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My Interest in Florida

As someone with a strong research interest in communities, that interest extends into my local community, and my state.

I am interested in issues related to youth, education systems, digital life, the environment, professional development, informal learning, and community networks.

Expertise/Skills

- Instructional design
- Social media and social networks
- Open educational resources
- Informal learning
- Online communities
- Digital skill development
- Qualitative research & evaluation

Research and/or Projects

Webcams and Synchronous Learning

Studying the development of norms and the relationship with social presence and transactional distance

Students, Social Media & Schools

Examining how teens leverage social media in and out of the classroom: the good, the bad, and the purely social

Networked Knowledge Activities

Exploring digital literacies and networked relationships across different life contexts, including informal learning and professional development

Microlearning and Microcredentials

Designing, developing, and evaluating systems to support flexible, self-directed competency attainment at small scale