Guest Presenter Biographies

W. Edward Bureau, Ph.D.
Associate Clinical Professor – Drexel University
Executive Director of EdD Programs,
Director of the Sacramento EdD – Drexel University

Dr. Ed Bureau began serving the students, colleagues, and programs of the School of Education in 2006 as an Associate Professor. Teaching courses in the EdD and in the masters in higher education, Dr. Bureau focuses on developing the leadership of individuals and the capacities for change within organizations.

Dr. Bureau continues support of and leadership to Drexel’s new EdD in Educational Leadership and Management. Active in shepherding the program through approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Dr. Bureau now serves as EdD Director. Working closely with staff on both coasts, he leads the effort to open an EdD cohort at the Sacramento Center for Graduate Studies.

To spread the Drexel name and the EdD across California and Pennsylvania, Dr. Bureau continues to build and implement working relationships with major professional organizations. As the EdD opens on two ends of the continent, Dr. Bureau is researching the implementation and learning consequences of trans-continental learning sessions using high-end communications technologies on EdD executive learning weekends.

Over the years, Dr. Bureau has published articles and given numerous presentations on a variety of topics related to leadership, supervision, and organizational capacity development. Frames of mind shaping his policy work are those of systemic change, futures studies, 21st Century learning, and educational philosophy.

Before coming to Drexel, Dr. Bureau served in a variety of teaching and leadership capacities in school districts in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. His career of thirty-five years included service as a: teacher, assistant superintendent, director of instruction, supervisor of professional development and school reform, supervisor of language arts and reading. Dr. Bureau taught at Widener University and Penn State University prior to coming to Drexel. Dr. Bureau holds a B.A. in English from Dickinson College, a M.Ed. in Curriculum from Temple University, and a Ph.D. in Language and Literacy from the University of Pennsylvania.
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Donna Eyestone
Online Instructor - Digital Media Skills
City College of San Francisco and Lake Tahoe Community College

In 1989 Donna combined her interests in music and technology to complete a B.A. in Computer Music Composition from Clark University – long before there was an actual "multimedia" field. In 1991 she received an M.F.A in Electronic Music Recording from the Mills College Center for Contemporary Music and then went on to receive a second M.F.A. in Integrated Electronics Arts from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1996. Her Digital Media Skills course has won awards for online learning from both @ONE and the U.S. Distance Learning Association. Donna has taught courses in audio production, website and graphic design, and multimedia. In 1999 she became a multimedia content developer for Apple, designing online training for their iLife applications.

Laurie Huffman Leyva, MA. MS. Ph.D.
Professor - Spanish/Distance Education, Los Medanos College

Laurie Huffman has designed and taught online courses for Los Medanos College for the past ten years. As Distance Education Chair, she has been a leader in online delivery at her campus. A two-time grant recipient of MEET, using CCCConfer in the delivery of online courses in Spanish, Laurie will present at the OTC in June. Currently working in tandem with Wiley publishers in NY, she is piloting an online Spanish component where her students in California and Florida are participating in LIVE conversational Spanish instruction from Guatemala. This live-learning project has proven extremely effective as an alternative to asynchronous and voice file learning in language acquisition. In addition to her courses at Los Medanos, she designs courses in Spanish for Florida State College and graduate level International Education courses at a private university in Paris, France.

In her free time, Laurie enjoys spending time on her rain forest ranch with her three boys in Costa Rica (her reason for learning to teach online).
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**Patricia James Hanz**  
*Mt. San Jacinto College*  
*Co-Director of @ONE*

Since she started teaching in 1982, Pat has been passionately involved in staff development that integrates technology into teaching and learning. She has been at Mt. San Jacinto College for 14 years, serving as department chair in multimedia, distance education coordinator, and dean, responsible for the college distance education program. Besides teaching online for 7 years, Pat has taught for @ONE for six years and is serving as a Co-Director of the project. She is a 2008 recipient of the Excellence in Technology Leadership Award from the Chancellors Office and a state-wide leader in distance education issues and policies.

**Michelle Pacansky-Brock**  
*Educational Consultant*  
*Owner, Teaching Without Walls*

Michelle is an Educational Consultant and Co-Owner of Teaching Without Walls and an independent contractor for @One. Michelle’s instructional background includes seven years as a full-time faculty member in the California Community College system during which time she was awarded the Sloan-C Excellence in Online Teaching Award and the NISOD Award for Teaching Excellence.

Michelle is a passionate advocate for instructional innovation, particularly the infusion of social technologies and web 2.0 tools into our students' learning environments. Michelle is viewed as a national expert in 21st century instruction and has been invited to share her teaching strategies for the Educause Learning Initiative, has conducted many webinars and face-to-face motivational presentations and trainings, has presented in the past year for Sloan-C and MERLOT, and is currently featured in the new edition of Teaching Online: a Practical Guide by Ko and Rossen. For the past two years she has served as a judge for the Sloan-C Excellence Awards and a co-chair for the Sloan-C Symposium in Emerging Technologies.