University of Ukraine named for Ivan Cherniakhovskyi, the youngest general to serve in the Soviet Army. The purpose of the Advanced Distributed Learning Scientific Centre is to implement advanced distributed learning (ADL) technologies into the educational process of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. His research and educational activities focus on the implementation of ADL in military training. Col. Tyshchenko is a member of several international working groups dedicated to using information technologies in military education and training, and is the Director of the Ukrainian Partnership Centre of the Advanced Distributed Learning Partnership Network under the Advanced Distributed Learning Initiative. Tyshchenko holds a Ph.D. in Technical Sciences and is the author of numerous publications on information technologies and e-Learning.
PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

SOLEDAD ALVARADO GANZHORN
Senior Vice President – Head of Leadership Development, SAP
Presentation Title: Creating Learning Opportunities for All

LT NICHOLAS ARMENDARIZ
Aerospace Experimental Psychologist, Naval Aerospace Medical Institute
Presentation Title: Confluence of Learning Practice and Policy
Nicholas Armendariz is pursuing his Ph.D. in Modeling & Simulation through the School of Modeling, Simulation, and Training at the University of Central Florida. His focus during this pursuit is on the improvement of training and education through the utilization of understandings found in the cognitive sciences. Armendariz has a BS in Agricultural Education and a Master of Education degree that focused on Adult Education, both from North Carolina State University. He served as a Naval Flight Officer in the EA-6B platform with the U.S. Marine Corps, as well as a Training and Education officer where he facilitated policy and plans for Training and Education Command. He currently serves as the Department Head of Operational Psychology at the U.S. Naval Aerospace Medical Institute as an Aerospace Experimental Psychologist. He also has completed a Graduate Certificate in Cognitive Science.

MAJOR TOHMAS AX
Project Manager, Swedish Armed Forces
Presentation Title: ADL in Exercises – Guidance in a New Annex to the NATO ADL Handbook
Major Tohmas Ax is a Program Manager at the Swedish Armed Forces Development Unit for Leadership and Pedagogy (FMLOPE). Ax started his career as a flight engineer in the Swedish Air Force. After 16 years of technical service, he shifted posting to the Military Academy in Halmstad. After a few years as headteacher in military technology as well as in pedagogy he then 2009 joined FMLOPE. Ax has since then been involved in numerous projects regarding pedagogical development. This has given him broad experience in the procurement of systems, course production, and in recent years also in how to use Advanced Distributed Learning in exercises for a better ROI.

J. (JAY) BAHLIS, PH.D.
President, BNH Expert Software
Presentation Title: Training Management System – The Missing Link
J. (Jay) Bahlis, Ph.D., P. Eng. is the president of BNH Expert Software. He has lead the training analysis of multiple large-scale military projects; assisted dozens of organizations in developing effective and efficient training strategies, and aligning training with missions/goals; evaluated several eLearning technologies; directed research on adult learning theory; and managed the design/development of the Training Management System ADVISOR Enterprise. He holds a Doctorate in Engineering and Applied Mechanics from McGill University.

TAMMY BANKUS, PH.D.
Director, Training and Certification (IG80), Office of the Navy Inspector General
Presentation Title: Supporting a Certification Program through Digital Learning Science
Dr. Tammy Bankus is the Director for Training and Certification Division at the Naval Inspector General Office. Previously, she worked in various training and education-related areas for the Army for over 14 years and has more than 25 years of combined experience in psychology and education. Bankus has a passion for learning and holds a Ph.D. in instructional design and technology, curriculum and instruction from Old Dominion University, an Ed.S in educational psychology and instructional technology with additional emphasis in gifted education, special education, and statistics, a M.Ed in Adult Education from the University of Georgia, and a M.S. in psychology, along with achieving Executive Leadership Certificates from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the University of Virginia (UVA). Bankus is a strong supporter of evidence-based learning innovation and believes in the need to push our limits as we fully embrace future possibilities.

KEITH BEURSKENS, DM
Deputy, Directorate of Academic Affairs and Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Office of the Provost, Army University
Presentation Title: Top Trending Topics at the 2022 Army University Learning Symposium and their Implications for Military Readiness
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BRIAN BEVERSDORF
Lead Developer, Float, LLC
Presentation Title: Incorporating PERLS in the Enterprise Course Catalog
Brian Beversdorf is a Lead Developer at Float. He earned his B.S. in Electrical Engineering and a M.S in Computer Science from the University of Illinois. His deep understanding of web and mobile application development has allowed him to provide solutions for industry leaders. He has helped architect, develop, and manage SaaS web and mobile applications. He has extensive knowledge of a number of open and proprietary software standards in various languages and platforms. Beversdorf’s expertise has helped foster an agile environment and improve CI/CD processes for applications. This has helped Float’s team build apps with speed and confidence.

SHELLY BLAKE-POLOCK
CEO and Co-Founder, Yet Analytics, Inc.
Poster Title: xAPI Profiles and Business Logic
Shelly Blake-Plock is Co-Founder, President, and CEO of Yet Analytics, Inc. He is an officer of the IEEE Learning Technology Standards Committee and is chair of the LTSC Technical Advisory Group on xAPI as well as the P9274.4.2 working group on xAPI.
Cybersecurity. He is past-chair of the IEEE IC Industry Consortium on Learning Engineering and currently serves as vice-chair on the P2997 working group on Enterprise Learner Records and on the P2247.3 project on AI Ethics for Adaptive Instructional Systems.

**WILLIAM BRANTLEY, PH.D.**

Training Specialist, Office of the Navy Inspector General

**Poster Title: Rebuilding a Training Department by Creating a Learning Portal**

Dr. Bill Brantley works in the U.S. Navy Inspector General Office as a Training Specialist, leading the transformation to cutting-edge hybrid learning. Dr. Brantley was awarded the 2019 Emerging Training Leader by Training Magazine and is a Certified Professional in Talent Development, an ROI-certified professional, and a Certified Professional in Training Management. Brantley is an adjunct faculty member for the University of Louisville (20+ years) and the University of Maryland (8+ years). He is the author of “The Persuasive Project Manager” (2019) and “Four Scenarios for the Future of the Federal Government” (2019).

**KEITH BRAWNER, PH.D.**

Acting Program Manager, University of Southern California (USC) Institute for Creative Technologies (ICT), a University Affiliated Research Center (UARC)

**Presentation Title: ICT Update on DoD’s Newest Learning Technologies**

Keith Brawner, Ph.D. is the Acting Program Manager for the Institute for Creative Technologies University, an Affiliated Research Center at the University of Southern California (ICT UARC @USC) for U.S. Army Combat Capability Development Command Soldier Center at the Simulation and Training Technology Center (CCDC-SC @ STTC), and a co-creator of the Generalized Intelligent Framework for Tutoring (GIFT). He has 16 years of experience within U.S. Army and Navy acquisition, development, and research agencies. He holds a Masters and Ph.D. degree in Computer Engineering with a focus on Intelligent Systems and Machine Learning from the University of Central Florida. His current efforts involve the management of the DoD-level UARC and the artificial intelligence efforts for the CCDC-SC, with an emphasis on the Synthetic Training Environment simulation.

**VICTORIA CLAYPOOLE, PH.D.**

Manager, New Horizons, Dynepic, Inc.

**Presentation Title: Training in the Metaverse: How the DoD is Setting the Standard**

Dr. Victoria L. Claypoole is the manager of New Horizons at Dynepic, Inc. With previous experience at the Air Force Research Lab and her current work with various DoD agencies, Claypoole’s research interest lies at the intersection of increasing warfighter readiness and advancing scientific knowledge. Claypoole has worked across many sectors, including academia, government, and industry. Her previous work has examined how individual differences and social cues can improve attention and enhance enemy threat detection. Currently, her work is centered on leveraging emerging technology to develop next-generation training and operational support for the warfighter - including developing the first iteration of the military Metaverse. Claypoole has earned numerous professional awards, including the University of Florida’s 40 under 40, the University of Central Florida’s 30 under 30, and several Best Paper awards at various conferences, including Best Paper for the Emerging Concepts and Innovative Technologies Subcommittee at I/ITSEC. She received a Ph.D. in Human Factors and Cognitive Psychology and a Master’s in Modeling and Simulation from the University of Central Florida.

**DAVID COBBINS**

Project Manager and Principal Investigator, USC Institute for Creative Technologies UARC

**Presentation Title: USC ICT Update on DoD’s Newest Learning Technologies**

David Cobbins is an award winning writer, producer and content developer. He is a former U.S. Army Non-Commissioned Officer and holds a Master’s Degree from USC’s School of Cinematic Arts. Cobbins has previously worked for the Department of Veteran Affairs and Warner Brothers Studios. He currently serves as a Project Manager and Principal Investigator at the Institute for Creative Technologies, with an emphasis on interactive narratives for intelligent tutoring, such as the Emergent Leader Immersive Training Environment (ELITE) system for leadership training and the Digital Interactive Victim Intake Simulation (DIVIS) system for Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) training.

**VAUGHN COOPER, PH.D.**

Associate Director, Veterans Health Administration

**Presentation Title: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) Clinical Staff Partnership within the Virtual Medical Center**

Vaughn Cooper, Ph.D. is an Associate Director in the Veterans Health Administration’s Employee Education System’s eLearning Division. Vaughn leads the eLearning Learning Solutions Team in their performance of project management, development, and implementation of web-based learning products. During Cooper’s 14 years with the Department of Veterans Affairs, he has led teams as a Project Manager as well as an Instructional Designer delivering national web-based learning products of varying scope, size and complexity. In 2020, Vaughn was a VA Congressional Fellow and served as a policy advisor to a member of the U.S. Congress.

**MATTHEW CORREIA**

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**Presentation Title: Developing Airmen and Guardians with Games for Enhanced Readiness (DAGGER)**

Matt Correia is the Deputy Registrar in the Holm Center’s Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. After a successful 25 year active duty career, he became a Civilian Airman as an instructional systems specialist. Correia’s previous civilian assignments include the Eaker Center’s Civilian Leadership Development School, the Profession of Arms Center of Excellence (PACE), LeMay Center, at Maxwell AFB, the Defense Contract Audit Institute in Sandy Springs, GA, and the Holm Center at Maxwell AFB. Correia has several years of proven innovative education technology application at Air University, culminating as a 2022 Air Force Spark Tank finalist.
for “Developing Airmen and Guardians with Games for Enhanced Readiness (DAGGER).” This award goes to innovators who best support one or more Air Force strategic priorities. Correia holds an MPA (2001), an MA in Teaching (2004) and twenty-four graduate hours in Adult Learning (2009).

BETHANY FIDERMUTZ, PH.D.

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Poster Title: Joint Special Operations University J-NEXT: Strategically Rebalancing Joint-Combined SOF Education Across the Learning Continuum Utilizing Outcomes-Based Military Education

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BENJAMIN GOLDBERG, PH.D.

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Poster Title: Synthetic Training Environment Experiential Learning for Readiness (STEEL-R)

Dr. Ben Goldberg earned his Ph.D. from the University of Central Florida in the program of modeling and simulation and is currently serving as a Senior Scientist at the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (DEVCOM) Soldier Center, Simulation and Training Technology Center (STTC) in Orlando, FL. He has been conducting research in the Modeling & Simulation community for the past fourteen years with a focus on deliberate competency development, adaptive experiential learning in simulation-based environments, and how to leverage AI tools and methods to create personalized learning experiences. Currently, he is the lead scientist on a research program developing adaptive training and intelligent tutoring solutions in support of the Synthetic Training Environment. Goldberg is co-creator of the Generalized Intelligent Framework for Tutoring (GIFT) and lead behind the STE Experiential Learning for Readiness (STEELR) project. He is frequently published across the community in high-impact journals and conference proceedings, and recently contributed his research directly while serving as a member of research and writing teams for the Army Learning Concept for 2030 to 2040.

JIM GOODELL

Director of Innovation, QIP

Poster Title: Learning Engineering At A Glance

Jim Goodell is editor/co-author of the “Learning Engineering Toolkit”, co-author of “Student-Centered Learning: Functional Requirements for Integrated Systems to Optimize Learning” and a thought leader in the world of learning engineering and data standards. He is Director of Innovation at Quality Information Partners where he helps lead development of the U.S. Department of Education sponsored Common Education Data Standards. He is Chair of the IEEE Learning Technology Standards Committee, chairs the IEEE Industry Consortium on Learning Engineering Competencies, Curriculum, and Credentials SIG, the IEEE Competency Data Standards Workgroup, the Adaptive Instructional Systems Interoperability Workgroup, and serves on the ICICLE Steering Committee. He supports the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation’s T3 Innovation Network and co-led development of the Learning and Employment Record (LER) Wrapper Specification. Prior to QIP he was Executive Vice President at the Center for Educational Leadership and Technology where he led the development of interactive learning technologies and provided information-driven process improvement solutions to state education agencies and school districts throughout the U.S.

JASON HAAG

Consultant, Veracity Technology Consultants, LLC

Presentation Title: Don’t Just Give Me “All the Data” – xAPI and Training Effectiveness Evaluation

Jason Haag has over 20 years of experience in distributed learning technology design and development. Jason is a former alumnus of ADL, where he provided expertise and leadership on SCORM, xAPI, mobile learning, and semantic web technologies. As a Partner at Veracity, he is part of a team that provides Veracity’s LRS product offering, consulting, project management, and technical integration services.

ASHLEY HALL, PH.D.

Learning and Technical Manager, Parallax Advanced Research

Presentation Title: Meeting the Challenges of Cybersecurity Education for DIB Small Businesses

Dr. Ashley Hall is a scholar-practitioner in technical communication and digital media. Dr. Hall spent a decade teaching and doing research in higher education institutions where she provided an immersive and experiential learning environment for her students through curriculum development, classroom teaching, and supervision of internships and graduate research assistantships. As a technical communicator, she uses a mixed methods research-driven approach to gather, distill, and present complex technical information. She draws from her experience as a scholar of digital media and emerging learning technologies to craft innovative and compelling content that is clear, easy to understand, and useful for the intended audience and purpose. Dr. Hall holds a Bachelor of Arts and two Master of Arts degrees from Old Dominion University and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

ARNO HARTHOLT

Director of Research and Development Integration, USC Institute for Creative Technologies UARC

Presentation Title: USC ICT Update on DoD’s Newest Learning Technologies

Arno Hartholt is the Director of Research and Development Integration at USC ICT where he leads the central tech integration group. He is responsible for much of the technology, art, and processes related to virtual humans and related systems, in particular at the interchange of research and industry capabilities. He has a leading role on a wide variety of research prototypes and applications, ranging from medical education to military training and treatment.
SYDNEY HEIMBROCK, PH.D.

*Chief Industry Advisor*, Qualtrics

**Presentation Title: Learning Experience Measurement (LXM)**

**Presentation Title: Delivering Personalized Learning at Scale: A Human Centered Approach to Learning and Development**

**Poster Title: Managing the Learning Experience: A Learning Journey Map**

Dr. Sydney Heimbrock serves as Chief Industry Advisor for Government at Qualtrics, an experience management company. She works at the nexus of experience management, human capital, and process improvement to drive organizational transformation in government. Dr. Heimbrock has designed and implemented numerous high impact programs across a diverse range of mission areas to improve experiences for employees and customers and create a culture of continuous improvement. Drawing on research she conducted as a d.school Civic Innovation Fellow, Dr. Heimbrock founded the Innovation Lab at OPM, a $6M, 30-designer-strong educational hub that trains thousands of federal, state and local civil servants in experience management. Following her senior executive service, Dr. Heimbrock joined Deloitte to spread customer strategy and applied design across federal, state, and local governments. She has held various federal executive positions including leadership of the President’s Management Agenda Strategic Human Capital Management initiatives under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama. Dr. Heimbrock has led governmentwide transformation of recruitment and hiring, learning and development, and performance management. She has global experience transforming governments through investments in workforce development and policy reform. Dr. Heimbrock’s professional expertise includes measurement and evaluation; human centered design and design education; leading and managing creative teams; strategic foresight and continuous process improvement; human capital strategy and management; leadership and workforce development; public policy analysis and public management. Dr. Heimbrock holds degrees from Stanford, Syracuse, London School of Economics and Miami University of Ohio.

TONYA HENDERSON, D.M.

*Learning Engineer*, Lockwood Hills

**Presentation Title: Educational Aspects of Organization Development: Learning by Doing in Technology-Enabled Interventions**

Tonya Henderson is a student of organization development and change with a diverse background spanning aerospace, management consulting, change management, and education. She recently joined the Advanced Distributed Learning Initiative team as a Learning Engineer employed by Lockwood Hills, a subsidiary of Akima. As a Doctor of Management and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, she blends scholarly work with a military officer’s practicality. A veteran of the aerospace industry, her work is informed by multi-disciplinary experience, education, and scholarship. Tonya’s doctoral work and primary line of inquiry explore how socio-material fractals unfold in organizational life, as seen through the lens of storytelling. An experienced keynote speaker, she has been featured at TEDxColoradoSprings and the Story Project. A former TEDx Curator, Tonya was the 2018-2019 Division Chair for the Academy of Management’s Management Consulting Division and has supported a variety of institutions as a consultant, a staff officer, and an adjunct faculty member. Tonya loves exploring how groups of people self-organize and how repeated patterns of perceptions, communications, and behaviors offer clues to organizational values and learning. Tonya lives in Divide, Colorado with her husband and two dogs.

BRIDGET HILDER

*Education and Training Coordinator*, U.S. Department of Defense

**Presentation Title: DISCOVER NSA Innovative Orientation**

Ms. H began her career with the Department of Defense (DoD) in her senior year of high school. Throughout her early career she looked for opportunities to broaden her knowledge which lead her to the Technology organization. Here she refined her System Administration skills. She left the DoD to join Sun Microsystems as a Sun System Engineer where she was the contract lead for the Sun Mission Support Desk providing support to a unique disconnected customer. In 2009, she rejoined the DoD again in the Technology organization following her passion for their mission. Looking for an opportunity to shape the future workforce, she took a leap of faith and joined the Corporate Onboarding Team. With over 20 years of technical experience, she is integral in moving the orientation into the future through technology. In partnership with industry and internal technical organizations, she assisted the orientation development team in overcoming technical hurdles encountered during the pivot for virtual delivery due to COVID. Partnering with industry, orientation developed four Virtual Reality (VR) experiences as well as an online game to reinforce content learned during orientation. VR brings its own set of challenges, but she joined an IC wide AR/VR working group to understand how the community is tackling the security challenges AR/VR poses.

XIANGEN HU, PH.D.

*Professor*, The University of Memphis

**Poster Title: Empower CbAIS with xAPI**

Dr. Xiangen Hu is a professor in the Department of Psychology, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Computer Science Department at The University of Memphis (UoM) and senior researcher at the Institute for Intelligent Systems (IIS) at the UoM. Dr. Hu received his MS in applied mathematics from Huazhong University of Science and Technology, MA in social sciences, and Ph.D. in Cognitive Sciences from the University of California, Irvine. Hu is the Director of Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) Partnership Laboratory at the UoM. Hu’s primary research areas include Mathematical Psychology, Research Design and Statistics, and Cognitive Psychology. More specific research interests include General Processing Tree (GPT) models, categorical data analysis, knowledge representation, computerized tutoring, and advanced distributed learning. Dr. Hu has received funding for the above research from the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), U.S. Institute of Education Sciences (IES), ADL of the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA), U.S. Army Research Laboratories (ARL), U.S. Office of Naval Research (ONR).
MARLIN JOZWIAK
Deputy Director for Academic Affairs, NATO DEEP eAcademy

Presentation Title: Supporting Digital Transformation through Long-Term Faculty Development Programmes – A Case Study of the e-Instructor Certification Programme

Marcin Jozwiak is Deputy Director for Academic Affairs for the NATO DEEP eAcademy. He has been involved with the NATO Defence Education Enhancement Programme since 2018. His responsibilities include coordinating and executing many events connected to NATO Partner training in the field of e-learning. The events range from short-term workshops on the use of ICT tools, to long-term initiatives in the form of postgraduate studies. One of his last projects – e-Instructor Certification Programme is the direct answer to the NATO DEEP Strategy for Distance Learning Support. He has a BA in English teaching and MA in Pedagogy (specifically distance learning). In the past, Jozwiak has cooperated in the field of e-learning with military institutions including the The War Studies University in Poland, The NATO Defence College, and also corporate firms in the fields of law, logistics, and training.

BADRUL KHAN, PH.D.

Professor and TV Host, Khan’s Digital World TV Show on FOX 5 Plus DC

Presentation Title: Blended Learning in the New Normal and Metaverse

Professor Dr. Badrul Khan, formerly founding director of Educational Technology Graduate Cohort Programs at The George Washington University and University of Texas at Brownsville, coined the phrase Web-based instruction with his 1997 best-selling book “Web-Based Instruction” which paved the way for the new field of e-learning. Recognized as the founder of modern e-learning by the 2014 NATO e-Learning Forum, he was inducted into the U.S. Distance Learning Association Hall of Fame. He has authored or edited 15 books and over 100 manuscripts in e-learning and his book “Managing E-learning” has been translated into 23 languages. He is the host of KDW TV show on FOX 5 PLUS Washington, DC.

AARON KING
Sr. Solutions Engineer, Blackboard, Now Anthology

Poster Title: Beyond SCORM: Delivering Dynamic and Personalized Courses

Aaron King is an experienced learning solutions architect and learning design professional with a passion for harnessing the power of technology. He is an expert in instructional design, e-learning development, business transformation, executive leadership and organizational development. King believes that artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data analytics is the wave of disruption that will continue to transform the world of learning for years to come. His mission is to impact measurable change through disruptive innovation and educational empowerment. During King’s life, he has worn many hats from multi-platinum music producer to soldier to real estate entrepreneur to author and professor. As a result, these experiences have made him an out-of-the-box thinker and prolific innovator.

DINA KURZWEIL, PH.D.

Director/Assistant Professor, USUHS

Presentation Title: The Holy Grail of Developing Partnerships fo DL

Dr. Dina Kurzweil is the Director of the Education & Technology Innovation (ETI) Support Office and an Assistant Professor of Medicine in Health Professions Education (HPE) at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USUHS). The ETI is housed under the CIO’s office and is the enterprise support entity for USUHS. As ETI Director, she provides strategic direction for the ETI, instructional and educational technology support for faculty, and management of the ETI office. Prior to ETI, she worked at the National Defense University providing direction and vision for the instructional team supporting the Center for Educational Technology. Her research interests include faculty education, learning engineering, distributed learning paradigms, program assessment and evaluation, instructional design, teaching/faculty support paradigms and partnerships in education.

SAMANTHA LIE-TJAUW

Senior Research Scientist, Georgia Tech Research Institute

Poster Title: Creating Learning Experiences by Cultivating AI Readiness through Data & Program Modernization

Ms. Samantha Lie-Tjauw is a Senior Research Scientist at the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI). She holds an MPH and an MBA. Her work can be defined as collaboration with a local community to develop strategic, sustainable solutions in tackling issues in the domains of health and enterprise modernization/ transformation. Since starting at GTRI, Lie-Tjauw conducts user-centered, mixed-methods research to provide a rich understanding of information technology needs to diverse clients, including the Georgia Department of Community Health, the U.S. Department of the Army, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The aim of these projects is to create innovative, user-friendly technologies that allow for enhanced data integrity, data analytics, and enable social programs to engage in evidence-based intervention design. Her capabilities include design thinking, systems thinking, and an intimate familiarity with the software development process which afford her the opportunity to act as a translator between end user and technical developer.

BRIAN MILLER

Director of Engineering, Rustici Software

Poster Title: When to Migrate Legacy SCORM Content to cmi5

Brian Miller is one of the world’s foremost xAPI thought leaders and a chief contributor to the cmi5 working group. He was the architect and principal engineer for ADL’s cmi5 CATAPULT, a freely available, open source cmi5 content player and conformance test suite for use by DoD stakeholders and eLearning technology vendors as a way to test and validate content for cmi5 conformance. He has over 20 years of professional and eLearning industry experience. In 2012, Miller joined Rustici Software and has worked on cmi5 CATAPULT, Project Tin Can, standards support, and open source libraries as well as leading the engineering team.
PAUL MILLER
Director of Application Development, LSI, Inc.

Presentation Title: Closed Network xAPI
Paul Miller is the Director of Application Development at LSI, Inc. in Jacksonville, FL and is responsible for leading the Application Development Team (ADT) to develop and support the tools used by LSI training product development teams. He received his BS in Management of Information Technology from Grace College. His current research focuses on the development of desktop, web, and mobile software enabling the review, delivery, and tracking of eLearning content. Throughout his years at LSI, he has gained expertise in the field of tracking student data, which began with in-depth implementation of the SCORM standard and has evolved to include extensive experience with the Experience API (xAPI). Past projects include Mobile Courseware – a mobile platform for delivering web-based content via packaged native applications for both Apple iOS (iPad) and Android tablets used by LSI's U.S. Army and U.S. Navy customers which allow for a SCORM package to easily transfer to a native tablet app with built-in xAPI reporting capabilities and xAPI Learner's Performance Dashboard – a closed network solution to track student performance in Virtual Reality (VR) training in a classroom via xAPI statements.

KEVIN MONAGHAN
Instructional Strategist, E-Content Consulting

Presentation Title: Designing and Navigating E-Learning into Communities that Need Training Assistance Locally
Kevin Monaghan is a seasoned PM for several key technology-driven trainings, virtual projects, and other distance learning projects. He is well-versed in applying the principles of adult learning in largescale training development projects.

BRIAN MOON
Chief Technology Officer, Perigean Technologies, LLC

Presentation Title: Learning Assessment through Concept Mapping
Brian Moon is founder and Chief Technology Officer for Perigean Technologies LLC and founder and President of Sero! Learning Assessments, Inc. He is widely recognized for his innovative applications of concept mapping, which are highlighted in the edited volume, “Applied Concept Mapping: Capturing, Analyzing, and Organizing Knowledge” and which led to the development of Sero!, a concept mapping based-learning assessment system. Sero! development has been funded by the Advanced Distributed Learning Initiative, Air Force Research Laboratory, and Army Research Institute. Moon is also the co-host of the Beyond Multiple Choice Conference and Exhibition, and Executive Director of the Naturalistic Decision Making Association.

JENNIFER MURPHY, PH.D.
Chief Executive Officer, Quantum Improvements Consulting

Presentation Title: Thinking Outside the Learner Performance Box with xAPI Data
Jennifer Murphy, Ph.D. is the founder and CEO of Quantum Improvements Consulting (QIC), an Orlando-based firm specializing in the application of emerging technology to training for complex skills. A cognitive psychologist by trade, her work focuses on how to design, develop, implement, and evaluate training technology for the Department of Defense and other clients. At QIC, she leads a growing team of learning science professionals. In addition to her many peer-reviewed publications, her work has been featured in the New York Times, the Pentagon Channel, and Signal Magazine.

ROB NYLAND, PH.D.
Learning Architect, Global College of PME, Air University

Presentation Title: Towards a Model of Learning Engineering: The Pilot Process in the Air University Global College of PME
Rob Nyland, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor and Learning Architect for the Global College of PME at Air University. He previously served as the Assistant Director, Research and Innovation Team Manager at Boise State University. He has over 15 years of experience as an instructional designer, researcher, and instructor and has published research related to online learning and learning science in such journals as The Journal of Computing in Higher Education, International Review of Research in Open and Distributed Learning, and TechTrends.

DOLLY OBEROI
Chief Executive Officer, C2 Technologies

Presentation Title: Blended Learning in the New Normal and Metaverse

KEVIN OWENS
Engineering Scientist, ARL: The University of Texas at Austin

Presentation Title: Multi-Session Demonstration of Competency-Based Experiential-Learning Model for the U.S. Army Synthetic Training Environment (STE)
Kevin Owens is an Engineering/Learning Scientist at the Applied Research Laboratories: The University of Texas at Austin (ARL:UT). At ARL:UT, Owens currently works in the Modeling and Simulation Engineering group where he is involved in engineering projects for the U.S. Army Synthetic Training Environment (STE), and for advanced science and technology research for U.S. Army Development Command, Soldier-Center, Simulation & Training Technology Center (STTC).

REGAN PATRICK, ED.D.
Chief Learning Officer, CAE

Presentation Title: Using the ‘Red Pill’ to Conceptualize Training Optimization; Insights on Future Learning Ecosystems from ‘The Matrix’
Dr. Regan J. Patrick is the Chief Learning Officer for CAE Defense & Security, based in Washington, D.C. He is responsible for identifying, developing, and applying scientific methods, instructional strategies, and learning technologies in the design, implementation, and delivery of global training solutions. He is also responsible for assessing and establishing CAE’s Defense and Security multi-
domain training strategies. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after a 26-year career as an officer and HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter pilot. Patrick served in multiple command and leadership tours and amassed 2,400 hours of flight time in the T-37, UH/TH-1H, HH 60G, CV-22, MC-130H/J, and F-16D. He joined CAE in 2018 as Program Manager for the $250M KDAM ATARS contract, leading 300+ employees to provide academic instruction and simulator training to 1,800 USAF aircrew students annually. He holds a Doctor of Education in Organizational Change and Leadership from the University of Southern California (USC), a Master of Aeronautical Science Degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from San Diego State University. Patrick is a graduate of the USAF Air War College and a former Air Education and Training Command (AETC) Master Instructor. He served on the adjunct faculty at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University’s Worldwide Campus for 11 years and is an IRONMAN triathlete.

**DAVID RUDE, PH.D.**  
**Executive Director of Talent Management & CLO, Parallax Advanced Research**  
**Presentation Title: Microelectronics Workforce Development – A Learning Partnership Case Study**  
Dr. Dave Rude is the Director for Talent Management and Chief Learning Officer for Parallax Advanced Research, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to Advancing the Science of Intelligent Teaming. Prior to joining Parallax, Dave was the CLO for the Department of Defense’s civilian workforce of 800,000 employees and the U.S. National Nuclear Security Administration. He also led the DoD’s H.R. strategies and programs portfolio, served as DoD’s adult education functional community manager, and was H.R. director of a DoD agency. He has extensive experience in talent development, organizational leadership, adult learning, consulting, strategic human capital management, organizational development, financial management, and international relations (various security cooperation assignments). Dave has an Ed.D. from George Washington University and completed post-doctoral work at the NBER’s William N.ærøy Center for Economic Research. Dave has also held executive positions at ISDC, Cmuse, and Subsistence Engineering.

**FRANK RITTER, PH.D.**  
Professor, College of IST, Penn State  
**Poster Title: Using a Light-Weight Tutoring Architecture and COTS Software to Quickly Translate Three Tutors into Ukrainian**  
Ritter has received study fellowships from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the European Science Foundation’s program on Learning in Humans and Machines, and the Fulbright Kommission (D). He has created several web sites, one of which, the Soar-FAQ, won an award for being frequently cited. He has created software, tutorials, and methodology for cognitive modeling. Ritter has published numerous refereed books, articles, and conference papers in cognitive modeling, HCI, AI, and psychology. He twice co-edited the proceedings of a conference on cognitive modeling and special issues of Computational Mathematical Organizational Theory and the International Journal of Human-Computer Studies on cognitive models as users. He is an associate editor of Human Factors and Editor of the Oxford Series on Cognitive Models and Architectures. His research has been funded by the U.S. Office of Navy Research, the U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research, DSTL, DARPA, the Defense Evaluation and Research Agency (U.K.), and the U.K. Joint Council Initiative on Cognitive Science and Human Computer Interaction, as well as corporations in the U.S. and Europe.

**JOHN JONATHAN POLTRACK**  
**Partner & Project Management/Technical, Veracity Technology Consultants, LLC**  
**Presentation Title: xAPI Profiles in the DoD: The Mix of the Ideal and Reality**  
Mr. Jonathan Poltrack is passionate about learning and its intersection with technology. Poltrack contributed to the SCORM and xAPI specifications and a number of e-learning software examples while supporting the ADL Initiative. Most recently, Poltrack co-founded Veracity Technology Consultants. Veracity focuses on standards-based learning technology services and products including the multi-award winning Veracity LRS available at lrs.io.
Washington University, a MPA from American University, a BS in Business Administration from George Mason University, and is a Certified Professional in Talent Development (from ATD), a Certified Action Learning Coach (from World Institute of Action Learning), and a Certified Innovation Practitioner. He has facilitated workshops with over 25,000 professionals worldwide and has been an adjunct professor at multiple universities since 2014. Dave is the author of several publications, has been featured in Chief Learning Officer magazine, and has been conferred awards such as the Secretary of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Award and the Emotional Intelligence Training & Research Award for Excellence.

**TAMMY RUTHERFORD**

Managing Director, Rustici Software

**Presentation Title:** Uncovering the Technology Challenges of Moving Toward a Modern, Total Learning Architecture-Centric Ecosystem

Tammy Rutherford is the Managing Director at Rustici Software, which helps eLearning companies work well together by compliance with specifications such as SCORM or xAPI. She has spent more than 13 years in the eLearning space. Since joining Rustici Software in 2011, Rutherford has advised hundreds of eLearning vendors, content publishers, organizations and government agencies on strategies and software solutions for implementing and taking advantage of eLearning standards in their products and systems.

**ALICIA SANCHEZ, PH.D.**

Center Director, DAUx, Defense Acquisition University

**Presentation Title:** Meeting Learners' Expectations: A Survey-Based Methodology for Quality Improvement

Dr. Alicia Sanchez serves as the Center Director of DAUx, an experimentation cell within the User Experience Directorate at the Defense Acquisition University. Alicia has served DAU for 15 years, focusing on experiential learning opportunities and creating high quality assets that meet learner’s expectations. Sanchez has launched over 80 games in DAU’s ecosystem and presents frequently at conferences within the learning and games industry.

**KARThik SARMA, PH.D.**

Chief Technology Officer, SimX, Inc.

**Presentation Title:** Distributed, Fully Immersive VR Medical Simulation Training for Team-Based Care

Karthik V. Sarma, Ph.D. is co-founder and CTO of SimX, Inc. At SimX, Karthik directs SimX’s technology efforts, including product engineering, research and development, and engineering program management. He also serves as principal investigator of the Virtual Advancement of Learning for Operational Readiness (VALOR) program, an $8M research collaboration between SimX and the Department of Defense. A computer scientist with extensive experience in medicine, bioengineering, health policy, and virtual reality, Sarma has led the development of the SimX platform since co-founding the company in 2014 and is a leading expert in virtual reality training and simulation. Sarma is the author of numerous peer reviewed works and patents and is the recipient of a number of federal research grants in the areas of VR medical simulation training and medical artificial intelligence. A native of Chicago, Sarma is an alumnus of the California Institute of Technology, where he received a BS with honors in computer science, and the University of California, Los Angeles, where he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Bioengineering (Medical Imaging and Informatics).

**ROB SEIDNER**

Director, edX/2U

**Presentation Title:** The Need for Civil Service Classification and Education Credentials Modernization: DoD Training the Workforce of the Future, Today

Rob Seidner is edX’s Director for Government Partnerships where he works with federal and state agencies to provide access to the edX platform for adult learning which is currently used by over 44M registered learners building skills and developing capacity. Rob continues to be engaged with governments to modernize training and standards. Seidner had a nearly 20-year career in the U.S. Federal Government, the last eight years in the Executive Office of the President of the U.S.’ Office of Management and Budget as the Performance Manager for Federal Human Capital Policy. In that role he was responsible for working with all agencies, the White House, and Congress on designing the architecture of the Civil Service. He was the primary author and analyst of the human capital-related portfolio for issues that required Presidential input and direction. As an acknowledged expert on the future of work in government, Seidner continues to work with clients and partners including institutions like the World Bank, international governments, consulting firms, and employers to build awareness for these new game-changing microcredentials and learning solutions, that help businesses and individuals achieve their personal and economic potential.

**HEATH SHATOUHY**

Chief Commercial Officer, Immerse Learning, Ltd.

**Presentation Title:** Shorten Time to Competency With Ready to Use Immersive Training Applications

Heath Shatouhy is the Chief Commercial Officer for Immerse—the leading aggregation, distribution, and reporting platform for immersive content where he leads the global revenue generation, marketing, and client success teams. Heath started his career over 25 years ago as a Director of HR for a mid-sized amusement company. From that point, he transitioned into HR Consulting for a Fortune 1000 company that provides human resources and administrative services to small and medium-sized businesses. After seven very successful years, he left corporate America and dove head-first into the world of startups. Since then, Shatouhy has leveraged his experience to launch two successful HR tech startups and has consulted with some of the largest enterprises in the world. He is a true HR tech enthusiast and is convinced that immersive technology will be one of the driving forces behind the upcoming revolution in people technology.
ROBERT SOTTILARE, PH.D.
Director of Learning Sciences, Soar Technology, Inc.

Presentation Title: Applying Artificial Intelligence (AI) to New Distributed Learning Challenges in the Post-Pandemic Era

Presentation Title: Building a Competency Model from a Learning Record Store Just Prior to New Learning Experiences

Harvey Singh is the CEO and founder of Instancy, an all-in-one blended learning platform company. Harvey also served as an advisor to eLearning standards organizations such as ADL and IMS in the late nineties. In 2001, he was nominated for the eLearning Executive of the Year. Before Instancy, at MindLever, Singh was the visionary and principal architect behind creating the industry’s first eLearning open standards-based system for rapid interactive content authoring, management, and personalization using a pioneer learning object and dynamic content delivery methodology. MindLever received the Intrepid Company of the Year award in 2001 from The Council for Entrepreneurial Development in North Carolina. Before MindLever, Singh co-founded Empower Corporation, an online learning product design and development outsourcing company that broke new ground in the areas of simulations, games, performance support, and story-based learning environments. Singh has a Master’s degree in both computer science and education at Stanford University and an undergraduate degree in computer science at North Carolina State University. He started his career in learning technology at Apple Classrooms of Tomorrow in 1991 (Apple Computer’s ACOT lab).

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Dr. Robert Sottilare is the Director of Learning Sciences at SoarTech which he joined in 2018 after completing a 35-year federal career in both Army and Navy training science and technology organizations. He has nearly 40 years of experience as a researcher, developer and evaluator of instructional technology and training systems. His experience spans government (U.S. Army and Navy science & technology organizations), industry, and academia. Sottilare is also Board Chairman for the Adaptive Instructional Systems Consortium. His recent research focuses on intelligent solutions for analysis and adaptive instruction including learner and team modeling, automated authoring tools, AI-based real-time instructional management, and evaluation methods. At the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, he founded and led the adaptive training science & technology program and is the father of the award-winning Generalized Intelligent Framework for Tutoring (GIFT), an adaptive instructional architecture. Sottilare is widely published with over 250 technical papers with over 2,600 citations. He is a senior member of the IEEE and founding Chair of the IEEE AIS Working Group and the HCII AIS Conference and is a past Program Chair of the Defense & Homeland Security Simulation Conference. He is a past chair for the Technical Cooperation Program’s Training Technology Panel and NATO Research Task Groups including the “Assessment of Intelligent Tutoring System Technologies & Opportunities” and the “Assessment of Augmentation Technologies for Improving Human Performance”. Sottilare previously instructed graduate level courses on Intelligent Tutoring System theory and design at the University of Central Florida.

WILLIAM SWARTOUT
Chief Technology Officer, USC Institute for Creative Technologies UARC

Presentation Title: USC ICT Update on DoD’s Newest Learning Technologies

William Swartout is Chief Technology Officer at the USC Institute for Creative Technologies, and a research professor in the Computer Science Department at the USC Viterbi School of Engineering. His research interests include virtual humans, explanation and text generation, knowledge acquisition, and intelligent computer-based education. Swartout is a Fellow of the AAAI, has served on their Board of Councilors, and is past chair of the Special Interest Group on Artificial Intelligence (SIGART) of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). In 2009, Swartout received the Robert Engelmore Award from the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAII) for seminal contributions to knowledge-based systems and explanation, groundbreaking research on virtual human technologies and their applications, and outstanding service to the artificial intelligence community. He has served as a member of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, the Board on Army Science and Technology of the National Academies and the JFCOM Transformation Advisory Group. Prior to helping found the ICT in 1999, Swartout was the Director of the Intelligent Systems Division at the USC Information Sciences Institute. He received his Ph.D. and MS in computer science from MIT and his bachelor’s degree from Stanford University.

PAUL THOMAS
Course Developer, Center for Curriculum Redesign, Inc.

Presentation Title: Multi-Source Formative Assessment System for Competencies

Paul Thomas has spent the past 25 years developing research-driven curriculum for small startups, public corporations, and nonprofits. His work includes dozens of courses for virtual, blended, and traditional classroom contexts as well as textbooks. Thomas started out as a high school math and computer science teacher, and holds degrees in Mathematics and Operations Research from George Mason University.

PAUL THURKETTLE
Training Technologies, NATO Allied Command Transformation

Presentation Title: Virtual Reality Training for NATO Operational Equipment

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*Director of Sales, Rustici Software*

**Presentation Title: Understanding Your Internal Stakeholders Needs: What to Ask Technology Vendors about eLearning Standards**

Chris Tompkins is the Director of Sales for Rustici Software, a company that provides software to improve compatibility across the L&D ecosystem. He is an expert in standards such as SCORM and xAPI and uses his technical expertise to support eLearning RFP and procurement. Tompkins has an MBA from Belmont University, focused on Entrepreneurship and Negotiations. Building on previous work at HP/Compaq and XM Satellite Radio, he has over fifteen years of experience matching the right technical solution to a client’s needs.

MEGAN TORRANCE

*Chief Executive Officer, TorranceLearning*

**Presentation Title: Supporting Industry Adoption of xAPI Through Cohorts – 2014-2022 and Beyond**

Megan Torrance is CEO and founder of TorranceLearning which helps organizations connect learning strategy to design, development, data and ultimately performance. Megan has over 25 years of experience in learning design, deployment, and consulting. Torrance and the TorranceLearning team are passionate about sharing what works in learning so they devote considerable time to teaching and sharing about Agile project management for learning experience design and the xAPI. Torrance is the founder of the xAPI Learning Cohort, picking up from the successful xAPI Design Cohorts run by ADL. She is the author of Agile for Instructional Designers, The Quick Guide to LLAMA, Making Sense of xAPI and two Learning Guild research reports on the adoption of xAPI. Torrance is also an eCornell Facilitator in the Women’s Executive Leadership curriculum.

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**Presentation Title: Data and the Talent Marketplace**

**Presentation Title: JobSIDE: Transforming How Employers Improve and Share Skills Data for their Most In-Demand Jobs**

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*Associate Professor, Defense Language Institute*

**Presentation Title: Instructional Design for Second Language Learning**

Sandy Wagner, M.A.Ed., is an Associate Professor at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, CA. She has extensive professional training and experience in developing and facilitating technology-mediated foreign language instruction, distance learning, and teacher-training in foreign language instruction and technology integration.

ALEC WALKER

*Director of Talent, Growth Engine, Inc.*

**Presentation Title: Just In Time: Al-Driven Micro Learning for Everyone**

**Presentation Title: Al-Assisted Curriculum Building in Minutes**

Alec Walker earned his BS in engineering from Rice University and his MBA from Stanford. He has worked in unstructured data management and workforce productivity optimization for major multinational organizations including Shell, GM, Intel, Danone, and others. His last text analytics venture earned several major clients including Chevron and Linde before being acquired. Walker is passionate about education, having taught entrepreneurship and software development at more than 15 top universities around the world. Walker now serves as Director of Talent at Growth Engine AI, a software startup enabling faster generation of relevant education curricula for the enterprise and content delivery individualized to meet the needs of each learner. Growth Engine AI has changed the future of work by freeing up subject matter expert time otherwise spent on creating internal training courses, by ensuring that education content is contemporary and relevant, and boosting learner engagement and comprehension.

KRISSA WATRY

*Chief Executive Officer / Co-Founder, Dynepic, Inc.*

**Presentation Title: Death to SCORM**

Ms. Krissa Watry is Co-Founder and CEO of Dynepic, Inc. As a Captain in the USAF, Krissa was the Chief Engineer for Milstar at 4th Space Operations Squadron managing the operations of the ultra-secure communication satellite constellation in GEO. Watry spent over 10 years designing, building, launching and operating cutting-edge space systems for organizations like NASA, DoD, and others, including spacecraft hardware that docked with the International Space Station. In addition, Watry is a multi-preneur with over 10 years as a technology executive who has founded multiple companies and commercialized a multitude of hardware and software products across the sports, education, kids and family, and defense industries. Watry holds 10 patents and is recognized as a Global Innovator and Entrepreneur by President Obama. She holds a BS in Engineering Mechanics from the U.S. Air Force Academy, and was a Draper Laboratory Fellow achieving a MS in Mechanical Engineering from MIT focused in product design.

TIM WELCH

*Program Manager for Competency Solutions, Eduworks*

**Presentation Title: USC ICT Update on DoD’s Newest Learning Technologies**

Tim Welch is the Program Manager for Competency Solutions at Eduworks Corporation. He is focused on innovative ways instructional technologies improve the performance of a wide variety of learners and instructors in academic, professional, and military environments. Tim has been a teacher, instructional designer, and evangelist for emerging learning technologies at many levels of multiple instructional organizations. USC ICT and Eduworks won the
I/ITSEC 2021 Best Paper award for collaborative research on an Air Force project called the Observational Motivation and Engagement Generalized Appliance (OMEGA). OMEGA integrated with a Pilot Training Next VR flight simulator testbed, using reinforcement learning to estimate engagement metrics and provide training recommendations.

**DUNCAN WELDER, IV**

*Director of Special Interest Groups for ATD Houston, RISC, Inc.*

**Presentation Title: Learner Focused Design: xAPI Enabled Adaptivity and Complex Skills Development**

Mr. Duncan Welder holds a Master’s of Education from Texas A&M University in Educational Technology and has more than 25 years experience in implementation of Learning Management Systems, both domestically and abroad. Welder has been recognized for his application of Learning Management Systems to manage regulatory-compliance in industries ranging from petrochemicals to finance and has provided presentations to professional organizations including the Gulf Coast Process Technology Alliance, the Northwest Process Technology Alliance and the American Society of Training and Development.

Welder’s career is founded in traditional instructional design and computer-based training development. He is a certified Development Dimensions International facilitator, a Kirkpatrick Certified Evaluator and facilitator of the Ohio State University curriculum development program. In addition to working in industry, Welder has held adjunct faculty positions at Bowling Green State University, Ohio and the College of the Mainland, Texas. Mr. Welder has been published in both Training Magazine as well as U.S. Business Review.

**ART WERKENTHIN**

*President, RISC, Inc.*

**Presentation Title: Using xAPI to Track Learning Experiences in Unity Projects**

Art Werkenthin, CEO of RISC, Inc., has over 30 years’ experience working with learning management systems (LMS). As an early xAPI enthusiast, Art led RISC to be the first to implement xAPI 1.0 in a commercial LMS. Since 2012, he has been an active participant on the ADL cmi5 Working Group. Werkenthin frequently presents and authors blog articles on both xAPI and cmi5 topics. Recently, Werkenthin has published articles on adding xAPI to Unity projects for A/R and V/R.

Werkenthin developed an open source cmi5 “AU Simulator” that can be used to test LMS implementations of cmi5. In addition, he developed the open source cmi5 client library for ADL in 2019. Werkenthin provides cmi5 and xAPI consulting to both Learning & Development professionals and content tool vendors.

**ANN WONG, PH.D.**

*Director, DAU Leadership Center, Defense Acquisition University (DAU)*

**Presentation Title: “Alexa, Be My Tutor!” Voice Assistant Pilot**

Dr. Ann Wong is currently the Director, Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Leadership Center at Defense Systems Management College (DSMC). Previously she was the Learning Director for Executive Programs, where she focused much of her effort on the modernization and reimagination of the Executive Curriculum Portfolio. She has over 10 years as a professor at DAU, leading the development of workshops, distance learning, ITL, and VILT assets and has served as a Course Manager for several courses. Wong values collaboration with partners who see the future of learning to be “one part technology, one part inspiration, all parts about the learner.” Prior to joining DSMC, Wong served a 24-year Air Force career in a variety of acquisition management and engineering roles. She has experience in a variety of domains, to include software, information technology, aviation, logistics, space systems, command and control, modeling and simulations, wargaming, military exercise support, and homeland defense/security. She had held assignments in service and joint program offices, Wing Headquarters, OSD, Air Staff, and Joint Staff. Wong holds a Doctorate of Engineering Management, The George Washington University; MS in Systems Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology, a MS of Project Management from Golden Gate University, and a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Virginia. Her publications include “Network Science in Complex Systems Design: Use of Centrality in the Study of Railway Network Capacity” (2018), “Graph theoretical analysis of network centric operations using multi-layer models” (2006), and “A Chance to Alpha-Innovate in Program Management” (2014).

**MATTHEW WREN**

*Co-Founder, President & CTO, BUNDLAR, LLC*

**Presentation Title: Scaling AR Delivery Capability Across the Military to Enable Multi-Skilled Warfighters**

Mr. Matt Wren is the Co-founder, President, and CTO of BUNDLAR, an augmented reality solutions company. Wren has delivered cutting-edge technology since the late 1990s, supporting enterprises as large as GE, Kraft, and Northern Trust, as well as start-ups. Wren also serves as a technology adviser to Loyola University Chicago’s Ignite Lab for Entrepreneurship, a Designer/Developer member at 1871, the World’s #1 Tech Incubator, and is the Founder of VR/AR Chicago, growing and connecting the immersive technology business community in Chicago and the surrounding area. He regularly writes and speaks about immersive technology at events, providing thought leadership on content, strategy, innovation, and the business benefits of virtual and augmented reality technology. He spent many years supporting live events in different technical capacities, including project management, logistics, design, technology development, and support.
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