



William Paterson University of New Jersey

The 14th Annual WP Educational Technology Conference (ONLINE)
Leveraging Technology to Foster Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA)

Friday, November 15th, 2024

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, EST

What are the roles of technology in advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in P-12 education? Technology can provide opportunities for learners to engage in diverse experiences, while also helping promote cultural diversity. Technology can help create more inclusive learning environments and provide access to education, by eliminating barriers. This year's conference will help educators learn about the transformative potential of educational technology to promote DEIA and strategies and examples to bring into the classrooms for immediate implementation. Participants will receive 6.5 development hours. Click [here](#) to register

Conference Chairs: Heejung An and Gigi Mohamad

Keynote Session:

Rajni Shankar-Brown, Jessie Ball duPont Endowed Chair of Social Justice Education, Stetson University

**Unleashing Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Power:
Leveraging Educational Technologies for Good**



Join us as we explore the changing landscape of education and gain insights into harnessing the full potential of educational technologies inside the classroom and beyond. In today's interconnected and complex world, educational technologies (EdTech) can be a powerful catalyst for social change. With growing social inequalities and humanitarian crises, it is imperative we reflect on the challenges and opportunities of EdTech. By mindfully leveraging EdTech in our schools and communities, we can better address persistent and growing disparities in learning opportunities and outcomes. Internationally renowned professor of social justice education, Dr. Rajni Shankar-Brown, will delve into the transformative potential of EdTech to promote justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI), along with the profound impact of EdTech on teaching and learning paradigms. From personalized learning supports to equity-centered data analytics, from arts integration to capacity building, from inclusive access to accessibility, from culturally responsive teaching to innovative professional development, we will examine and explore revolutionary tools, effective approaches, and promising strategies that leverage educational technologies for positive impact. Through research, narrative, history, poetry, art, reflective activities, and real-world examples, Dr. Shankar-Brown will illuminate how EdTech can enhance and reshape education, how EdTech can empower educators to support diverse learners more effectively, and how EdTech can individually and collectively help us to unleash JEDI power!

Topics in breakout workshops will include:

- Ideas, Approaches, and Strategies for DEI in the Learning, Design, and Technology Curriculum
- Leveraging ChatGPT to Support Linguistically Diverse Parents Digital Literacy: Sparking Curiosity and Critical Thinking in Digital Learning Environments
- Building Diverse Virtual Libraries Using Google Slides and Bitmojis
- Culturally Responsive Teaching and Technology: Enhancing Inclusive Learning Environments
- Leveraging *Amira* as an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered Reading Assistant: Supporting Equitable and Personalized Learning for Bilingual Children with Language and Special Needs
- Empowering Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) in the Digital Age
- Revolutionizing K-12 Science Education: Harnessing Technology for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Unveiled: Exploring Bias in AI and its Effects on Education
- Integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) Across the Disciplines: A Report from the National Technology Leadership Summit
- Smart Learning: Using Technology to Erase Barriers
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Connectivism
- Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) Image Generators to Promote DEIA in the Classroom

- Participants will receive **6.5 Professional Development Hours**
- **Fee:** \$49.99
- **Registration:** <https://tinyurl.com/wpedtech>
- **Contact:** Brie Mesagaes at mesagaesb@wpunj.edu
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