

**Engineering Education Research Networking Session**  
**Connecting and Expanding the Engineering Education Research (EER) and Engineering Education Innovation (EEI) Communities**

*Special Session F3B in partnership with the*  
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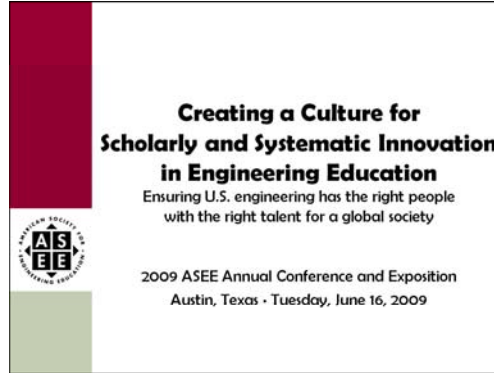
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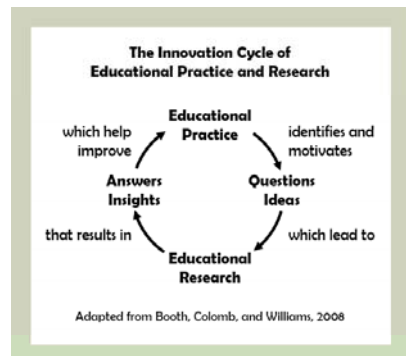
Activity	Time Allotted
Introduction of session and facilitators	10
Brief report on status of RREE project and NAE FOEE	
Update on CLEERHub.org (Collaboratory for Engineering Education Research)	10
Update on EER workshops and JEE collaboration	5
Update on EEI – NAE FOEE & NSF TUES	10
Participant Networking	
Rapid introductions around guided questions – Four to five conversations in groups of 3 – as a way to meet many people	25
Identification of “intellectual neighborhoods” around research and innovation questions and opportunities – individual reflection and writing	5
Brainstorming on strategies to connect, expand, and sustain the emerging EER and EEI communities	15
Summary of ideas for (1) local, (2) national – conferences, etc. and (3) virtual community	5
Individuals share reflections with the large group, facilitators sum up the session and participants complete feedback forms	10

## Celebration of Two Major ASEE Milestones



2011 ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition  
 Vancouver, British Columbia • Monday, June 27, 2011

## One BIG Idea; Two Perspectives



Jamieson & Lohmann (2009)

Engineering Education Innovation

**ASEE Main Plenary, 8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.****Vancouver International Conference Centre, West Ballroom CD**

Expected to draw over 2,000 attendees, this year's plenary features Karl A. Smith, Cooperative Learning Professor of Engineering Education at Purdue University and Morse–Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor & Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Minnesota.

Smith has been at the University of Minnesota since 1972 and has been active in ASEE since he became a member in 1973. For the past five years, he has been helping start the engineering education Ph.D. program at Purdue University. He is a Fellow of the American Society for Engineering Education and past Chair of the Educational Research and Methods Division. He has worked with thousands of faculty all over the world on pedagogies of engagement, especially cooperative learning, problem-based learning, and constructive controversy.

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Journal of Engineering Education and the release of ASEE's Phase II report *Creating a Culture for Scholarly and Systematic Innovation in Engineering Education* (Jamieson/Lohmann report), the plenary will celebrate these milestones and demonstrate rich, mutual interdependencies between practice and inquiry into teaching and learning in engineering education. Depth and range of the plenary will energize the audience and reflects expertise and interests of conference participants. One of ASEE's premier educators and researchers, Smith will draw upon our roots in scholarship to set the stage and weave the transitions for six highlighted topics selected for their broad appeal across established, evolving, and emerging practices in engineering education.

Video: <https://secure.vimeo.com/27147996>

Slides: <http://www.ce.umn.edu/~smith/links.html>

<http://www.asee.org/conferences-and-events/conferences/annual-conference/2011/program-schedule/conference-highlights>

**Highlights from Monday:**

Monday's **Main Plenary** by Karl A. Smith, Cooperative Learning Professor of Engineering Education at Purdue University and Morse–Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor & Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Minnesota, focused on six highlighted topics (presented by six different educators) selected for their broad appeal across established, evolving, and emerging practices in engineering education.



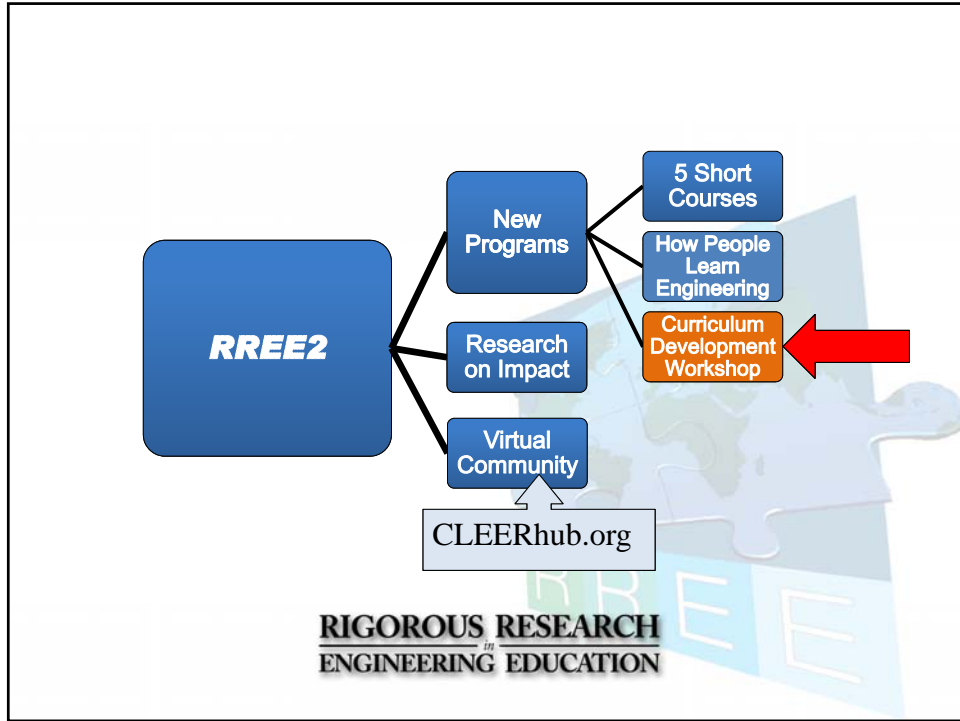
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Expanding and sustaining research  
capacity in engineering and  
technology education: Building on  
successful programs for faculty and  
graduate students

*Collaborative partners: Purdue (lead),  
Alverno College, Colorado School of  
Mines, Howard University, Madison  
Area Technical College, National  
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## Getting Started in Engineering Education Research Fundamentals of Engineering Education Research

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## Levels of Engineering Education Inquiry

- **Level 0** Teacher
  - Teach as taught (“distal pedagogy”)
- **Level 1** Effective Teacher
  - Teach using accepted teaching theories and practices
- **Level 2** Scholarly Teacher
  - Assesses performance and makes improvements
- **Level 3** Scholar of Teaching and Learning
  - Engages in educational experimentation, shares results
- **Level 4** Engineering Education Researcher
  - Conducts educational research, publishes archival papers

**Source:** Streveler, R., Borrego, M. and Smith, K.A. 2007. Moving from the “Scholarship of Teaching and Learning” to “Educational Research:” An Example from Engineering. *Improve the Academy*, Vol. 25, 139-149.

## Research can be inspired by ...



Understanding  
(Basic)

		Use (Applied)	
		No	Yes
Yes	Pure basic research (Bohr)	Use-inspired basic research (Pasteur)	
		Pure applied research (Edison)	
No			

**Source:** Stokes, D. 1997. Pasteur's quadrant: Basic science and technological innovation. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution.



## Guiding Principles for Scientific Research in Education

1. **Question:** pose *significant* question that can be investigated *empirically*
2. **Theory:** link research to relevant theory
3. **Methods:** use methods that permit direct investigation of the question
4. **Reasoning:** provide coherent, explicit chain of reasoning
5. **Replicate and generalize** across studies
6. **Disclose** research to encourage professional scrutiny and critique

*National Research Council, 2002*

Guest Editorial  
From the Margins to the Mainstream:  
The Emerging Landscape of Engineering  
Education Research

RUTH A. STREVELER  
Ruth Streveler

KARLA A. SMITH  
Karla A. Smith

In 2010, Karla Smith presented engineering education research (EER) as a "marginalized" and stagnant EER research area, one that is "not getting the attention it deserves" (Smith, 2010). Although she was speaking at the 2010 EER conference, she was not speaking at the 2010 EER conference on the same panel as she was in 2009. In 2009, she was speaking at the 2009 EER conference on the same panel as she was in 2009.

The main message of EER as a discipline is that it has not been discussed in the *Journal of Engineering Education* (JEE) for a long time. The only way to get it discussed is to have a special issue of JEE. The first special issue of JEE was the first special issue of JEE. The first special issue of JEE was the first special issue of JEE. The first special issue of JEE was the first special issue of JEE.

In addition to these traditional programmatic activities, numerous EER scholars are now publishing their research in the Ph.D. program at the University of Virginia. The Ph.D. program at the University of Virginia is a Ph.D. program at the University of Virginia. The Ph.D. program at the University of Virginia is a Ph.D. program at the University of Virginia.

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We have set out to trace the current landscape of engineering education research programs. The emergence of many new programs globally as well as the success of recent EER Ph.D.s and faculty provide evidence that the community is no longer marginalized but is heading toward mainstream acceptance. Exciting opportunities await us to build knowledge that will make a difference in engineering education curricula and pedagogy.

Streveler, R.A. & Smith, K.A. 2010. From the Margins to the Mainstream: The Emerging Landscape of Engineering Education Research. *Journal of Engineering Education*, 99(4), 285-287.

<http://www.asee.org/papers-and-publications/publications/jee>

Engineering Education: Departments,  
Degrees and Directions\*

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Engineering education research (EER) is a discipline that has been marginalized in the past. However, there is growing acceptance of discipline-based education as a valuable research enterprise, on the same level as research into, say, mechanical engineering or organic chemistry. Evidence of innovative ways that discipline-based education programs are taking root in higher education include the establishment of cross-disciplinary departments in science, technology, and engineering education. These departments bring together faculty whose research area is education, who can tackle large-scale problems across the curriculum in addition to discipline-specific research projects.

INTRODUCTION

THE CALL for a transformation in how engineers are educated is well documented (e.g., the report from the National Academy of Engineering, 2005). The report from the National Academy of Engineering (2005) is a report from the National Academy of Engineering (2005). The report from the National Academy of Engineering (2005) is a report from the National Academy of Engineering (2005).

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Benson, L.C., Becker, K., Cooper, M.M., Griffin, O.H. & Smith, K.A. 2010. Engineering Education: Departments, Degrees and Directions. *Int. J. Engng Ed.* Vol. 26, No. 5, pp. 1042–1048.

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### Status, Contributions, and Future Direction of Discipline-Based Education Research (DBER)

The National Science Foundation has funded a synthesis study on the status, contributions, and future direction of discipline-based education research (DBER) in physics, biological sciences, geosciences, and chemistry. DBER combines knowledge of teaching and learning with deep knowledge of discipline-specific science content. It describes the discipline-specific difficulties learners face and the specialized intellectual and instructional resources that can facilitate student understanding.

This 20-month study will build on two workshops held in 2008 to explore evidence on *Practicing Practices in Undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education*. It will answer questions that are essential to advancing DBER and broadening its impact on undergraduate science teaching and learning. An interdisciplinary panel of experts will synthesize empirical research on undergraduate teaching and learning in the sciences; explore the extent to which the research currently informs undergraduate instruction; and identify the intellectual and material resources required to further develop DBER.

The final product will be a consensus report that will provide guidance for future DBER research. In addition, the findings and recommendations of this study may invite, if not assist, postsecondary institutions to:

- increase interest and research activity in DBER, and improve its quality and usefulness, across all natural science disciplines
- guide instruction and assessment across natural science courses to improve student learning
- bring greater focus to issues of student attrition in the natural sciences that are related to quality of instruction.

MEETINGS	LOCATION	RESOURCES
Committee Meeting 1 June 28-29, 2010	Kirk Center, Room 302 500 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC	Appendix
Committee Meeting 2 October 18-19, 2010	Kirk Center, Room 302 500 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC (limited space)	Appendix includes links to papers and presentations
Committee Meeting 3 December 3-4, 2010	Beckman Center Irvine, CA	Appendix includes links to papers and presentations
Committee Meeting 4	Kirk Center 500 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC (limited space)	Appendix Commissioned Papers
Committee Meeting 5	Danasson Center Woods Hole, MA	This meeting is closed to the public

**COMMITTEE**  
*Executive Membership*

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[http://www7.nationalacademies.org/bose/DBER\\_Homepage.html](http://www7.nationalacademies.org/bose/DBER_Homepage.html)

## Emphasis on Innovation

- NSF TUES (CCLI) PI Meeting
  - TUES (Transforming Undergraduate Education in STEM)
  - Myles Boylan presentation
  - Carl Wieman presentation – White House – Office of Science and Technology Policy
  - <http://ccliconference.org/meetings/2011-tues-conference/>
- NAE Frontiers of Engineering Education (FOEE)
  - <http://www.nae.edu/Activities/Projects20676/CASEE/26338/35816/FOEE.aspx>



# The Federal Environment for STEM Education Programs: Implications for TUES

## & Some of your suggestions

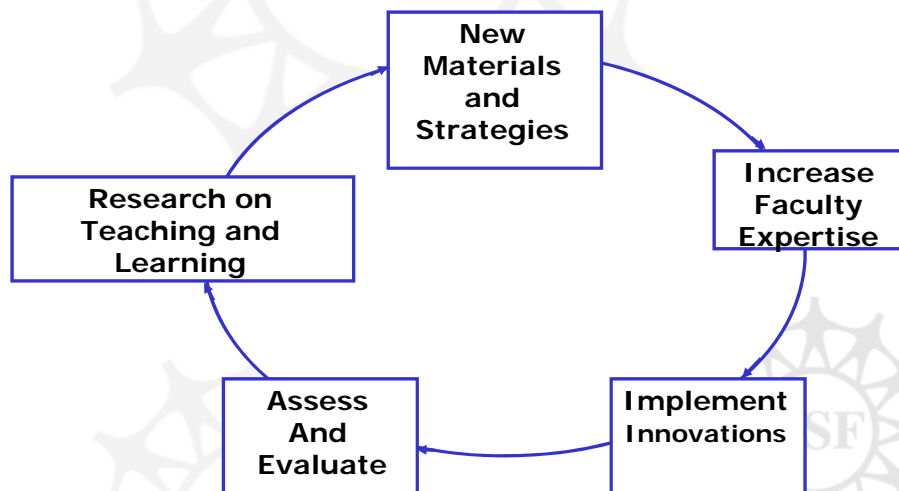
**Myles Boylan**

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National Science Foundation**

CCLI PI Meeting January 28, 2011

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### Cyclic Model for Creating Knowledge and Improving Practices in STEM Education



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Engineering Education Research Networking Session  
**Connecting Engineering Education  
 Research Programs from Around the World**

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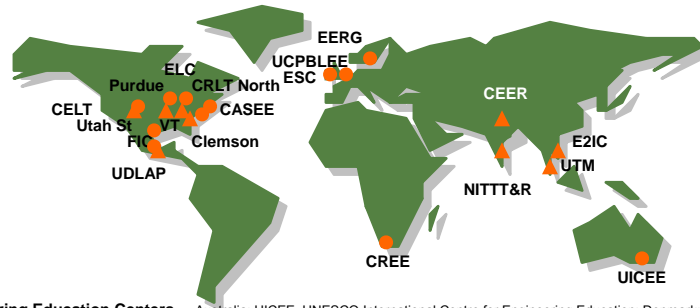
**Stephanie Eng**  
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**ASEE 2010 – EER PhD Program Briefings**

- Utah State University – Kurt Becker
- Purdue University – David Radcliffe & Robin Adams
- Universidad de las Americas, Puebla, Mexico – Enrique Palou
- Virginia Tech – Maura Borrego
- Universiti Teknologi Malaysia – Zaini Ujang
- Clemson University – Lisa Benson
- NITTTRs – India – R. Natarajan
- Arizona State University – Tirupalavanam Ganesh & Chell Roberts
- University of Washington – Cindy Atman
- Ohio State University – Lisa Abrams
- Carnegie Mellon University – Paul Steif
- University of Michigan – Cindy Finelli
- Washington State University – Denny Davis
- University of Georgia – Nadia Kellam & Joachim Walther
- Michigan State University – Jon Sticklen
- University of Colorado – Boulder – Daria Kotys-Schwartz

Session slides and links to programs posted to CLEERhub.org

## Groups, centers, departments...



**Engineering Education Centers** — Australia: UICEE, UNESCO International Centre for Engineering Education; Denmark: UCPBLEE, UNESCO Chair in Problem Based Learning in Engineering Education; Hong Kong: E2IC, Engineering Education Innovation Center, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Pakistan: Center for Engineering Education Research, NUST, National University for Science and Technology; South Africa: CREE, Centre for Research in Engineering Education, U of Cape Town; Sweden: Engineering Education Research Group, Linköping U; UK: ESC, Engineering Subject Centre, Higher Education Academy; USA: CELT, Center for Engineering Learning and Teaching, U of Washington; CRLT North, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, U of Michigan; Faculty Innovation Center, U of Texas-Austin; Engineering Learning Center, U of Wisconsin-Madison; CASEE, Center for the Advancement of Scholarship in Engineering Education, National Academy of Engineering.

**Engineering Education Degree-granting Departments** — USA: School of Engineering Education, Purdue U; Department of Engineering Education, Virginia Tech; Department of Engineering and Science Education, Clemson U; Department of Engineering and Technology Education, Utah State U; Malaysia: Engineering Education PhD program, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia; India: National Institute for Technical Teacher Training and Research; Mexico: Universidad de las Americas, Puebla

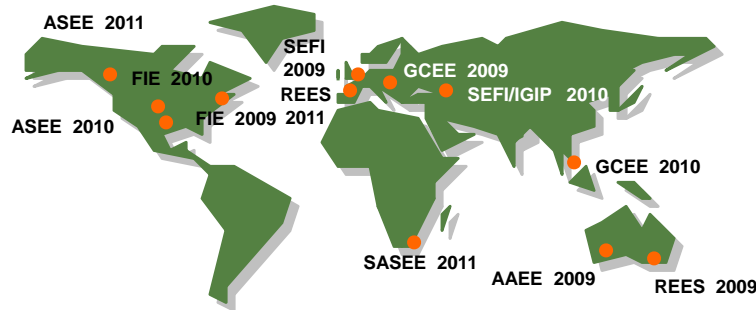
## Engineering education societies...



**Societies with Engineering Education Research Groups** — ASEE, American Society for Engineering Education, Educational Research Methods Division; SEFI, Société Européenne pour la Formation des Ingénieurs (European Society for Engineering Education), Engineering Education Research Working Group; Australasian Association for Engineering Education, Engineering Education Research Working Group; Community of Engineering Education Research Scholars, Latin America and Caribbean Consortium for Engineering Institutions

**Societies with Engineering Education Research Interests** — Indian Society for Technical Education, Latin American and Caribbean Consortium of Engineering Institutions, Asociación Nacional de Facultades y Escuelas de Ingeniería (National Association of Engineering Colleges and Schools in Mexico), Internationale Gesellschaft für Ingenieurpädagogik (International Society for Engineering Education), International Federation of Engineering Education Societies, South African Engineering Education Association (SASEE)

## Forums for dissemination...



**Conferences with engineering education research presentations:**

- ASEE — Annual Conference, American Society for Engineering Education, see [www.asee.org](http://www.asee.org)
- AAEE — Annual Conference, Australasian Association for Engineering Education, see [www.aaee.com.au](http://www.aaee.com.au)
- FIE — Frontiers in Education, sponsored by ERM/ASEE, IEEE Education Society and Computer Society, [/fie-conference.org/erm](http://fie-conference.org/erm)
- GCEE — Global Colloquium on Engineering Education, sponsored by ASEE and local partners where the meeting is held, see [www.asee.org](http://www.asee.org)
- SEFI — Annual Conference, Société Européenne pour la Formation des Ingénieurs, see [www.sefi.be](http://www.sefi.be)
- REES — Research on Engineering Education Symposium, [rees2009.pbwiki.com/](http://rees2009.pbwiki.com/)
- SASEE — South African Society for Engineering Education,

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## Participant Networking

### Engineering/STEM Education Graduate Programs

- Arizona State University
- University of California-Berkeley
- Clemson University
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Kentucky
- Linkoping University (Sweden)
- University of Minnesota
- The College of New Jersey
- Niagara University
- North Carolina State University
- Old Dominion University
- The Ohio State University
- Purdue University
- Tufts University
- Universidad de las Americas Puebla (Mexico)
- Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
- Uppsala University (Sweden)
- Utah State University
- Virginia Tech

## Participant Networking

### Engineering Education-Related Certificate Programs

- Arizona State University
- Boise State University
- Clemson University
- Michigan State University
- University of Michigan
- North Carolina State University
- Virginia Tech
- Wichita State University

## Participant Networking

### Innovative Engineering and Inter/Cross-Disciplinary Programs

- Aalborg University (Denmark)
- Carnegie Mellon University
- North Dakota State University
- Stony Brook University
- Texas A&M University
- University of Georgia
- University of Washington

<http://engineeringeducationlist.pbworks.com/w/page/27610307/Engineering-Education-Degree-and-Certificate-Programs>

## Participant Networking Activity (~ 25 min)

- **Introductions with Guided Format**
- **Three (~ 8 min) Conversations in Groups of 2-3**
  - Your Name & Organization
  - Status of EER 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)

- **Small Group (2-3) Brainstorming**
  - Ideas for (1) local, (2) national, (3) international Community
  - Ideas for Virtual Community
  - Further Ideas
- **Summarize Ideas and Record**

## Next Steps (~ 5 min)

- **Silently reflect on your interests and plans for engineering education research**
- **Jot down**
  - What do you plan to do next?
  - What are your longer range plans?
- **Continue the conversation during the FIE conference and beyond**
  - EER Networks – CLEERhub, REEN, SEFI
  - Meet again at ASEE Conference, June, 2012

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