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Experiential Learning Leadership Institute

GUIDE



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Hello

On behalf of the Southern Utah University and the National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE), we welcome you to this first ever Experiential Learning Leadership Institute! We hope there will be more to come. This group includes participants from the United States and Canada, representing institutions in higher education, K-12, the private sector, and the non-profit community. We anticipate this diversity will lead to lively and thought provoking conversations.

We appreciate the partnership with NSEE to host this event. As national thought leaders, NSEE has been leading the way for decades to

educate and promote the principles and values of experiential learning in all of its forms. We encourage institute participants to learn more about NSEE and the variety of services and resources the organization provides. The 44th NSEE Annual Conference will be held in St. Pete Beach, Florida this coming October! Visit www.nsee.org to learn more about the conference and the organization.

During your time at the institute, we hope you take advantage of opportunities to connect with like-minded professionals who embrace hands on learning as a major part of educating and preparing students for the demands of the 21st century. One of our goals for the institute is to help participants gain a broader sense of the wide array of ideas, issues, innovations, and approaches that can be used to help students become more effective in their professional and life pursuits.

Members of the institute planning committee stand ready to assist to help make your time here enjoyable and worthwhile. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Again, welcome to southern Utah! We are grateful for the time we will spend together and look forward to opportunities to network and build relationships over the next few days.

Enjoy!

Patrick Clarke, Ph.D.
Southern Utah University
Chair of the Institute Planning Committee

Welcome

Institute Schedule At A Glance

Sunday, June 28

3pm – 5pm	Check In for Attendees	Brian Head Grand Lodge Lobby
5pm	Opening Dinner	The Lift at the Grand Lodge
6pm	Panel Discussion	The Lift at the Grand Lodge
8pm – 9pm	Welcome Reception	The Lift at the Grand Lodge

Monday, June 29

8am – 8:30am	Breakfast (Please have your voucher)	Leany's at the Grand Lodge
8:30am-12:30pm	NSEE Workshop #1	Brian Head City Conference Room
12:30 – 1:30pm	Lunch	Leany's at the Grand Lodge
1:30pm – 4pm	Answering the Big Questions	Various locations in the Grand Lodge
4pm – 4:45pm	Break	
5pm	Bus leaves for Cedar City	Meet in the Lobby of the Grand Lodge
5:45pm	Dinner and Presentation	Hunter Conference Center (SUU)
Utah Shakespeare Festival		
7pm	Green Show	Upper Quad, near Adams Theatre
8pm	<i>Taming of the Shrew</i>	Adams Memorial Theatre

Tuesday, June 30

7am – 7:45 am	Breakfast (Please have your voucher)	Leany's at the Grand Lodge
8am	Bus leaves for Bryce Canyon NP	Meet in the Lobby of the Grand Lodge
9:30am-1pm	NSEE Workshop #2	Bryce Canyon Visitor's Center
1pm	Lunch and a panel discussion with the Intergovernmental Internship Co-op	
2pm	Bryce Canyon Hike or Rim Walk	Leave from the Visitor's Center
6pm	Dutch Oven Dinner	HPI in Bryce Canyon
8pm	Leave for Brian Head	Leave from the Visitor's Center

Wednesday, July 1

7am	Breakfast (Please have your voucher)	Leany's at the Grand Lodge
9am	Depart for excursions*	Meet in the Lobby for assignments
5pm	Return from excursions	
6pm	Closing Dinner	The Lift in the Grand Lodge

* Best Friends Excursion leaves at 7:30am. To-go breakfast will be provided.

National Society of Experiential Education Leadership and Presenters

Dr. James E. Colbert, Jr.

Dr. Colbert has 25 years of higher education teaching and administrative experience at three institutions. He has served as Science Department Chair, Program Director, and now as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs. At Lander University, Dr. Colbert manages the Academic Success Center and Student Support Services and works with the Provost on issues relating to enrollment, retention, and accreditation. Throughout his career he has developed skills in assessment and evaluation of student learning outcomes and institutional effectiveness. As Director of the Experience Your Education (EYE) Program at Lander University, Dr. Colbert led the implementation of a new experiential education program that began in 2008. In this role he has presented numerous workshops on the EYE Program at Lander University and at regional and national conferences. Lander University's EYE Program was selected for the Experiential Education Program of the Year Award by the National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE) in October of 2010. Dr. Colbert currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors for NSEE.

Al Cabral

Al Cabral is Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Management Programs with Nazareth College in Rochester NY. In addition to teaching, Al coordinates Nazareth College's three management graduate programs: MS in Management, MS in Human Resources and MS in Human Resources Development. All three programs are designed for mid-career professionals and include an experiential learning component. Prior to his teaching position at Nazareth, Al was the Director of Internships. In this role, Al developed a college-wide internship program placing more than 160 students in experiential learning assignments each year locally, nationally, and internationally. Al is also the Past President of the National Society Experiential Education's Board of Directors and Past President of the New York State Cooperative and Experiential Education Association. He is a cofounding member of the Advisory Committee for the New York Campus Compact. Al has an MBA from Syracuse University and an MS in Career & Human Resource Development from Rochester Institute of Technology.

Special Guests

Sheri Dressler

Sheri Dressler directed the Office of Experiential Learning at the University of Central Florida for 30 years while also instructing graduate courses in the Counselor Education department. The programs she developed, which currently assist over 20,000 students annually in cooperative education, internships, and service-learning, earned the "Program of the Year" award from NSEE and two "Engaged Campus" awards from Florida Campus Compact. Sheri has published in the experiential education field, held leadership positions on national and state professional boards, and given presentations and workshops nationally and internationally on varied experiential education topics such as student learning outcomes, program development, and assessment. She has been recognized for her leadership by NSEE, CEED, and CEIA and currently serves on the NSEE Board of Directors.



National Society for Experiential Education

We are very proud to list the National Society of Experiential Education as one of our partners in this endeavor. For more information on the organization and its educational opportunities, please visit:

<http://www.nsee.edu>

National Society of Experiential Education (NSEE) is a nonprofit membership organization composed of educators, businesses, and community leaders. Founded in 1971, NSEE also serves as a national resource center for the development and improvement of experiential education programs nationwide.

Save the Date:
44th NSEE Annual Conference
October 5-7, 2015
Loews Don Ce Sar Hotel
St. Pete Beach, Florida

Panel Discussion Participants

Spencer Grant is President of Metalcraft Technologies Inc. (MTI). MTI is a full-serve, vertically integrated, aerospace components manufacturer. Spencer holds a master's of science in statistics from Brigham Young University. Prior to working for MTI, Spencer held positions with Intel Corporation and Eli Lilly Company. MTI is part of the aerospace holding company, MSC Aerospace who's other subsidiaries include Syber Jet Aircraft and Cedar Building Associates.

Mark LeFort, originally from Buffalo, NY obtained his bachelor of science degree from Rochester Institute of Technology. He served in the United States Air Force for several years working as a Development Engineer on C-17 aircraft focusing on cost savings, management, and risk minimization. During this time, Mark received a Master's degree in Procurement and Acquisitions Management from Webster University. Upon leaving the Air Force, Mark worked for American Express as an industrial engineer at the Black Belt level and eventually moved up to the Lead Master Black Belt status utilizing the Six Sigma methodology. His responsibilities included evaluation of performance and developing ways to optimize process design. In 2002, Mark took a job with Bank of America's headquarters in Charlotte, NC where he served as a Value Stream Leader where he developed Lean Strategy for cash services, assisted business leaders in setting proper Hoshin metrics/goals and where he improved the deposit. He eventually moved up to serve as the Quality and Productivity Executive supporting Bank Center Operations and Check and Lockbox Services.

Mark's career took a detour as he and his family decided to explore America. He resigned from Bank of America and traveled the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans in an RV with his wife and three children. It was this cross country adventure that led Mark to settle in Cedar City, UT. Since moving to Cedar, Mark has resumed work with Bank of America remotely as a Senior Audit Consultant where he works on the Six Sigma team supporting Corporate Audit functions in Home Loans and Insurance.

Asita Prabhushankar has worked in the field of Information Technology for 18 years in various roles by starting her career as a Customer Support Engineer at National Semiconductor, moving on to a chip design engineer in LSI Logic and Kawasaki and ending her technology career at IBM for 10 years in various roles. She worked in IBM as a Technical consultant to customers to build custom chips that are used in XBOX, iPhones etc. Taking away a lot from various roles in multinationals and understanding sales models she moved on to be in an entrepreneur in 2005. She is the President and CEO of Cambrian Medical Inc, which specializes in sales of medical devices and products for ophthalmology.

Special Guests

Asita obtained her Bachelors in Computer Engineering from University of Mysore India, Masters in Electrical Engineering from San Jose State, California and MBA in International Marketing from University of Phoenix.

She spent 25 years in the San Francisco Bay Area of California and has had ties with Cedar City for the past 8 years and has moved her business and home permanently to Cedar City 2 years ago.

She has not only shown to be a leader in technology, but in establishing and growing her own company. While in California, Asita along with 2 others founded Maitri—meaning friendship—a nonprofit organization to help physically and emotionally abused women. The organization has 30 volunteers today and runs its own 16 bed shelter and has helped thousands of women in need and runs on nearly \$1 million a year in donations.

Asita has also authored a novel, *Beyond the Call of Voice* and has written several articles to empower women.

Experiential Education Leadership Institute Staff

Dr. Patrick Clarke, Dean of University College, and Engaged Learning, SUU

Dr. Jeb Branin, Associate Dean of University College and Executive Director of Experiential Learning, SUU

Pam Branin, Associate Director of the Community Engagement Center, SUU

Dr. Katy Herbold, Director of the Leadership Engagement Center, SUU

Kim Roeder, Conference Assistant, SUU

Shannon Marshall, Program Specialist, SUU

Manny Barojas, Event Coordinator, SUU

Megan Orton, Student Liaison, SUU

Sunday, June 28

- 3pm – 5pm** Check In at the Brian Head Grand Lodge Lobby
Receive your conference registration packet and meet the ELLI staff.
Take this time to settle into your room and explore the Lodge.
You'll find many comfortable and cozy corners to enjoy the beauty of the Grand Lodge. The Lodge also offers a full-service spa, complimentary wireless, the Lift Bar and Patio, a heated indoor swimming pool, fitness center and information on the local area.
- 5:00pm** **Welcome:** Patrick Clarke, Southern Utah University
Opening Dinner featuring remarks by Dr. Brad Cook, Provost of SUU and James Colbert, Jr, President of the National Society of Experiential Education **Location:** The Lift, located on the main floor of the Lodge. There are no assigned tables for this dinner so we encourage you to sit with someone new and learn more about their institution. We have participants from more than 10 schools present. It is a small enough group that you will have a chance to network with all of them.
- 6:00pm** The Value of Experiential Learning Opportunities in the Real World
A panel discussion of industry leaders. **Panel participants:** Spencer Grant, Mark LeFort and Asita Prabhushankar. **Moderator:** Jeb Branin. **Location:** The Lift located on the main floor of the Lodge.
- 8pm** Casual Networking Reception. **Location:** The Lift Bar on the main floor of the Lodge. No official agenda or ending time. Enjoy a few drinks on us and some snacks while you meet the other conference participants, play some pool or relax by the fire.

Monday, June 29

- 8 – 8:30am** Breakfast buffet. **Location:** Leany's on the basement floor of the Lodge. There is much to cover today, so please be mindful of the time. **Please remember to bring your voucher with you.**
- 8:30am** NSEE Workshop #1, Fundamentals of Experiential Education. **Location:** Brian Head City Conference Room. Meet in the Grand Lodge lobby at 8:30 for shuttles to the meeting location. Participants in this workshop will explore the theoretical and philosophical roots of experiential education and principles of good practice fundamental to experiential learning. Participants will have an opportunity to explore the implications and applications of this information, and to identify the resources available for continued professional development and specific use in their programs.
- 12:30pm** Lunch. **Location:** Leany's on the basement floor of the Lodge
- 1:30pm** Answering the Big Questions – breakout discussions. **Location:** The Lift Restaurant by the Fire Place. In these interactive activities, we'll generate thoughts and ideas to answer the "big questions" about the next steps in the continuation or the implementation of experiential education at your individual institutions.
- 4pm** Break: Now is a great time to freshen up a little bit and grab a light jacket (sometimes the evenings can be cool in the open "Globe" theater. There may also be a brief period when you can visit the Utah Shakespeare Festival gift shop or if you need something else to eat purchase a tart or turkey leg from concessions so don't forget your wallet.
- 4:45pm** Meet in the Lobby of the Grand Lodge to board the bus.
- 5:45pm** Dinner and Presentation. **Location:** The Hunter Conference Center on the campus of Southern Utah University. The Play's the Thing: Utilizing Story Theatre and Feeding In to Cultivate a Culture of Play Within The Classroom. The most fundamental part of experiential learning is facilitating a students' own experience. Michael Bahr, Education Director for the Utah Shakespeare Festival, will interactively share the story of *The Taming of the Shrew* utilizing

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members of the audience as actors while demonstrating Story Theatre and Feeding In.

- 7pm** The Green Show. **Location:** The Courtyard south of the Adams Memorial Theatre. Unwind before the play at The Greenshow, a free thirty-minute frolic of song, dance, laughter, Elizabeth sweets, and just plain fun. Find a place to relax on the lawn or mingle in the courtyard as you prepare for that evening's mainstage production. The Greenshow offers three different shows: Irish, English, and Italian.
- 8pm** *The Taming of the Shrew*. **Location:** The Adams Memorial Theatre on the campus of Southern Utah University. One of Shakespeare's best known comedies, *The Taming of the Shrew* will provide an evening of literature's greatest screwball couples, hell-bent on confusing and outwitting each other. Directly following the play, the bus will return you to Brian Head Grand Lodge.

Tuesday, June 30

- 7– 7:45am** Breakfast buffet. **Location:** Leany's on the basement floor of the Lodge. The bus will leave promptly at 8am so please be mindful of the time. **Please remember to bring your voucher with you.**
- 7:45am** Meet in the Lobby to board the bus. Today's trip to Bryce Canyon is going to be amazing. Please dress casually with good walking shoes or hiking boots. Bring a water bottle with you. Bryce has hydration stations where you can refill your bottle if you need it. Remember your camera, sunscreen, and a light jacket.
- 8am** Leave for Bryce Canyon National Park. "There is no place quite like Bryce Canyon. Hoodoos (odd-shaped pillars of rock left standing from the forces of erosion) can be found on every continent, but here is the archetypal "hoodoo-iferous" terrain. Descriptions fail. Cave without a roof? Forest of stone? Even photographs strain credulity. When you visit maybe you'll come up with a better name. In the meantime "Bryce" will have to suffice." – National Park Service

6pm Dutch Oven Dinner. **Location:** The High Plateau's Institute. A Dutch Oven dinner is a tradition around these parts. It's a dinner cooked in a cast iron pot usually over an open fire or under the coals. Provided by Ruby's Inn, just outside of the park, the dinner will be hosted at the rim of the canyon for a great view of the sunset. Ruby's Inn has been serving guests at Bryce Canyon since 1916.

8pm Bus will depart for Brian Head

Wednesday, July 1

7– 8:30am Breakfast. **Location:** Leany's on the basement floor of the Lodge. Please remember to bring your voucher with you.

7:30am **Best Friend's Excursion Departure. If you signed up for the Best Friend's Excursion, please meet in the lobby of the Grand Lodge.**

8am Experiential Excursions. **Location:** Meet at lobby of the Grand Lodge

Zion National Park: SUU's Director of Outdoor Engagement, Briget Eastep, Ph.D. and SUU's Intergovernmental Internship Cooperative Partnership Director, Brian Raper will be your guides as you spend the day hiking and learning about Zion National Park. Bridget and Brian will discuss the question "What is the worth of Zion National Park to American society?" Your guides will also share their processes and insights of creating and implementing educational partnerships with public lands.

Best Friends Animal Sanctuary: The sanctuary is home to a variety of furred and feather friends on over 20,000 acres of some of Utah's most scenic land near Kanab, Utah. Volunteers will participate in a short orientation followed by a day of service that may include animal socialization and facility/environment work. Lunch will be provided at the on-site, gourmet restaurant.

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A Behind the Scenes Excursion with Shakespeare: Education and outreach is a critical component of the mission of the Utah Shakespeare Festival and they dedicate resources year round to working hands on at K-12 schools in Nevada, Utah, Idaho, and Arizona. They also host on the campus of Southern Utah University several thousand middle and high school students from across the nation who are given a chance to present material from Shakespearean literature in various artistic forms. This work is adjudicated by professionals performing artists in a variety of disciplines. This excursion will give you a chance to spend time with the Education Director of the Utah Shakespeare Festival, who oversees all these efforts. He will not only give you a chance to look more deeply into the Festival but give you a chance to experience many of the experiential education tools he utilizes in working with both students and professional educators.

5pm Return from Excursions

6pm Closing Dinner. **Location:** The Lift, main floor of the Grand Lodge.
Closing Remarks: James Colbert, Jr, President of the National Society of Experiential Education

Special Thanks To:

Dr. Brad Cook, Provost; SUU

Dr. Bridget Eastep, Director of the Outdoor Engagement Center; SUU

Dr. Todd Petersen, Director of Project-Based Learning; SUU

Dr. Kurt Harris, Director of Global Engagement Center; SUU

Dr. Earl Mulderink, Director of the Community Engagement Center; SUU

Michael Bahr, Director of Education, Utah Shakespeare Festival

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