

This exciting day of learning provides a wealth of information for schools' central office staff, board of education members, curriculum directors, and lead teachers. The conference features keynote speaker Jennifer James, who will present "21st Century Skills and Thinking in the Future Tense."

Breakout sessions will address three key strands:

- Best practices and integration/assessment strategies
- Instructional tools (software/hardware) and processes
- Policy implications and responsible use

Registration and Cost

The cost of the conference is just \$25, which includes lunch and CEUs. Please register online at:

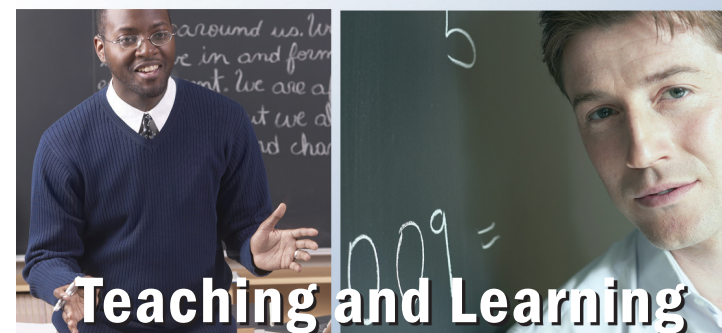
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About Keynote Speaker Jennifer James

Jennifer James is an urban cultural anthropologist who was for 12 years a full time faculty member of the Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Department at the University of Washington. She left the University in 1982 to follow her interest in international business and community service.

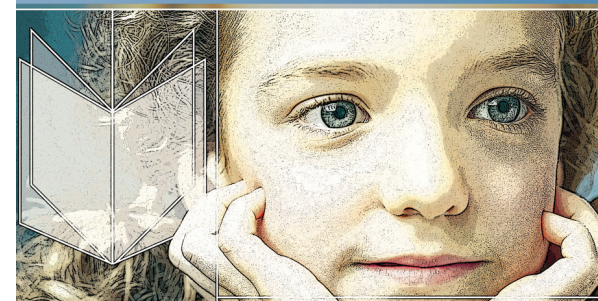


Teaching and Learning in the Future Tense



September 25, 2009
Holiday Inn, Waterbury, CT

- A conference sponsored by the Connecticut RESC Alliance and the State Department of Education
- 21st Century Skills
 - NEASC Standards
 - Virtual Worlds
 - Policy Considerations



7:45 - 8:15 a.m.	Coffee and Registration		
8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks		
8:30 - 10:15 a.m.	Keynote Speaker - Jennifer James “Teaching and Learning in the Future Tense”		
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break		
Policy and Regulation	Instructional Tools	Best Practices/Integration	
<p>10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Social Networking: Motivation or Menace?</p> <p>Everyone knows students are addicted to new social networks such as Facebook, Twitter, etc. These tools can offer wonderful learning opportunities but also present many risks. What are the major issues and how are schools dealing with these obstacles?</p>	<p>10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Second Life</p> <p>This session by the staff of the Education Connection Center for 21st Century Skills will demonstrate how this online virtual world can engage students in high-level content and simulations that lead to mastery of learning objectives.</p>	<p>10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Jennifer James</p> <p>This session will build and expand on the topics introduced in the keynote presentation. Dr. James will address how educators and students adapt to technological changes and how shifts in our world influence culture within the K-12 space and on a global scale.</p>	
11:30 - 11:45 a.m. – Break			
<p>11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Policy Implications</p> <p>Many “print era” policies can inhibit or disrupt changes that would otherwise increase student learning and potentially save districts money. This session will focus on the most important considerations for boards of education as they reinvent their policies for 21st Century learning.</p>	<p>11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Liberating Learning with Online Learning Tools</p> <p>This session will explore how online tools can provide quality learning experiences for both adults and students, offering users flexibility and creativity as well as rigorous content.</p>	<p>11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. NEASC Meets 21st Century Learning</p> <p>Starting In 2011, NEASC standards will require high schools to identify 21st Century learning skills in all curriculum areas and demonstrate how they will be assessed. Scott Leslie, a Connecticut high school principal and NEASC Commission member, will discuss the implications of these requirements for Connecticut high schools.</p>	
12:45 - 1:30 p.m. – Lunch Break			
<p>1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Learning Goes Online – Policy Implications</p> <p>Online learning for students is the wave of the future. Districts need to confront various policies and regulations that will allow for online learning as a viable option to classroom work. A panel of educators from Connecticut districts will share their successes and challenges.</p>	<p>1:30 – 2:30 p.m. One-to-One Learning</p> <p>A new generation of low-cost hardware and Web-based applications is bringing the price of one-to-one learning into reach, even for cash-strapped budgets. An experienced adopter will share the key fiscal and instructional considerations.</p>	<p>1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Digital Arts and Sciences Academy</p> <p>In this session, the staff of the Education Connection Center for 21st Century Skills will share their comprehensive curriculum for grades 9–12. This curriculum aligns with Connecticut Standards and reflects a scope and sequence that integrates what students should know and be able to do in the real world.</p>	
<p>2:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Interactive Whiteboard Showdown</p> <p>mimio, Polyvision, Promethean, and SMART vendor representatives will have 10 minutes to tell you why their product has the best combination of features and value.</p>			