

Empowering Educators, Inspiring Futures



15th Annual Pedagogy Conference

*Keynote Address:
Political Science Professor*



*Dr. John LaPete,
Palo Alto College*



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Welcome & Keynote Address: 9:00 - 9:40 AM



Northeast Lakeview College President Dr. Veronica Garcia



Dr. John LaPete is a political science professor at Palo Alto College who helps educators and students make sense of AI without the hype. This work focuses on how AI tools can support teaching without replacing the human connection that makes learning meaningful. John is developing ways to boost AI literacy in his students, helping them engage with these tools critically and responsibly. John also works with faculty to explore practical, ethical ways to use AI in the classroom while keeping the focus on what really matters—helping students think deeply, challenge ideas, and navigate the world beyond college.

Breakout Session I - 9:50-10:30 AM

Room 100- Pedagogy and Andragogy: Ebony and Ivory Jerryl Lowe & Reese Hearn, SPC

The session examines pedagogy and andragogy separately, and then shares principles of how they can be used together to create a better learning experience for college students.

Room 200 - Learning Styles Are Dead: Embracing Evidence-Based Teaching Practices Keegan Gold, NLC

Debunk learning styles and shift to evidence-based teaching strategies like active retrieval, spaced repetition, and multimodal instruction for inclusive learning.

Room 202 - Beyond Tech: Unlocking Human Connection through Digital Storytelling Mallory Plummer, NVC

Learn to use digital storytelling to build deep instructor-student connections, fostering engagement and authentic student perspectives.

Room 204 - From Vinyl to Viral: Teaching Gen Z, Millennials, Gen X and Baby Boomers Dr. Tina Bausinger, PAC

Navigate teaching multiple generations with strategies to engage Gen Z, Millennials, Gen X, and Baby Boomers effectively.

Room 208 - Khanmigo Magic: Unleash Your Creativity with AI Tools! Cesar Hernandez, ACCESS

Explore Khanmigo Tools and learn to harness AI for creating visuals, generating content, and solving problems through hands-on activities and collaborative projects, equipping students, educators, and AI enthusiasts with skills to maximize Khanmigo's features.



Breakout Session II - 10:40 -11:20 AM

Room 100 - "Both Sides Now:" Addressing Secondary & College Education Gaps with Alamo Adult Learners

Miya Hunter Willis & Tara Daugherty, NLC

Address adult learners' needs by reevaluating instructional methods and collaborating with Academic Support to improve progression and degree completion rates.

Room 200 - From Scale to Agency - What Educators Need to Know About AI in 2025

Can Cui, ACCESS

Explore three AI shifts reshaping education: large language models, specialized tools, and autonomous agents. See practical demos and classroom scenarios to stay ahead in teaching and learning.

Room 202 - Pedagogy & Tech Tools

Dr. Rebecca Perez, SPC

Integrate AI into the classroom to enhance teaching practices, streamline tasks, and equip students with digital literacy skills.

Room 204 - Enhancing Online Teaching with DesignPLUS: Best Practices for Course Design

Barbara Wong & Diana McCurtain-Talbert, ACCESS

Revolutionize online teaching with DesignPLUS, enhancing course design and learner engagement through accessible, visually appealing content.

Room 208- Coding in Canvas

Dr. Shanna Pahl-Lesch, NLC

Create engaging, custom LMS content with personalized links, regex matching, embedded CSS, and JavaScript, aided by AI tools.



Breakout Session III - 11:30 - 12: 10 PM

Room 100 - The Power of Stem Education

Dr. Carmen Cruz, 1st-Gen Scholars

Engage students with high-quality STEM lessons using the Engineering Design Process to foster creativity, problem-solving, and cross-curricular connections.

Room 200 - Using Student Self-Assessment to Improve the Faculty Grading Experience

Dr. Sara Etchison, NLC

The session explores ways to enhance faculty grading with student self-evaluation which can lead to both higher quality work and more targeted feedback.

Room 202 - Let's Have a Conversation on Bridging the Gap

Dr. Veronica Morrison, SAC

Participate in a series of discussion questions on improving communication, collaboration and understanding between high-school and college teachers to better prepare students for college.

Room 204 - Faculty as Partners: Innovative and Compassionate Support for Parenting Students

Kaitlyn Holmes and Cristela Garcia, NLC

Discover how faculty can support parenting students by identifying needs, connecting resources, and creating inclusive environments, focusing on community colleges.

Room 208 - An AI Approach to Problem-Based Learning Course Design

Dr. Adrian Zapata, PAC & Mrs. Aleksandria Zapata, NVC

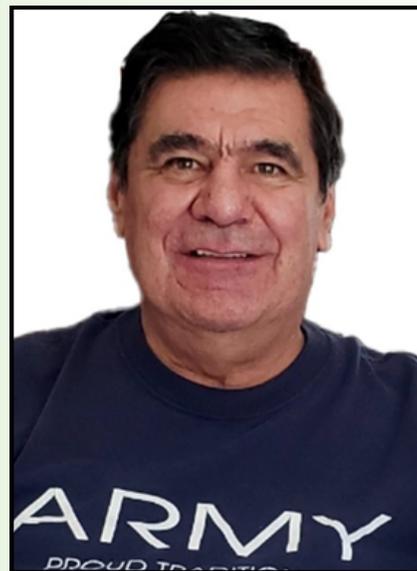
Use AI tools to create Problem-Based Learning environments, enhancing instructional efficiency and fostering critical thinking and collaboration.



Conference Schedule

8:00 - 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION / BREAKFAST
9:00 - 9:40 AM	CONFERENCE WELCOME / KEYNOTE ADDRESS
9:50 - 10:30 AM	SESSION 1
10:40 - 11:20 AM	SESSION 2
11:30 - 12:10 PM	SESSION 3
12:15 - 1:15 PM	LUNCH (BLUEBONNET ROOM, 3RD FLOOR)

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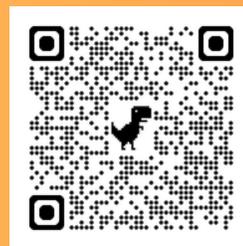
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