

Oxford Education Research Symposium  
at  
St. Hilda's College

**Rooftop Garden Room**

**MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023**

- 9:00 – 9:10 A.M. Introduction and Welcome  
**Kern Alexander**, Symposium Facilitator  
**David Martin**, Symposium Facilitator  
**Michele Hill**, Symposium Coordinator
- 9:10 – 9:40 A.M. Topic: Flipped Online Active Learning at an HSI  
Presenter: **Pierre Lu**, Professor, University of Texas RGV, US; and **Seokmin Kang**, Professor, University of Texas RGV, US
- 9:40 – 10:10 A.M. Topic: Considering the Body in Pedagogy: Understandings at the Intersection of Cognition, Movement, and Practice  
Presenter: **Niurca**, Assistant Teaching Professor, Florida International University, US; **Amber Ortega**, Berta Almaguer Dance Studio and Community Center, US
- 10:10 – 10:30 A.M. Tea/Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 11:00 A. M. Topic: Metaverses as a Teaching Tool in Higher Education Instructors Training  
Presenter: **David de Matias**, Head of Marketing Academic, UNIE Universidad,

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Spain; **Sofia Ruiz**, Professor, UFV, Spain;  
**Bethlem Boronat**; and **Ángel Azevedo**

- 11:00 – 11:30 A.M. Topic: Cell Phone Usage Education to Promote Gender Equality  
Presenter: **Yukari Shirota**, Professor, Gakushuin University, Japan
- 11:30 – 12:00 P.M. Topic: The Influence of Digital Transformation on the Curricular and Pedagogical Practices in South Africa's Higher Education Institutions in the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution: A Critical Perspective  
Presenter: **Edmore Mutekwe**, Professor, University of the Western Cape, South Africa
- 12:00 – 1:00 P.M. Buffet Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 P.M. Topic: Culturally Relevant Teaching and Direct Instruction: Moving from the Folklore of Irreconcilable Differences to the Reality of Common Ground  
Presenters: **Wayne Slater**, Associate Professor, University of Maryland, US
- 1:30 – 2:00 P.M. Topic: Transformative Events in Professional Practice: An Autoethnographic Analysis of a Critical Incident

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Presenter: **Todd Goodson**,  
Professor/Assistant Dean, Kansas State  
University, US

- 2:00 – 2:30 P.M.      Topic: Visual Cultural Practices of  
Postcolonial Elite Schools in Globalizing  
Circumstances  
Presenter: **Cameron McCarthy**, Senior  
Professor University of Illinois, Urbana-  
Champaign, UK
- 2:30 – 3:00 P.M.      Topic: An Evaluation of Turkish Education  
Policies in the Light of University Culture  
Presenter: **Eda Demir**, Doctoral Student,  
University College London, UK
- 3:00 – 3:20 P.M.      Tea/coffee Break
- 3:20 – 3:50 P.M.      Topic: An Effort to Address the Urgent  
Needs of Underqualified Teachers  
Presenters: **Tonni Martinez**, Assistant  
Professor, Kansas State University, US
- 3:50 – 4: 20 P.M.      Topic: Fairness and Integrity: What Makes a  
Difference in Education, Principle, and  
Reality  
Presenter: **David Martin**, UK
- 4:20 – 4:50 P.M.      Topic: Economic Funding of Public  
Education and the Achievement Debate  
Presenter: **William Gorman**, Lecturer,  
Monmouth University, US

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**TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023**

- 9:00 – 9:10 A.M.      Welcome  
**David Martin**, Symposium Facilitator  
**Kern Alexander**, Symposium Facilitator
- 9:10 – 9:40 A.M.      Topic The Every Student Succeeds Act: The  
Leadership of Congressman Bobby Scott's  
Presenter: **Tom Shields**, Associate Dean for  
Academic and Student Affairs, University of  
Richmond, US
- 9:40 – 10:10 A.M.      Topic: Losing by the Wayside: Women  
Doctors and Specialization in Pakistan  
Presenter: **Zara Hussain**, Deputy Controller  
of Examinations/Teaching Assistant, Lahore  
School of Economics, Pakistan
- 10:10 – 10:30 A.M.      Tea/Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 11:00 A. M.      Topic: Comparative Study of Urban vs.  
Rural School Leadership in China:  
Implications for Rural School Reform and  
Women's Leadership in Education  
Presenter: **Zhixin Su**, Professor, California  
State University, Northridge, US

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- 11:00 – 11:30 A.M.    Topic: A Mixed-Methods Investigation:  
Ethical Leadership Perspectives of  
Superintendents in the state of California  
Presenter: **Denver Fowler**, Associate Dean,  
California State University, Bakersfield, US;  
and **Sarah Graham-Jouganates**,  
Department Chair, Associate Professor,  
California State University, Sacramento; and  
**Yuerong Sweetland**, Director of  
Assessment, Franklin University, US
- 11:30 – 12:00 P.M.    Topic: Leadership through Listening:  
Activating Teacher Vitality and Mitigating  
Turnover  
Presenter: **Jentre Olsen**, Assistant Professor  
and Brock Chair of Education Innovation,  
Oklahoma State University, US
- 12:00 – 1:00 P.M.    Buffet Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 P.M.    Topic: Restorative Practice - Now More  
Than Ever  
Presenter: **James Longo**, Professor  
Emeritus, Washington Jefferson College,  
US, and **David Ryan Bunting**, Instructor,  
Washington & Jefferson College, US

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- 1:30 – 2:00 P.M.      Topic: Failing to Fit in: Problematic Effects of Sense of Belonging on Academic Achievement of US High School Students  
Presenters: **Steve Song**, Professor, Concordia University Chicago, US; and **Pierre Lu**, Professor, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, US
- 2:00 – 2:30 P.M.      Topic: Building Mental Toughness: A Middle School Intervention to Increase Grit, Locus of Control, and Academic Performance  
Presenter: **Kerri Zappala-Piemme**, Department Chair of the Educational Leadership Programs, Associate Professor, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, US; **Edward Sturman**, Professor, Associate Chair of the Psychology Department, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, US; **Gary G. Brannigan**, Professor Emeritus, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, US; and **Michael J. Brannigan**, Principal Queensbury Middle School, Queensbury Union Free School District, US
- 2:30 – 2:50 P.M.      Tea/coffee Break

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- 2:50 – 3:20 P.M.      Topic: “Join in a National Crusade”:  
Discourse Analysis of Ronald Reagan’s  
Framing of Education in the “War on  
Drugs”  
Presenter: **Eileen Wertzberger**, Assistant  
Professor, Kansas State University, US
- 3:20 – 3:50 P.M.      Topic: A Kantian Model Executing the  
Power of the Law for Effective and Efficient  
Investment in High-quality Education  
Presenters: **Alison Taysum**, External  
Examiner, University of Ireland, Maynooth,  
Ireland
- 3:50 – 4: 20 P.M.      Topic: Understanding School  
Connectedness: A Search for Conceptual  
Clarity  
Presenter: **Annie Gowing**, Course  
Coordinator, Master of Education, The  
University of Melbourne, Australia
- 4:20 – 4:50 P.M.      Topic: Expatriate faculty in private  
universities in the UAE: The Power of  
Managerialism  
Presenter: **Taghreed Masri**, Assistant  
Professor, PhD Student, University of  
Exeter, UK

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023**

- 9:00 – 9:10 A.M.      Welcome  
**Kern Alexander**, Symposium Facilitator  
**David Martin**, Symposium Facilitator
- 9:10 – 9:40 A.M.      Topic Professionalism, Safety, and  
Communication of DPT Students in First,  
Full-Time Clinical Experience: Accelerated  
Hybrid vs. Traditional Programs  
Presenter: **Rachel Vannatta** Distinguished  
Teaching Professor, Bowling Green State  
University, US; **Allison Durham**, Assistant  
Clinical Professor, US; **Stefanie Anderson**,  
The University of Findlay, US;  
**Hannah Norton**, South College, US;  
**Andrea Mierau**, Augustana University, US;  
**S. Jacob Melnick**, Hawai'i Pacific  
University, US
- 9:40 – 10:10 A.M.      Topic: Reading to talk: Enhancing English  
Language Proficiency from Creative  
Representations of Stories  
Presenter: **Éder Intriago-Palacios**,  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Kansas State  
University, US; and **Antonieta Morales-  
Jaramillo**, Associate Professor, Kansas  
State University, US



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- 10:10 – 10:30 A.M. Tea/Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 11:00 A. M. Topic: The Effectiveness of Science Content through Online Learning for Primary School Students that Will Be Applied into AI for Education  
Presenter: **Pathawit Chonsermsirisakul**, Founder, SiPa Research Organization and Chulalongkorn University, Thailand;  
**Siripen Iamurai**, SiPa Research Organization, Thailand
- 11:00 – 11:30 A.M. Topic: A Chatbot for Early Researchers: Proposed Design and Interface  
Presenter: **Chaitanya Vyas**, Assistant Professor, PDEU, India
- 11:30 – 12:00 P.M. Topic: Words Matter Café-Disrupting the Silos of Learning in Higher Education  
Presenter: **Luz Martin del Campo**, Doctoral Lecturer, Kingsborough Community College-City University of New York, US
- 12:00 – 1:00 P.M. Buffet Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 P.M. Topic: The Role of Storytelling in Post Pandemic Education  
Presenter: **Moira Dougherty**, Independent Scholar, US

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- 1:30 – 2:00 P.M.      Topic: Using Action Research to Improve my Teaching: The Journal of a Reluctant Online Teacher  
Presenter: **Debra Brace**, Associate Professor, University of Toledo, US
- 2:00 – 2:30 P.M.      Topic: Elementary Mathematics and Robotics in the Early Grades  
Presenter: **Anne Goodrow**, Professor, Rhode Island College, US
- 2:30 – 2:50 P.M.      Tea/coffee Break
- 2:50 – 3:20 P.M.      Topic: Teacher Attrition in the State of Kansas  
Presenter: **Chanh Bao Lam**, Data Analyst in Teacher Education and Accreditation, Kansas State University, US
- 3:20 – 3:50 P.M.      Topic: A Commentary: The Failure of 'Indian/First Nation Control of Indian/First Nation Education in Canada'  
Presenters: **Ron Phillips**, Associate Professor, Nipissing University, Canada
- 3:50 – 4: 20 P.M.      Topic: A Report on the Pedagogical Training Program in Higher Education Institutions in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq  
Presenter: **Mohammed Rasul Murad Akoi**, Iraq

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4:20 – 4:50 P.M.

Topic: The Journey, Not the Arrival: A  
Phenomenological Exploration of Place  
Attachment, Travel and Place-based  
Literacies

Presenter: **Vicki Sherbert**, Associate  
Professor, Kansas State University, US

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## Symposium Facilitators

**David Martin** is a former Headmaster of a state school in the United Kingdom. He taught leadership courses at the University of Amsterdam and lectured at Oxford University. Dr Martin has been an International Consultant for Secondary School Modernization in Trinidad and Tobago and in Guyana. He has, also, worked for the Inter-American Development Bank, and has served as Co-Director of Developing Schools and Services for Democracy in Europe and in Oxford. In addition, he has served as a Research Fellow in Comparative Education and Development programmes at the University of Reading.

**Kern Alexander** is an Alumnus of Pembroke College, University of Oxford. He is professor of higher education at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Alexander's recent publications include *American Public School Law, 9th Edition, 2019*; *University Law, 2021*, and *The Law of Schools, Students and Teachers in a Nutshell, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2022* published by West Academic Law Publishing Company.

## Symposium Coordinator

**Michele Hill** is the Coordinator for this year's Oxford Symposium. She received her BA in English and Creative Writing from Augustana College, where she minored in Religion. Post-graduation, she worked on international conferences on a wide range of subjects and is now the Associate Editor for the *Journal of Education Finance*.

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