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General Information

University Address: Educational Psychology and Learning Systems

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EDUCATION

2021 - Present PhD (ABD), Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, USA. Major:

Instructional Systems and Learning Technologies.

Dissertation: Supporting preservice teachers' interpretations of student resources

and responsive teaching in AI-supported teaching simulation.

2018 MA, Beijing University of Posts and Communications, Beijing, China. Major:

Foreign Language and Literature, Focus: Applied Linguistics.

Thesis: An empirical study of the effects of flipped class on engineering students'

English academic writing skills.

BS, Jilin Agricultural University, Jilin, China. Major: Business Administration.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- AI-enhanced learning systems
- Virtual reality and simulation-based learning
- STEM education
- Teacher education
- Learning analytics
- Neurodiversity and special education

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Publications

Zhang, N., Ke, F., Barrett, A., Kim, C., & Xu, J. (in press). Assessing rural care ecosystems for individuals with neurodiversity: A systematic literature review. *Review of Educational Research*. https://doi.org/10.3102/00346543251375458

Barrett. A., Ke, F., **Zhang**, N., Dai, C.-P., Bhowmik, S., Yuan, X., & Southerland, S. (2025). Preservice teachers' dialogic interactions with AI-powered student agents: Patterns and perceptions. *Journal of Technology and Teacher Education*, *33*(3), 499-527. Retrieved October 1, 2025 from https://www.learntechlib.org/primary/p/226420/.

- **Zhang, N.**, Ke, F., Dai, C-P., Barrett, A., Bhowmik, S., Southerland, S., West, L., & Yuan, X. (2025). Enhancing responsive teaching through in-the-moment interpretations of student resources: A study in AI-supported virtual simulation. *Computers & Education*. Article 105449. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.compedu.2025.105449
- Barrett, A., Ke, F., **Zhang, N**., & Sokolikj, Z. (2025). Implementation fidelity of an evidence-centered computational thinking intervention in a virtual world for neurodiverse adolescents. *Computer and Education: X Reality*, 7, Article 100106. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cexr.2025.100106
- Shi, H., **Zhang, N.**, Na, H., & Caskurlu, S. (2025). Applications of machine learning for at-risk student prediction in online education: A 10-year systematic review of literature. *Journal of Computer Assisted Learning*, 41(4), Article e70058. https://doi.org/10.1111/jcal.70058
- **Zhang, N.**, Ke, F., Dai, C.-P., Southerland, S. A., & Yuan, X. (2025). Seeking to support preservice teachers' responsive teaching: Leveraging artificial intelligence-supported virtual simulation. *British Journal of Educational Technology*, *56*, 1148–1169. https://doi.org/10.1111/bjet.13522
- **Zhang, N.**, Dennen, V.P., Wang, Z., & Xu, J. (2025). Integrating AI into higher education: College students' positions in ChatGPT-supported learning. *International Journal for Educational Media and Technology*, 18(2).

 https://www.ijemt.org/index.php/journal/article/view/339
- Barrett, A., **Zhang, N.,** & Wei, S. (2025). The virtual reality in your head: How immersion and mental imagery are connected to knowledge retention. *Educational Psychology Review*, *37*, 9. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10648-025-09984-4
- Shi, H., Caskurlu, S., **Zhang, N.**, & Na, H. (2024). To what extent has machine learning achieved in predicting online at-risk students? Evidence from quantitative meta-analysis. *Journal of Research on Technology in Education*, 1-20. https://doi.org/10.1080/15391523.2024.2437741
- Kim, C., Na, H., **Zhang**, N., & Bai, C. (2024). Escape rooms for education: A metaanalysis. *International Journal of Instruction*, 17(4), 219-234. https://doi.org/10.29333/iji.2024.17413a

Refereed Conference Proceedings

- Kim, C., Ke, F., Barrett, A., & **Zhang, N.** (2025). From code to insight: How LLMs help and hinder qualitative research. In A. I. Cristea, E. Walker, Y. Lu, O. C. Santos, & S. Isotani (Eds.), *Artificial Intelligence in Education: Posters and Late Breaking Results, Workshops and Tutorials, Industry and Innovation Tracks, Practitioners, Doctoral Consortium, Blue Sky, and WideAIED (AIED 2025)*, (pp 28-35). https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-99264-3
- Kim, C., Ke, F., **Zhang**, N., & Barrett, A. (2025). LLM-supported thematic analysis: Evaluating GATOS workflow on complex qualitative data. In C. Mills, G. Alexandron, D. Taibi, G. Lo Bosco, & L. Paquette (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 18th International Conference on*

- Educational Data Mining (EDM 2025), (pp. 604-607). https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15870242
- Dai, C-P., Ke, F., **Zhang, N.**, & Barrett, A. (2025). Experiencing teaching in artificial intelligence-supported virtual reality simulations: Unpacking engagement. In A. Rajala, A.Cortez, H. Hofmann, A. Jornet, H. Lotz-Sisitka, & L. Markauskaite (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 19th International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS 2025)*, (pp. 1414-1418). https://doi.org/10.22318/icls2025.794934
- **Zhang, N.**, Ke, F., Dai, C-P., & Barrett, A. (2025). Examining how in-the-moment interpretations of student disciplinary thinking and emotions support responsive teaching: A study in AI-supported simulation. In A. Rajala, A.Cortez, H. Hofmann, A. Jornet, H. Lotz-Sisitka, & L. Markauskaite (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 19th International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS 2025)*, (pp. 1334-1338). https://doi.org/10.22318/icls2025.106412
- Barrett, A., Ke, F., **Zhang**, N., & Dai, C.-P., Bhowmik, S. & Yuan, X. (2025). Pattern analysis of ambitious science talk between preservice teachers and AI-powered student agents. In *Proceedings of the 15th International Learning Analytics and Knowledge Conference* (pp. 761-770). https://doi.org/10.1145/3706468.3706570
- Bhowmik, S., West, L., Barrett, A., **Zhang, N.,** Dai, C-P., Sokolikj, Z., Yuan, X., Southerland, S., & Ke, F. (2024). Evelyn AI A large language model-powered virtual student agent for pre-service teacher training in virtual environments. In R. F. Mello, N. Rummel, I. Jivet, G. Pishtari & J. A. Ruipérez Valiente (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Technology enhanced learning for inclusive and equitable quality education (EC-TEL 2024)*, (pp. 68-74). https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-72312-4_7
- **Zhang, N.**, Ke, F., Barrett, A., & Sokolikj, Z. (2024). Work-in-progress—Improving computational thinking for learners with autism in the virtual world: A longitudinal study. In 2024 10th International Conference of the Immersive Learning Research Network (iLRN 2024), (pp. 164-169). IEEE. https://doi.org/10.56198/U6C0WYZ8W
- Barrett, A., **Zhang, N.,** Ke, F., & Dai, C.-P. (2024). Comparing the science talk of AI and human students. In *Proceedings of the 18th International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS)*, (pp. 2073-2074). https://doi.org/10.22318/icls2024.963739
- Dai, C-P., Ke, F., **Zhang, N.**, Barrett, A., Bhowmik, S., West, L., & Yuan, X. Preservice teacher learning in virtual reality simulation with artificial intelligence-powered virtual students: Emotions and teacher talks patterns. In *Proceedings of the 18th International Conference of the Learning Sciences-ICLS 2024*, (pp. 1051-1054). International Society of the Learning Sciences. https://doi.org/10.22318/icls2024.778856
- **Zhang, N.**, Ke, F., Barrett, A., & Sokolikj, Z. An evidence-centered and process-oriented assessment of computational thinking for learners with autism. In *Proceedings of the 18th International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS 2024)*, (pp. 2167-2168). https://doi.org/10.22318/icls2024.721396
- Zhang, N., Ke, F., Dai, C-P., Southerland, S., Barrett, A., Bhowmik, S., West, L., & Yuan,

- X. Exploring preservice teachers' perceptions and experiences of teaching AI students in virtual simulations. In *Proceedings of the 18th International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS 2024)*, (pp. 2417-2418). https://doi.org/10.22318/icls2024.484241
- **Zhang, N.**, Ke, F., Dai, C. P., & Barrett, A. (2024). Supporting preservice teachers' responsive teaching in artificial intelligence-integrated simulations. In *Proceedings of the 18th International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS 2024)*, (pp. 2051-2052). https://doi.org/10.22318/icls2024.502726
- **Zhang, N.**, Xu, J., Wang, Z., & Dennen, VP. (2024). Exploring college students' positions in interaction with ChatGPT. 29th Annual Teaching, Colleges, & Community Worldwide Online Conference (TCC 2024).
- Dai, C. P., Ke, F., **Zhang, N.,** Barrett, A., West, L., Bhowmik, S., Southerland, SA., & Yuan, X. (2024). Designing conversational agents to support student teacher learning in virtual reality simulation: A case study. In *Proceedings of The ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*. https://doi.org/10.1145/3613905.3637145
- Barrett, A., Ke, F., Dai, C. P., West, L., Bhowmik, S., & **Zhang, N.** (2023). AI-integrated virtual students for teacher training: Comparing simulation-based classroom dialogue with the real thing. In *Proceedings of the 17th International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS 2023)*, (pp. 1797-1798). https://doi.org/10.22318/icls2023.112492
- Barrett, A., **Zhang, N.**, Ke, F., Moon, J., & Sokolikj, Z. (2022, May). Work-in-progress—Developing an evidence-centered model for computational thinking in virtual worlds with children with autism. In *2022 8th International Conference of the Immersive Learning Research Network (iLRN 2022)*, (pp. 1-3). IEEE. http://doi.org/10.23919/iLRN55037.2022.9815999

Refereed Papers Presented at Conferences

- **Zhang, N.**, Dennen, V.P., Wang, Z., & Xu, J. (2025). An Exploration of College Students' Comparative Experience with Generative and Traditional Artificial Intelligence. Concurrent session accepted at the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT).
- Dai, C-P., Ke, F., **Zhang, N.**, Barrett, A. (2025). Revisiting Engagement: Teacher Learning in AI-Enhanced Virtual Reality Simulations. Concurrent session accepted at the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT).
- Hur, J., Kim, I., Wei, S., Shi, H., **Zhang, N.**, Dennen, V. (2025). Co-Creating with Generative AI: Pre-service Teachers' AI Use in Lesson Planning. Concurrent session accepted at the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT).
- **Zhang, N.**, Barrett, A., & Shi, H. (2025). A Systematic Review of Computational Thinking Disposition in PreK-12 Education: Definitions, Assessments, Roles, and Instructional Approaches. Concurrent session accepted at the Association for Educational

- Communications and Technology (AECT).
- **Zhang, N.**, Ke, F., Dai, C-P., Barrett, A. (2025). Examining how in-the-moment interpretations of student disciplinary thinking and emotions support responsive teaching: A study in Alsupported simulation. Concurrent session accepted at Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT).
- Shi, H., Caskurlu, S., **Zhang, N.**, Na, H. To What Extent Has Machine Learning Achieved in Predicting At-Risk Students? Evidence From Quantitative Meta-analysis. Concurrent paper session accepted at American Educational Research Association (AERA), Denver, CO, United States.
- **Zhang, N.**, Ke, F., Dai, C-P., Barrett, A. In-the-moment interpretation of student reasoning and emotion for responsive teaching: A study on AI-supported simulation. Concurrent paper session accepted at American Educational Research Association (AERA), Denver, CO, United States.
- Barrett, A., Ke, F., Bhowmik, S., West, L., **Zhang, N.**, Dai, C-P., Yuan, X. Prompt engineering techniques for consistently relevant math-science conversations with an AI-powered student. Concurrent session accepted at American Educational Research Association (AERA), Denver, CO, United States.
- Dai, C-P., Ke, F., **Zhang, N.** (2025). Optimizing learning support design: predictive links to teaching knowledge and self-efficacy in AI-integrated virtual reality. Concurrent paper session accepted at American Educational Research Association (AERA), Denver, CO, United States.
- **Zhang, N.**, Ke, F., Dai, C-P. (2025). Seeking to support preservice teachers' responsive teaching: leveraging artificial intelligence-supported virtual simulation. Poster session accepted at American Educational Research Association (AERA), Denver, CO, United States.
- Ocak, C., Caskurlu, S., **Zhang, N.,** Jun, B. Critical perspectives towards technology integration: Insights from in-service teachers. Concurrent session presented at Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT).
- Wang, Z., **Zhang, N.**, Xu, J., Dennen, VP. (2024). Exploring college students' use of ChatGPT and digital literacy. Concurrent session presented at Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT).
- Barrett, A., **Zhang, N.,** Wei, S. (2024). The benefits of narrative immersion for learning: A media comparison study using structural equation modeling. Concurrent session presented at Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT).
- Dai, C-P., Ke, F., **Zhang, N.,** Barrett, A., Bhowmik, S., West, L., Yuan, X. (2024). Teacher noticing in virtual reality simulation classrooms: From human puppeteer to ai-powered virtual student agents. Concurrent session presented at Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT).

- **Zhang, N.,** Ke, F., Dai, C-P., Barrett, A., Southerland, S., West, L., Bhowmik, S., Yuan, X. (2024). Improving preservice teachers' culturally responsive teaching self-efficacy through artificial intelligence-supported virtual simulation. Concurrent session presented at Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT).
- **Zhang, N.,** Ke, F., Barrett, A., Sokolikj, Z. (2024, May 11-14). Detecting neurodiverse learners' frustration during educational gameplay using sequential pattern mining. Concurrent session presented at American Educational Research Association (AERA), Philadelphia, PA, United States.
- **Zhang, N.,** Ke, F., Dai, C-P., Southerland, S., Bhowmik, S., West, L., Yuan, X. (2024, April 11-14). Understanding preservice teachers' perceptions and experiences in an AI-empowered teaching simulation. Concurrent session presented at American Educational Research Association (AERA), Philadelphia, PA, United States.
- Shi, H., **Zhang**, N., Na, H., Caskurlu, S., (2024, April 11-14). Machine learning applications for at-risk students prediction in online learning environments: A systematic review and quality assessment. Roundtable session presented at American Educational Research Association (AERA), Philadelphia, PA, United States.
- Dai, C-P., Ke, F., **Zhang, N.,** Barrett, A., Bhowmik, S., West, L., Yuan, X. (2024, April 11-14). Preservice teachers' emotions and ambitious teaching in virtual reality simulation with artificial intelligence-powered virtual humans. Concurrent session presented at American Educational Research Association (AERA), Philadelphia, PA, United States.
- Barrett, A., Ke, F., Dai, C-P., **Zhang, N.,** Bhowmik, S., West, L., Yuan, X., Southerland, S. (2024, April 11-14). Teacher training in virtual-world simulations: Analyzing pre-service science teacher talk moves with AI-powered student agents. Concurrent session presented at American Educational Research Association (AERA), Philadelphia, PA, United States.
- Barrett, A., **Zhang, N.,** Ke, F., Sokolikj, Z. (2023, Oct 15-20). A correlation analysis of evidence-centered computational thinking behaviors from two subjects over one year. Concurrent session presented at Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT). Orlando, FL, United States.
- Barrett, A., **Zhang, N.**, Wei, S. (2023, Oct 15-20). Transforming perceptions on the immersive learning affordances of non-interactive media. Concurrent session presented at Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT). Orlando, FL, United States.
- Dai C-P., Ke, F., Barrett, A., **Zhang, N.**, West, L., Southerland, S., Bhowmik, S., Yuan, X. (2023, Oct 15-20). Classroom dynamics and teaching practices with artificial intelligence virtual students in virtual reality. Concurrent session presented at Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT). Orlando, FL, United States.
- **Zhang, N.**, Barrett, A., Ke, F., Sokolikj, Z. & Moon, J. (2023, August 22-26). Improving computational thinking for children with Autism in the virtual world. Concurrent session presented at European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI), Thessaloniki, Greece.

- Barrett, A., Dai, C.-P., West, L., Bhowmik, S., **Zhang, N.** & Ke, F. (2023, August 22-26). Preservice teacher discourse with AI-integrated virtual students: A look at sentence function. Concurrent session presented at European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI), Thessaloniki, Greece.
- Dai, C-P., Ke, F., Southerland, S., Dai, Z., & **Zhang, N.** (2022, October). Scenario design in virtual reality with Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered virtual agents. Concurrent session presented at Association for Educational Communications & Technology international convention (AECT), Las Vegas, NV, United States (and online).
- **Zhang, N.**, Barrett, A., Ke, F., Moon, J. & Sokolikj, Z. (2023, May). An evidence-centered model for computational thinking assessment: Longitudinal observations of autistic youths in virtual worlds. Poster session presented at *American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual meeting*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Experience

2025 - present

Research Assistant. *Generative AI PD Workshops / Research* (PI: Dr. Vanessa Dennen).

- Develop and deliver AI workshop for in-service teachers in a local K-12 school.
- Design and develop research protocols for Research-Practice Partnership.
- Facilitate and support collaboration between in-service teachers and graduate students.

2025 - present

Principal Investigator. Epistemic affect in science learning in informal learning on YouTube.

- Design and develop research protocols.
- Project management.

2023 - 2025

Research Assistant. *Integrating ChatGPT into higher education* (PI: Dr. Vanessa Dennen).

- Designed AI module for undergraduate students.
- Facilitated human-AI collaboration in lesson plan development.

2024 - present

Research Assistant. *Algorithmic bias in teaching and learning* (PIs: Drs. Secil Caskurlu and Ceren Ocak).

- Designed coding framework for algorithmic bias.
- Data analysis of teachers' perceptions of algorithmic bias.

2023 - present

Principal Investigator. Cultivating cultural responsiveness in preservice teachers with mixed reality simulations and virtual students.

• 3D avatar design and deployment in the virtual world.

2023 - present

Research Assistant. Neurodiversity Understanding and Resources for

Transformative Engagement (PIs: Fengfeng Ke)

- Develop survey and interview protocol.
- Collect and analyze data from teachers, parents, and providers for individuals with neurodiversity.

2022 - present

Research Assistant. Teaching Practices with Multiplayer Mixed Reality Simulations and Virtual Students (PIs: Drs. Drs. Xin Yuan, Sherry Southerland, Fengfeng Ke).

- Design interface of the virtual simulation.
- 3D avatar design and deployment in the virtual world.
- Design intervention, including teaching scenarios, scaffolds, adaptive prompts, in the virtual simulation.
- Collect and analyze data using traditional and advanced statistical methods.

2021 - present

Research Assistant. Virtual-Reality-Based Social and Cognitive Skills Training for Children with High Functioning Autism (PI: Dr. Fengfeng Ke).

- Facilitate data collections sessions with neurodiverse children.
- Collect and analyze data using traditional and advanced statistical methods.

Teaching Experience

2025 Fall

Instructor of Record. EME2040 Introduction to Educational Technology (undergraduate, online), Florida State University. Teach undergraduate-level course on using learning technologies in lesson planning and designing technology-enhanced learning experiences.

Spring

2024 Fall - 2025 Instructor of Record. EME2040 Introduction to Educational Technology (undergraduate, in person), Florida State University. Teach undergraduate-level course on using learning technologies in lesson planning and designing technology-enhanced learning experiences.

2025 Summer

Teaching Assistant. EDG6362 Instructional Systems Research Seminar (graduate, online, w/ Dr. Vanessa Dennen), Florida State University. Assisted Dr. Dennen in course material design, grading, and course management.

2025 Summer

Teaching Assistant. EDF5492 Applied Research Methods in Learning Design & Performance Technology (graduate, online, w/ Dr. Bret Staudt Willet), Florida State University. Assisted Dr. Staudt Willet in course material design, grading, and course management.

2021	Instructional Designer. ByteDance, Beijing, China, Designed online English courses for K-1 students.
2020-2021	Instructor . IELTS. New Oriental. Beijing, China. Planned, designed, and taught speaking, grammar, and vocabulary courses in online and inperson settings.
2017 Spring	Instructor . English extensive reading (undergraduate, in person). Beijing University of Posts and Communications, Beijing, China. Planned, designed, and taught undergraduate-level English reading course in two classes.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2024	Best Proposal Award, Teacher Education Division, Association for Educational Communications & Technology (AECT)
2024	Robert M. Gagné Research Competition Finalist
	Anne's College, Florida State University.
2024	Liliana Muhlman Masoner Outstanding International Student
	ISLT, Florida State University
2024	Ruby Diamond Future Professor Award
	ISLT, Florida State University
	Travel fund (2023).
2024	College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences Scholarship Fund (\$500).
	Anne's College, Florida State University.
2023-2025	Travel fund (in total \$6,000)
	Marvalene Hughes Research in Education Conference Committee, Florida State University.
2023-2025	Travel fund (in total \$1,830)
	Congress of Graduate Students, Florida State University.

SERVICES

Florida State University

2023 Program Search Committee, ISLT, FSU

Refereed Journal Reviewer

2025 International Journal of Human-Computer Interaction

2025	Journal of Educational Computing Research
2025	Teachers and Teaching: Theory and Practice
2025	Acta Psychologica
2025	Learning and Instruction
2025	Educational Psychology Review
2025	Teaching and Teacher Education
2025	Computers & Education
2025	Computers and Education Open
2024 - Present	The Internet and Higher Education
2024 - Present	Technology, Pedagogy, and Education
2024	Journal of Technology-Integrated Lessons and Teaching

Refereed Conference Reviewer

2022 - Present	ISLS
2024 - Present	ICCE
2023 - Present	AECT
2024	CHI
2024	iLRN
2023	EARLI

Service to Professional Associations

2025 ISLS online session chair

2025-2026 Campus Liaison for AERA Division K (Teaching and Teacher

Education)

Professional Membership

American Educational Research Association

Association for Educational Communications and Technology

International Society of the Learning Sciences