

# **EER&I Networking Session**

## **Connecting and Expanding the Engineering Education Research & Innovation (EER&I) Communities**

ASEE Annual Conference – June 27, 2017 – T460A – 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

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# Agenda

## **Introduction of session and facilitators**

**~10 min**

## **Updates on status of EER&I**

**~35 min**

- Brief Reports
  - EER&I Journal Updates – Lisa Benson
  - EER Departments and Resources – Cindy Finelli, Araceli Ortiz / Ken Yasuhara & Adam Carberry
  - NAE Updates – Beth Cady
  - EER Impact Study - Audeen Fentiman & Teresa Walker
- EER initiatives – Ruth Streveler
- EEI initiatives – Rocio Chavela Guerra & Karl Smith
- NSF I-Corps L Evaluation – Gary Lichenstein

## **Participant Networking**

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- Rapid introductions around guided questions – Brief conversations in groups of 3 – as a way to meet many people
- Identification of “intellectual neighborhoods” around research and innovation questions and opportunities – individual reflection and writing

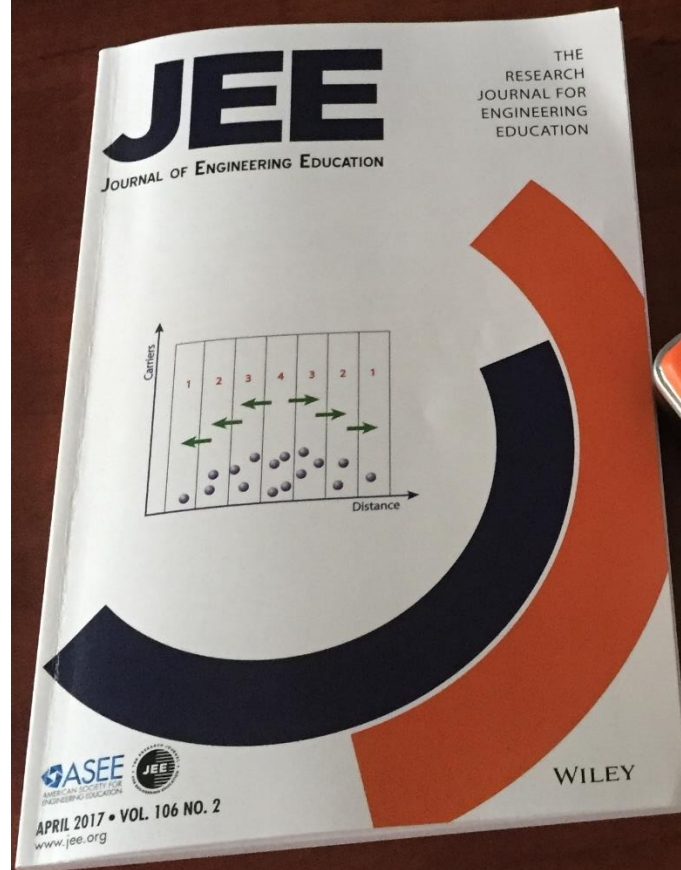
## **Reflection on strategies to connect, expand, and sustain the emerging EER and EEI communities**

**~10 min**

# JOURNAL OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION

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July 1, 2017*



# JEE publishes original research on engineering education

- Articles should significantly advance knowledge about engineering education, with implications for practice or research
- Two kinds of articles:
  - Empirical investigations
  - Research reviews
- Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods studies are welcome



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required for admissions

Applications accepted  
starting Fall 2017

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in Fall 2018

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Mechanical  
Engineering



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Electrical Engineering &  
Computer Science; Education



**Aileen Huang-Saad**

Biomedical  
Engineering



**Lisa Lattuca**

Education; Integrative  
Systems & Design



**Joi Mondisa**

Industrial & Operations  
Engineering

## Research interests

Design & creativity

Idea generation

Returning  
students

Teaching & learning

Classroom design

Innovative technology  
in the classroom

Engineering  
entrepreneurship  
education

Instructional change in  
biomedical engineering

Teaching & learning

Curriculum design  
& assessment

Interdisciplinarity

Mentoring &  
underrepresented  
populations

Resilience, grit, &  
persistence





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## Over \$22M in Research Grant Funds awarded 2014-2019



\$15M for 5 Years/2015-2020

PI: A. Martinez Ortiz

Co-I's: L. Huling,  
Aslambanpour, Bos, Close, Jensen, Lee, Sorto, Sriraman

#### Partners:

California State University- Northridge  
Norfolk State University,  
North Carolina Central University,  
Penn State University-Center for Online  
Innovation in Learning, Salish-Kootenai College,  
University of South Florida, & U.S. Satellite.

- A national, diversity-focused professional development system that leverages NASA assets and resources to support Educator excellence in STEM Education.

- EPDC provides a multitude of face-to-face and online professional development opportunities and NASA resources for educators in K-12, university, and community settings.

- The key PD experts who deliver this training are 10 Educator Specialists located at 10 NASA Space Research Centers.

### The STEM Teacher Excellence Project (STEP) [NASA MEI]

\$2.9M for 3 Years/2015-2018

PI: L. Huling/ Co-I: A. Martinez Ortiz

#### Partners:

10 NASA Centers/ 10 Educator Specialists

- Program will offer one-week Institutes to pre-service and alternate route STEM teachers at each of the 10 NASA Centers beginning in 2016 to serve a minimum of 50 participants who will be recruited from Minority Service Institutions (MSIs) from around the country.

- Collectively over the 3 years of the project, the 30 NASA STEP Institutes will provide a minimum of 1500 STEM educators with a series of content-rich NASA professional learning experiences and will impact all 10 NASA Centers across the U.S. Research Efforts will follow.

### Future Aerospace-Engineers and Mathematicians Academy (FAMA) [NASA MAA]

\$400k for 3 Years/2015-2018

PI: A. Martinez Ortiz

Co-I: L. Rodriguez, H. Warshawer & A. Sorto

#### Partners:

San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District (SMCISD);  
Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos (Centro).



An Aerospace Education Laboratory (AEL) will be established at Centro and equipped with computers, laptops, cellular-based devices and educational robotics kits to enhance the technological literacy development of program students.

### NSF STEM Rising Stars

\$1.5M for 4 Years/2015-2019

PI: A. Martinez Ortiz

#### Co-Principal Investigators:

Kimberley Talley, Clara Novoa; Mina Guirguis; Eleanor Close; Senior Personnel: Leslie Huling; Vedaraman Sriraman; Debra Feakes; Alejandra Sorto, Susan Morey

- The team will design, develop and implement a set of effective STEM learning and teaching practices aimed at producing significant improvements in freshman and sophomore major retention rates and graduation rates in chemistry, computer science, engineering, engineering technology, mathematics and physics.

### The Engineering Education Maker Identity Project

\$300k for 4 Years/2015-2019; PI: A. Martinez Ortiz

Co-Principal Investigators: Kimberly Talley, Shaunna Smith, & Vedaraman Sriraman

- Engineering Education Research regarding the impact of Maker Spaces, STEM learning and teaching practices.

Collaborative Research: University  
Maker Spaces: Discovery, Optimization  
and Measurement of Impacts

\$75k for 4 Year/2014-2018; PI: K. Talley

## Select Research Focus Areas

### K-12 Students

- Parental involvement and impact upon student career readiness and decisions
- Impact of early integrated STEM educational experiences (cognitive and affective)
- Engineering Education based K-12 curricula

### University Students

- Strategies to support STEM student retention
- Creativity and Innovation
- Makerspaces' impact upon student learning
- STEM professional identity development
- Gender issues in STEM studies
- Alternative Instructional Models

### Teachers

- Best practices in STEM education for Diverse Audiences
- Effective models for STEM professional development
- Empowerment by Learning to use instructional technologies
- Culturally Responsive Teaching in STEM
- Digital Badging and Online learning

### Teacher Educators

- Research in course redesign and Instructional approaches in physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, engineering and engineering technology
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

### Educational Systems

- Collective Impact case studies
- Longitudinal assessment methodologies
- Engineering, Ethics and Social Justice
- Global research and education in STEM



# NSF TxST STEM Rising Start Project (2015-2018)-Four Major Strategies

To research the impact of interventions that produce significant improvement in freshman and sophomore major retention rates and graduation rates in chemistry, computer science, engineering, engineering technology, mathematics, and physics.



Figure 1. Texas State STEM Rising Stars Organizing Framework for the program's implementation strategies



# Early Outreach & Research with K-12 Pre-Engineering Students







**INFORMAL EDUCATORS** In addition to K-12 and university educators, other professionals in our society fulfill an educational role in providing clients with important learning opportunities. The informal educator who works in community organizations, after school and summer programs, or museums are examples of such professionals that NASA STEM EPDC is committed to serving.



**PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS** Pre-service teachers—or students in educator prep programs—strengthen their content knowledge in STEM and build their portfolio of skills and resources when they become involved with the NASA STEM EPDC program. This builds their confidence to create a more impactful STEM education experience in their future classrooms.

**IN-SERVICE TEACHERS** The responsibility to inspire students to pursue careers in STEM fields largely depends on the guidance of the K-12 teacher. The NASA STEM EPDC program aims to guide these in-service teachers toward a wealth of resources to enhance their teaching of STEM subjects and sound culturally responsive teaching approaches.



**UNIVERSITY FACULTY** The preparation of K-12 STEM teachers seems to yield the greatest benefit when collaborating with faculty from departments of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Teacher Education. The dedication and work of these faculty is critical to encourage and nurture the young minds of the workforce of tomorrow.



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# LinkEngineering

- Intended to support implementation of preK-12 engineering education
- Interactive online community
- Platform allows
  - Posting of events or resources
  - Ability to rate resources or ask questions
  - Ability to ask questions of the community
- Goals of the site
  - Create a community of practice
  - Provide high-quality resources





## LINKENGINEERING

EDUCATOR EXCHANGE  
LINKING PREK-12 TO EXPERTISE AND CONTENT

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NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING



SHARE

ASK

IMAGINE

IMPROVE

PLAN

CREATE

### LINKENGINEERING RESOURCE

#### "ENGINEERING WORD OF THE DAY" PODCAST

*This informal podcast of short episodes talks about different cool words, phrases, acronyms, jargon, and slang in the engineering field every week.*

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#### GOING TO THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATION MEETING?

*Meet up with LinkEngineering colleagues in Columbus, OH.*

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# Documenting Impact of Purdue's School of Engineering Education

Audeen Fentiman and Teresa Walker

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# What, Where, When, and How

- What
  - History (including demographic trends)
  - Leadership
  - Innovations in Education
  - Research
  - Growing the Community
  - Indirect Impact
    - Numbers and demographics of practicing engineers
    - Quality of their preparation
- Where
  - On our website
- When
  - Ongoing – not yet public
- How
  - General overview of direct impact on one page
  - Increasing levels of detail on supporting pages
  - Indirect impact – working on it

# Measures of Leadership

- Professional societies
  - Committee and division officers
  - Fellows
- Editorships
- National workshop leadership (e.g. NAE, NSF)
- Advisory board membership
- Student leadership roles

# Innovations in Education

- First-Year Engineering
  - Changes made (based on research)
  - FYE as a laboratory
  - Instructional process innovations – to deliver courses at scale
- Multidisciplinary/Interdisciplinary Engineering
  - New degree programs incubated in MDE
  - Innovations in MDE/IDE courses
- Graduate Education
  - Ph.D. program content
  - Graduate certificate
- Collaboration with other engineering schools at Purdue
  - Innovations in other schools
- Teaching awards

# Research

- Major research categories ([link to faculty research descriptions](#))
- Research funding
  - Amounts
  - Diversity of sources
- CAREER and PECASE awards
- INSPIRE research in P-12
- Research summits hosted
- Research dissemination
  - Journal publications
  - Conference papers
  - Best paper awards in journals
  - Best paper awards at conferences
- Invited presentations
  - US
  - International



# Growing the Community

- Where our Ph.D. grads go (map)
  - Location
  - Position
  - Impact
- Where our postdocs and visiting faculty go
- Former Purdue ENE faculty providing leadership elsewhere
- Impact of INSPIRE
  - Number of teachers participating in research, activities
  - Number of students affected
  - Informal education activity participation
- Collaborations with other institutions
  - US
  - International

# Indirect Impact on Preparation of Engineers

- Probably the most difficult impact to measure – and most important
- Trends in the numbers at a particular institution
  - Number of students graduating with engineering degrees
  - Percentage of beginning students finishing an engineering degree
  - Average time to degree
  - Net number of students transferring into engineering – and finishing
  - Percentage of women in beginning and graduating classes
  - Percentage of URM in beginning and graduating classes
  - Percentage of engineering graduates still in the field after 3, 5, 10 ...years

# Indirect Impact on Preparation of Engineers

- More difficult to measure
  - Quality of the engineering education & quality of the students' educational experience
  - Impact of quality of education & quality of educational experience on trends on previous slide
  - Impact of engineering education research on quality of education & quality of educational experience
    - At the university with an Engineering Education department
    - At other universities



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# **Rigorous Research in Engineering Education (RREE)**

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# Update

## ■ Resources

- CLEERhub has moved
- <https://stemedhub.org/groups/cleerhub>
- Googling CLEERhub will take you to this site!

- ## ■ Space to build methods and theories in EER
- <https://ruthstreveler.wordpress.com/engineering-education-research/> [link from Purdue ENE website]

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**ENGINEERING EDUCATION**

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# I-Corps™ for Learning



**Evidence-based  
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# I-Corps™ for Learning History


June  
2013


June  
2014


June  
2015

June  
2016

 Pilot: Jan-Feb 2014

 Cohort 1: Jan-Feb 2015

 Cohort 2: Jul-Aug 2015

 Cohort 3: Jul-Aug 2016

**3 Cohorts + Pilot**

**73 Teams**

**234 Participants**

**18 Instructors**

**3 Evaluation Partners**

# Current Initiatives

Awareness Sessions	Smart Start (Introduction to I-Corps™ L)	National Cohort
1-3 hours	2 weeks	7 weeks
Face-to-Face Online	Online Hybrid	Hybrid
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to core features of the Lean Startup Process</li> <li>• Focus on the importance of sustainable scalability at the early stages of concept development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to develop 'proof-of-concept' evidence towards sustaining and scaling</li> <li>• Focus on Value Proposition + Customer Segment 'fit'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to determine innovation readiness for sustainable scalability</li> <li>• Immersion in the Lean Startup Process</li> </ul>
<b>League for Innovation Learning Summit – June 2017</b> <b>Frontiers in Education (FIE)</b> October 2017, Indianapolis, IN	<b>*ASEE Annual Conference</b> June 25-28, Columbus, OH	<b>??</b> (traditionally Jul-Aug)



# Lean Startup Approach to Design Impact-Driven Education Projects

Learning Summit 2017– June 14, 2017 – 8:00 – 8:45 am



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# SMART START

## DESIGNING IMPACT-DRIVEN PROJECTS

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This no-cost, two-week course is designed for researchers and innovators who want to deepen the impact of a project, product, or program to improve STEM education at any level in both formal and informal settings. When you accept the challenge, you will:

- Identify the audience for your innovation and expand your research impact.
- Learning how to develop an effective proof-of-concept, saving time and resources.
- Awaken your inner entrepreneur.
- Become more aware of the needs of others and seek efficient ways to address them.
- Decide whether a rigorous, 8-week training like NSF I-Corps™ or I-Corps™ for Learning (I-Corps™ L) is right for you.

### HOW TO APPLY

#### 1. Check eligibility and application process on the website:

<https://www.asee.org/i-corps-l/events/smart-start>

#### 2. Prepare an online application that addresses the following:

- Brief description of your STEM learning innovation.
- Summary of evidence supporting innovation (e.g. documented learning outcomes) and any proof of concept data (implementation results).
- List of (up to three) team members, including their connection with the innovation (e.g., principal investigator, graduate student researcher, etc.).
- Confirmation of team members' willingness to commit to the two-week course, including attending all meetings and conducting customer discovery interviews.

#### 3. Submit an application at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/smartstartApp>

# Evaluation Team



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Cathleen Simons



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Sheri Sheppard



***I am NOT an entrepreneur:  
Exploring the motivations, contexts, and ecosystems within which engineering  
education faculty sustain and develop their learning innovations.***

Hypotheses:

H1: There are professionals whose primary goal for innovating is to make a positive impact in society; they don't have (much) experience in business nor aspire to be entrepreneurs.

H2: Most of these professionals do not a) expect to make a ton of money from their innovations, b) plan on leaving their jobs, and c) stop being dependent on grants (although they might be open to other funding streams as well).

H3: These people may not think of themselves as entrepreneurs, but they already use strategies—or would be intrigued to use strategies—that successful entrepreneurs do to sustain their innovations beyond a grant cycle and expand the impact and reach of their work.

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# Interviewing I-Corps™ L alumni 8-30 months after the course

Motivation	Context	Ecosystem
<b>Entrepreneurial Leaning</b> Vs.  <b>Current Profession Leaning</b> Vs.  <b>Both Equally</b>	<b>Was a company formed?</b>	<b>Are buyers &amp; decision-makers more than 2 people?</b>
	<b>How/where does revenue flow?</b>	<b>Buyers and decision-makers can be found based on job title, group affiliation, or geographical location...</b>
	<b>Intention to Grow?</b>	<b>Threats from competitors?</b>
	<b>Are there Plans to Scale; if so, are they specific and shared?</b>	<b>PRIMARY Channels?</b>
	<b>Anticipated Revenue/year after 5 Years</b>	<b>Regulatory agencies required?</b>
	<b>Does PI have and/or desire Business Support?</b>	



# Participant Networking Activity (~35 min)

- **Introductions with Guided Format**
- **Three (~8 min) Conversations in Groups of 2-3**
  - Your Name & Organization
  - Status of EER&I Center or PhD Program/Interest in EER & EEI
  - Suggestions for Starting/Questions About Starting
  - Exchange Business Cards/Contact Information
  - Identify “intellectual neighborhoods” around common research, organization or other questions and interests
  - Talk about ways to follow up
- **Bell will ring once after 7 min and twice after 8 min**
- **Move to a New Group**

# **Connecting, Expanding & Sustaining the Emerging EER Community (~10 min)**

- **Reflect on your interests and plans for engineering education research & innovation**
- **Jot down**
  - What do you plan to do next?
  - What are your longer range plans?
- **Continue the conversation during the ASEE conference and beyond**
  - EER&I Networks – CLEERhub, REEN, SEFI, National Innovation Network (NIN), NSEC
  - Meet again at the FIE Conference, October, 2017

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