

Biography of Keynote Speakers and Panellists



Jackie Gerstein
Faculty and Gifted Education
Teacher
Walden and Western Governors
Universities and Santa Fe Public
Schools

Dr. Jackie Gerstein's byline is, "I don't do teaching for a living. I live teaching as my doing . . . and technology has amplified my passion for doing so." Currently she teaches graduate-level courses for Walden and Western's Governor's Universities, and gifted education at an elementary public school. Her background includes a strong focus on experiential and adventure learning. She believes that one of the roles and responsibilities of the 21st century education is to share resources, ideas, and instructional strategies with other educators which she did through her recently published book – Learning in the Making.



Chad Ratliff
Principal
Albemarle County Public Schools:
Laboratory Schools for Student-
Centred Learning

Chad Ratliff has been Principal of the Lab Schools for Student-Centered Learning in the Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) District since 2018 where he has done extensive work in collaboration with MakerEd and Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the 'Beyond Rubrics: Moving Towards Embedded Assessment in Maker Education' project. Chad previously served as Director of Innovation and Instruction for the District where he led the district's efforts on the National Science Foundation grant, 'MAKER: Studying the Role of Failure in Design and Making'. Chad is co-author of Timeless Learning: How Imagination, Observation, and Zero-Based Thinking Change Schools (Jossey-Bass, 2018) and was named "20 to Watch" educational leaders in the country in 2017 by the National School Boards Association. He was invited to several education-focused White House events during the Obama administration and has presented at national platforms on his work in education.



Stephanie Passman
Head Teacher
Albemarle County Public Schools:
Laboratory Schools for Student-
Centred Learning

Stephanie Passman serves as Head Teacher for the Lab Schools for Student-Centered Learning in the Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) District where she has done extensive work in collaboration with MakerEd and Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the 'Beyond Rubrics: Moving Towards Embedded Assessment in Maker Education' project. She was one of twenty women in the U.S. invited to participate in the prestigious National School Superintendent Association's Aspiring Women Leaders Program. Stephanie was recognized as the Teacher of the Year by the Charlottesville Business Innovation Council (CBIC) in 2017 and was honored with the Golden Apple Award from ACPS. Stephanie has been invited to present in several education conferences and participated in the White House Roundtable Discussions during the Obama Administration. As a Learning Technology Integrator, Stephanie collaborated with educators and students across multiple schools and grade levels to harness the power of technology to increase opportunities for authenticity, student voice, and problem solving with an emphasis on making.



Aaron Loh
Divisional Director
Educational Technology Division,
Ministry of Education, Singapore

Aaron is Divisional Director of Educational Technology Division (ETD) at the Ministry of Education (MOE), Singapore. He oversaw the launch of Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS) in 2018.

Aaron was formerly Principal of Commonwealth Secondary School, West Zone Centre of Excellence for Design and Innovation. During his time there, Aaron led a team to implement a Design Thinking programme and spearheaded a Maker Education programme to develop students' confidence, communication, collaboration and critical and inventive thinking. He was awarded Public Service Commission (Singapore) Overseas Merit Scholarship and MOE Singapore Postgraduate Scholarship for his Master of Arts (English) and Master of Arts (Education) at Stanford University and Stanford Graduate School of Education.



Adrian Lim
Director
Digital Participation and Foresight
Division,
Infocomm Media Development
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Adrian is Director of the Digital Literacy and Participation Division and Director of Innovation at the Infocomm Media Development Authority of Singapore (IMDA). He is also the Executive Director of the Media Literacy Council in Singapore.

Adrian was formerly Principal of Ngee Ann Secondary, a Ministry of Education Future School founded in 1994. The school has won widespread recognition, including as a Microsoft Pathfinder, Mentor and World Tour school. He was an Academic Leadership Honoree Winner in the Junior Chamber International (JCI) Ten Outstanding Young Persons World Award in 2011. Adrian was educated at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.