# Global Perspectives on Engineering Education Research (EER) and Engineering Education Innovation (EEI)

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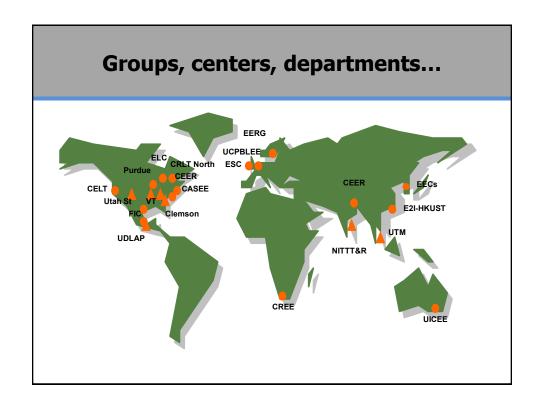
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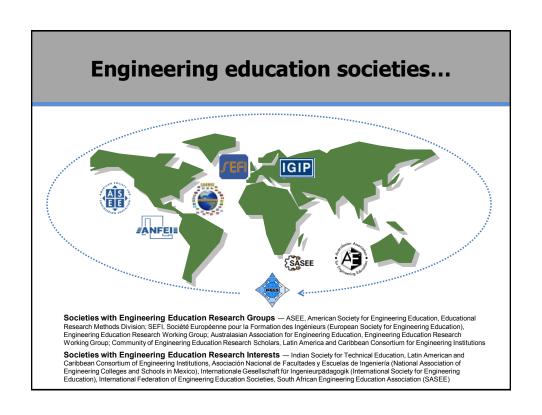
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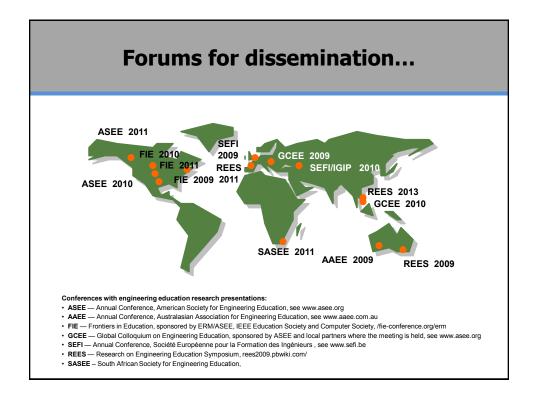
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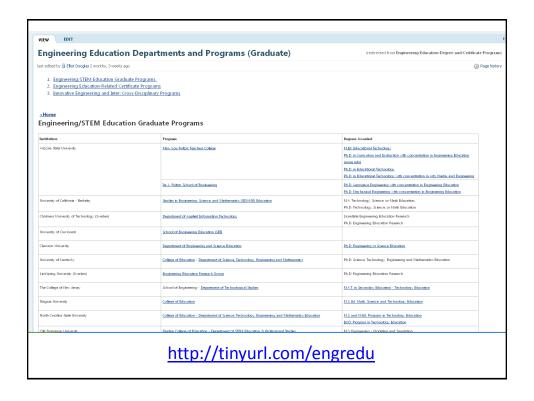


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#### **Engineering Education Research Networking Session**

### Connecting and Expanding the Engineering Education Research (EER) and Engineering Education Innovation (EEI) Communities

ASEE Headquarters Session T106D in partnership with the Rigorous Research in Engineering Education Initiative (DUE 0817461) http://CLEERhub.org

ASEE Annual Conference – June 12, 2012 – T106D – 7:00 am – 8:30 am

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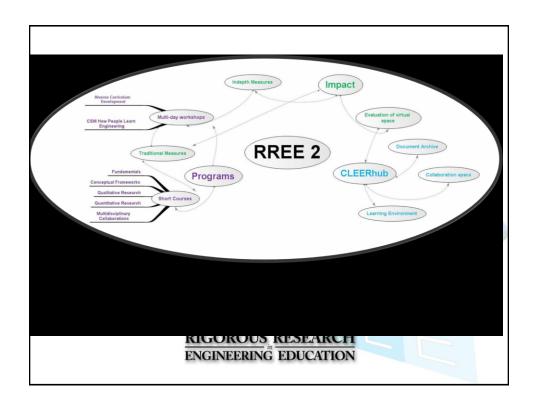
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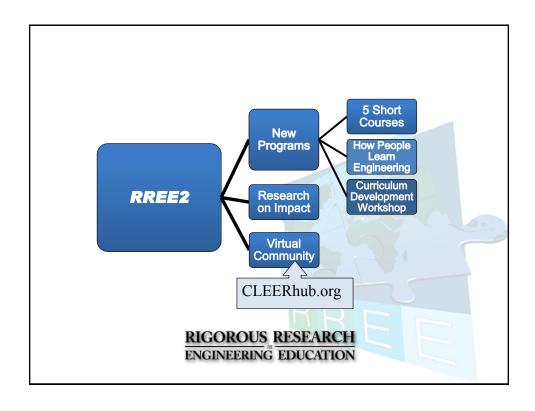
Activity	Time Allotted
Introduction of session and facilitators	5
Brief report on status of EER & EEI	
Update on RREE – CLEERHub.org (Collaboratory for Engineering Education Research)	10
Update on EER – NRC DBER report	5
Update on EEI – ASEE Innovation with Impact & NAE FOEE	10
Participant Networking	
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	10
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



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 Academy of Engineering









## **Objectives**

- Explore available resources for your use.
- Share information about upcoming improvements.

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### **CLEERhub's Vision & Mission**

#### Vision:

- To be the leader in engineering education research content and collaborative opportunities.

#### Mission:

- Partnering with the community to develop engaging and useful content.
- Continually improving user experience with regards to information availability, platform ease of use, and tools that enable collaboration.

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## What's Coming Up

- Expanding accessibility by adopting the HTML 5 standard.
  - This enables users to access content via tablets and mobile devices.
- Self-scoring quizzes to help you gain insight into your understanding.

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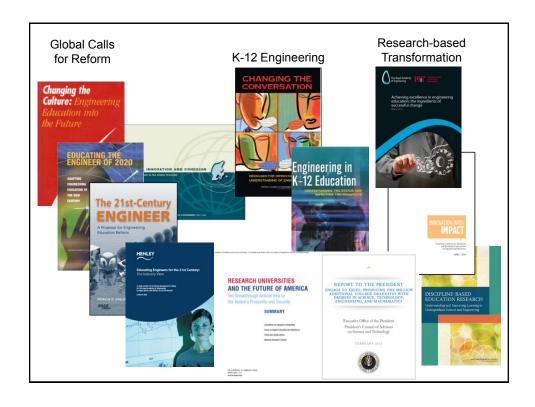


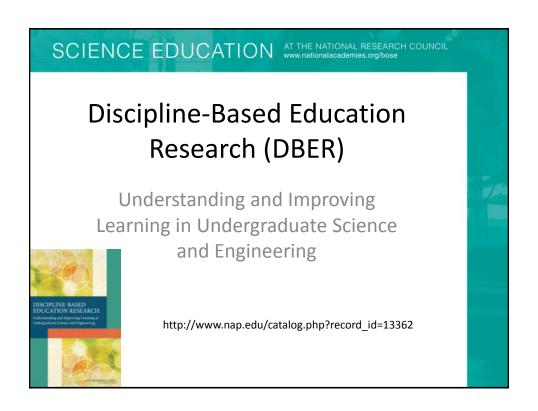
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## Recent Reports/Initiatives

- National Research Council Discipline-Based Education Research (DBER)
  - http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\_id=13362
- · ASEE Innovation with Impact report
  - http://www.asee.org/about-us/the-organization/advisorycommittees/Innovation-with-Impact
- NAE Engineering Education Research and Innovation Activities
- Froyd, J.E., Wankat, P.C. & Smith, K.A. (2012). Five major shifts in 100 years of engineering education. Proceedings of the IEEE
  - http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?arnumber=061 85632





# **Undergraduate Science and Engineering Education: Goals**

- Provide all students with foundational knowledge and skills
- Motivate some students to complete degrees in science or engineering
- Support students who wish to pursue careers in science or engineering

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# **Undergraduate Science and Engineering Education: Challenges and Opportunities**

- Retaining students in courses and majors
- Increasing diversity
- Improving the quality of instruction

## What is Discipline-Based Education Research?

- Emerging from various parent disciplines
- Investigates teaching and learning in a given discipline
- Informed by and complementary to general research on human learning and cognition

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### **Study Charge**

- Synthesize empirical research on undergraduate teaching and learning in physics, chemistry, engineering, biology, the geosciences, and astronomy.
- Examine the extent to which this research currently influences undergraduate science instruction.
- Describe the intellectual and material resources that are required to further develop DBER.

## Committee on the Status, Contributions, and Future Directions of Discipline-Based Education Research

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### **Structure of the Report**

- Section I. Status of Discipline-Based Education Research
- Section II. Contributions of Discipline-Based Education Research
- Section III. Future Directions for Discipline-Based Education Research

## Section I. Status of Discipline-Based Education Research

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### **Status of DBER: Goals**

- Understand how people learn the concepts, practices, and ways of thinking of science and engineering.
- Understand the nature and development of expertise in a discipline.
- Help to identify and measure appropriate learning objectives and instructional approaches that advance students toward those objectives.
- Contribute to the knowledge base in a way that can guide the translation of DBER findings to classroom practice.
- Identify approaches to make science and engineering education broad and inclusive.

# Status of DBER: Types of Knowledge Required To Conduct DBER

- Deep disciplinary knowledge
- The nature of human thinking and learning as they relate to a discipline
- Students' motivation to understand and apply findings of a discipline
- Research methods for investigating human thinking, motivation, and learning

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### **Status of DBER: Conclusions**

- DBER is a collection of related research fields rather than a single, unified field. (Conclusion 1)
- High-quality DBER combines expert knowledge of:
  - a science or engineering discipline,
  - learning and teaching in that discipline, and
  - the science of learning and teaching more generally.

(Conclusion 4)

# Section II. Contributions of Discipline-Based Education Research

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# Contributions of DBER: Conceptual Understanding and Conceptual Change

- In all disciplines, undergraduate students have incorrect ideas and beliefs about fundamental concepts. (Conclusion 6)
- Students have particular difficulties with concepts that involve very large or very small temporal or spatial scales. (Conclusion 6)
- Several types of instructional strategies have been shown to promote conceptual change.

## Contributions of DBER: Problem Solving and the Use of Representations

- As novices in a domain, students are challenged by important aspects of the domain that can seem easy or obvious to experts. (Conclusion 7)
- Students can be taught more expert-like problemsolving skills and strategies to improve their understanding of representations.

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## Contributions of DBER: Research on Effective Instruction

- Effective instruction includes a range of wellimplemented, research-based approaches. (Conclusion 8)
- Involving students actively in the learning process can enhance learning more effectively than lecturing.

# Section III. Future Directions for Discipline-Based Education Research

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## Future Directions for DBER: Translating DBER into Practice

- Available evidence suggests that DBER and related research have not yet prompted widespread changes in teaching practice among science and engineering faculty. (Conclusion 12)
- Efforts to translate DBER and related research into practice are more likely to succeed if they:
  - are consistent with research on motivating adult learners,
  - include a deliberate focus on changing faculty conceptions about teaching and learning,
  - recognize the cultural and organizational norms of the department and institution, and
  - work to address those norms that pose barriers to change in teaching practice.
     (Conclusion 13)

## Future Directions for DBER: Recommendations for Translating DBER Into Practice

- RECOMMENDATION: With support from institutions, disciplinary departments, and professional societies, faculty should adopt evidence-based teaching practices.
- RECOMMENDATION: Institutions, disciplinary departments, and professional societies should work together to prepare current and future faculty to apply the findings of DBER and related research, and then include teaching effectiveness in evaluation processes and reward systems throughout faculty members' careers. (Paraphrased)

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# Future Directions for DBER: Advancing DBER through Collaborations

 Collaborations among the fields of DBER, and among DBER scholars and scholars from related disciplines, although relatively limited, have enhanced the quality of DBER. (Conclusion 15)

## Future Directions for DBER: Research Infrastructure

- Advancing DBER requires a robust infrastructure for research. (Conclusion 16)
- **RECOMMENDATION**: Science and engineering departments, professional societies, journal editors, funding agencies, and institutional leaders should:
  - clarify expectations for DBER faculty positions,
  - emphasize high-quality DBER work,
  - provide mentoring for new DBER scholars, and
  - support venues for DBER scholars to share their research findings

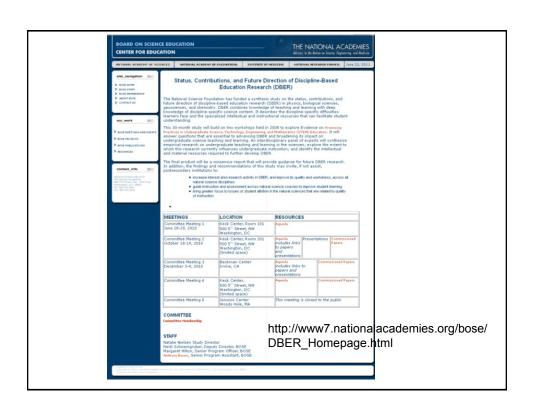
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### Future Directions for DBER: Some Key Elements of a Research Agenda

- Studies of similarities and differences among different groups of students
- Longitudinal studies
- Additional basic research in DBER
- Interdisciplinary studies of cross-cutting concepts and cognitive processes
- Additional research on the translational role of DBER

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- Commissioned paper authors
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## **Emphasis on Innovation**

- ASEE Innovation with Impact report
  - Excerpt from Presentation by Leah Jamieson,
     Dean, College of Engineering, Purdue
- NAE Engineering Education Research and Innovation Activities
  - Briefing by Beth Cady, Program Officer,
     Engineering Education, National Academy of Engineering

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# Seven Recommendations for Innovation with Impact

#### Who

- 1. Grow professional development in teaching and learning.
- 2. Expand collaborations.

#### What

Expand efforts to make engineering more engaging, relevant, and welcoming.

#### How

- Increase, leverage, and diversify resources for engineering teaching, learning, and innovation.
- 5. Raise awareness of proven practices and of scholarship in engineering education.

# Seven Recommendations for Innovation with Impact (continued)

#### **Creating a Better Culture**

To measure progress in implementing policies, practices, and infrastructure in support of scholarly and systematic innovation in engineering education:

- 6. Conduct periodic self-assessments in our individual institutions.
- 7. Conduct periodic community-wide self-assessments.





# Center for the Advancement of Scholarship on Engineering Education

- Created to foster continuous improvement
- Extensive set of resources at <a href="https://www.nae.edu/casee">www.nae.edu/casee</a>
  - Research-to-Practice documents
  - Meeting agendas and reports of CASEE projects
  - Equity-related resources
  - Videos
  - Summaries
- Please help us organize the site!
  - Search terms, categories



## Real-World Engineering Education



- Sponsored by AMD
- Innovative programs infusing real-world experiences
- Final publication to be released over the summer
- Includes program description and discussion of barriers/solutions



### Frontiers of Engineering Education (FOEE)

- Catalyze a vibrant community of *emerging* engineering education leaders
- Recognize faculty
   accomplishment, facilitate
   learning, broaden
   collaboration, and promote
   dissemination of innovative
   practice in engineering
   education



## **FOEE** (continued)

- Attendees share their work with peers
- Speakers on topics of interest to attendees
- Speakers/Coaches provide mentoring advice
- Opportunities to network with peers and coaches

- 150 alums
- Nominations for 2012 currently open
  - Nominations from dean or NAE member
  - Applications due in July
- Symposium will be October 14-17 in Irvine, CA

Five Major Shifts in 100 Years of Engineering Education

The authors discuss who has reshaped, or is currently reducing, engineering education over the past 100 years up until the current emphasis on design, learning, and social-behavioral extreme research and the rule of stembergy.

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2. a shift to outcomes-based

practical emphasis to engineering

science and analytical emphasis;

 a shift to applying education, learning, and socialbehavioral sciences research;

a shift to integrating information, computational, and communications technology in education.

### **EER & STEM Centers and Programs**

- Arizona State University
- University of California-Berkeley
- Clemson University
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Georgia
- Georgia Tech
- University of Kentucky
- Linkoping University (Sweden)
- Michigan State University
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- North Carolina State University
- The Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania State University

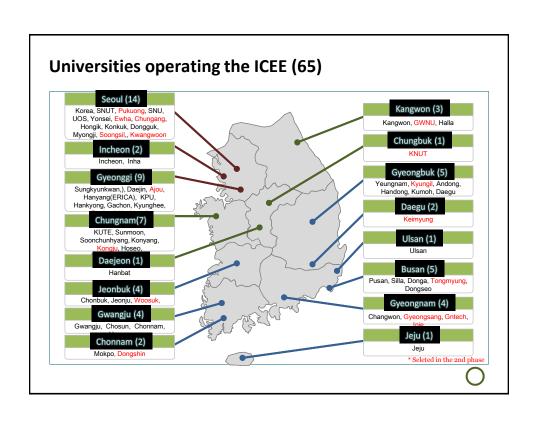
- University of Pittsburgh
- Purdue University
- Tufts University
- Universidad de las Americas Puebla (Mexico)
- Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
- University of Texas Austin
- Uppsala University (Sweden)
- Utah State University
- Virginia Tech
- Washington State University
- University of Washington
- Wichita State University

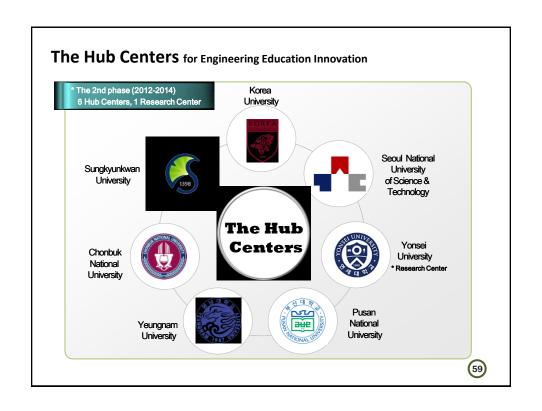
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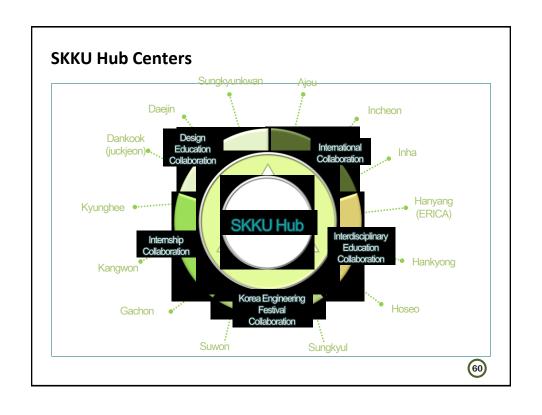
- Engineering Education Innovation Workshop –
   June 2012
- Engineering Education Centers in Korea
- Engineering Education Research at the Universiti Technologi Malaysia

### **Engineering Education Centers in Korea**

- Center for Innovative Engineering Education 65 Centers
- | Hub Center for Innovative Engineering Education 6 Centers
- Center for Engineering Education Research 1 Center
- **○** | Korea Association for Innovative Engineering Education







### **Engineering Education Research at SKKU Hub Center**

#### Current Topics

- ► Assessment of Program Education Objectives: Competency-based Approach
- Assessment of Outcomes produced by Center for Innovative Engineering Education
   Program
- Implementation of Grand Challenge Tech+ Innovator (GCTI) Learning Community in SKKU

#### O | Future Topics

► Course-embedded Assessment of Program Outcomes

#### PhD in Engineering Education @

Regional Centre for Engineering Education (RCEE)
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM)

#### **FACTS ON UTM**

- 10 engineering schools
- 2000 tenured academics
- 2,800+ foreign students
- Largest number of engineering alumni in Malaysia
- More than 43% enrolment at graduate levels in engineering and technology in Malaysia

#### **Contact:**

khairiyah@cheme.utm http://tree.utm.my Transforming engineering education through innovative evidence-based practices

- Focus on training and research in Engineering Education
- PhD in Engineering Education program
  - O Started in 2008
  - O Up till now, 8 students completed PhD
  - O Current enrolment: 30 students
- O International collaboration and networking
- O Post-doctoral and faculty position available

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### Thrust Research Areas in UTM

- 1. Flexible learning mobile learning, social network, courseware development, e-learning, etc.
- 2. Training academic staff, engineers or assistant engineers
- 3. Quality Management System OBE, program level assessment, CQI, etc.
- 4. Curriculum & Teaching and Learning learning of difficult concepts, understanding learners, innovative T&L, course design
- 5. Engineering Problem solving different types of thinking, skills
- 6. Course Assessment authentic assessment, assessment of learning, assessment of professional skills

## On-going Research

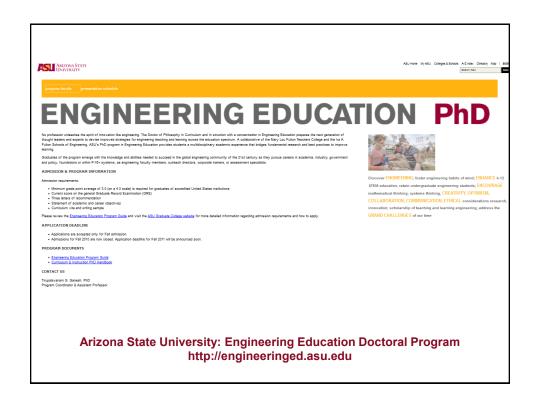
- Training of academic staff in SCL techniques, especially CL & PBL
- Intellectual development/maturity of engineering students
- · Developing engineering problem-solving skills
- · Mobile learning for difficult engineering contents
- The use of simulations to learn engineering concepts
- Authentic assessment in engineering courses
- Sustainable development in engineering curricula
- Learning and assessing 3-D CAD
- Program quality management system

### Completed PhD Research

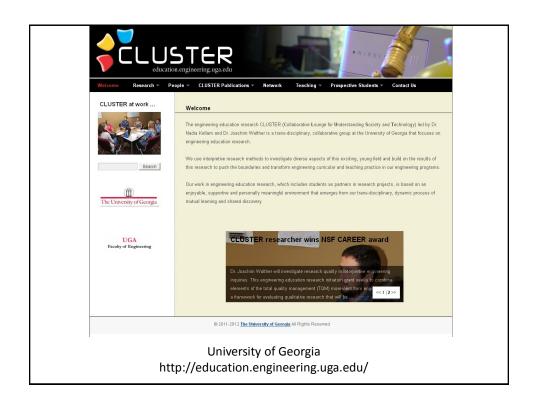
- A model for assessing student's achievement in basic electronic laboratory
- Enhancement of engineering students' problem-solving skills through cooperative problem-based learning
- Conceptual knowledge in 3D CAD assessment of mechanical engineering undergraduates conceptual understanding and relative comparison as perceived by manufacturing industries
- Self-regulated learning strategies, concept understanding and performance in statics
- An inquiry based simulation supported module to assist students' learning of basic electric circuit
- The effectiveness of learning thermodynamics through multi-media courseware based on visualization and constructivism
- An instrument to measure ICT user-skills ability for engineering learning
- Assessment of Psychomotor skills in electronics laboratory

### Events coming up in 2013

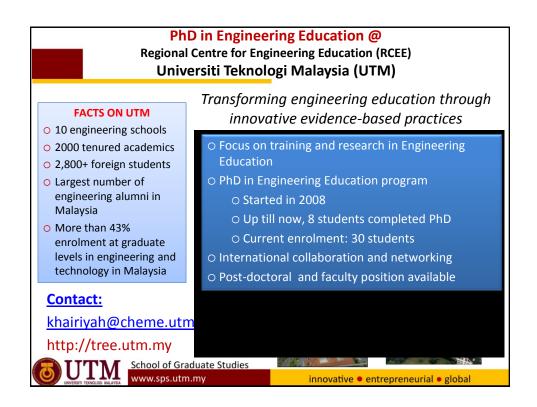
- Research in Engineering Education Symposium (late June)
- Research Symposium in Problem-based Learning (early July)
- Workshop in between the 2 symposiums?















### U. Michigan: Center for Research on Learning and Teaching in Engineering www.engin.umich.edu/crltengin

Programs to enable research

- SoTL grants for faculty and graduate students
- PhD Certificate in Engineering Education Research
- Networking lunches to expand research initiatives
- Faculty learning community around large course teaching

Ongoing research initiative

- Faculty motivation to adopt effective teaching practices
- Impact of screencast technology on student perceptions and performance
- Strategies for innovative design practice and their translation to education
- Ethical development of engineering undergraduates





Ohio State University: College of Engineering and College of Education and Human Ecology  $Contact: \ Robert \ J. \ Gustafson \ (Engineering) \ \underline{Gustafson.4@osu.edu} \quad or \ Paul \ E. \ Post \ (Education) \ post.1@osu.edu$ 

#### Guide for New Ph.D. Students in ENGINEERING EDUCATION

The Doctoral Program in Engineering Education is designed to help develop the highest levels of professional competence in technology and engineering education and to develop the capacity to contribute knowledge into their field. At Ohio State, doctoral degree programs consist of a coherent pattern of courses and other educational experiences, a candidacy examination, a discentive can do fine), end program. dissertation, and a final oral examination.

Program content is selected to fit the individual student's background, experience, and professional goals. Students admitted to the program will be assigned initial faculty advisers who will provide guidance as they begin the program. Students have the option of choosing new advisers as their program nave the option of choosing new advisers as their program evolves. This document serves as a resource to be used by the student and adviser in developing the individualized program. The adviser and the Ph.D. Advisory Committee retain the right to substitute other courses as appropriate. The program is approved by the student's Ph.D. Advisory Committee and is subject to the rules of the Graduate School and school's Graduate Studies Committee.

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

After the second quarter of enrollment, the student and their advisor will choose an advisory committee consisting of four professors, a minimum of two of whom shall be members of the STEM Area of Study. The student will plan the doctoral program in consultation with this committee. This committee also will be responsible for developing and assessing the Candidacy Examination. Upon completion of the examination, the student may reorganize the committee to reflect the expertise needed for the dissertation.

#### PROGRAM OF STUDY

FINGUIGAN OF STUDY Students should develop a tentative program plan with their faculty advisers during the first year. This plan will be reviewed during the second year for revision or continuation. A copy of the final, approved program plan should be submitted to the Office of a delaying Students and the Challette. of Academic Services prior to the Candidacy Exam. The program of study should include the following categor

#### Learning, Teaching, and Social Context Component - 15

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Logic and Psychology in School Science/Mathematics, or equivalent Theoretical Perspectives on Learning, Teaching and Social Contexts

Edu T&L 975

### The Ohio State University **Engineering Education Innovation Center**

http://eeic.osu.edu/about

### The Leonhard Center for the **Enhancement of Engineering Education**

Founded in 1990 with a gift from William E. Leonhard

#### Mission includes:

- Leading and supporting enhancements in undergraduate engineering courses and programs
- Supporting assessment, including ABET
- Leading improvements in communication courses for engineering students
- Preparing graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants
- · Conducting externally funded research

#### Current strategic focus areas:

- Cross-national teams in capstone courses
- Integration of creative process into engineering courses
- Ethics education for first year students
- Technology-enhanced learning



For more information, contact Tom Litzinger at TAL2@PSU.EDU or visit www.engr.psu.edu/leonhardcenter/





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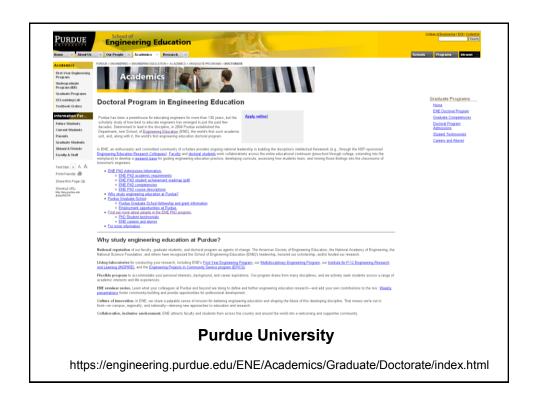
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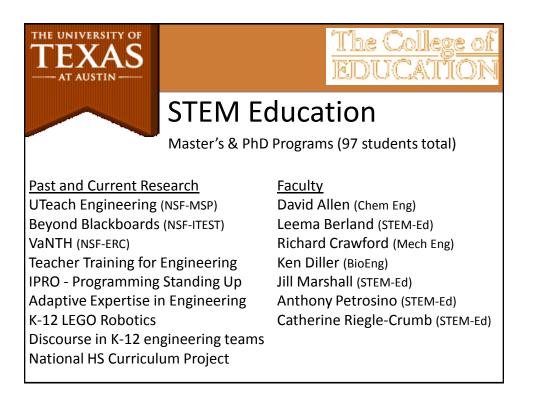


Michael Alley **Engineering Communications** 











#### **Engineering Education Research**

Improving Education through Engineering

- •Research in engineering teaching and learning, outreach, and educational technology development.
- •Current projects:
  - •Integrating Engineering and Literacy (IEL)
  - •Design Compass: How people design
- •Interactive Learning and Collaboration Environment (InterLACE)
- •LEGO Robotics: Catalyzing Social Communication in Students with Autism •W-STOMP Women in Engineering

## **Tufts** Department of Education

#### **Engineering Education M.S. & Ph.D. Program**

- •Develop research on how students (K-College) learn/engage in engineering
- •Interdisciplinary thesis committee (at least 1 education and 1 engineering professor)

http://ceeo.tufts.edu/



http://www.engineering.usu.edu/htm/information/phd-engineering-education

