

6th Annual UA System Scholars Institute | May 21 & 22, 2013 | UAHuntsville

The University of Alabama (UA) System welcomes you to the **6th Annual Scholars Institute**, May 21 & 22 on The University of Alabama in Huntsville campus. The Scholars Institute supports collaboration among faculty, staff, students, and administration system-wide, and encourages a shared community of knowledge for implementing best practices into the use of technology in the teaching, learning, and research processes.

Keynote Speakers



May 21 – Opening Keynote:

DIY U: The Transformation of Higher Education, Anya Kamenetz

Anya Kamenetz is an expert on learning and technology with a passion for the complexities of how we will learn, work, and live in the new Millennium. Named an “Educational Gamechanger” by Huffington Post, and a two-time winner of the national Education Writers of America prize, Kamenetz is a senior writer for Fast Company magazine and a nationally syndicated columnist for Tribune Media. She is also the author of *DIY U: Edupunks, Edupreneurs, and the Coming Transformation of Higher Education*. In her keynote address, Kamenetz will share a glimpse into the classrooms of the future from her experiences running a peer-led self-directed online learning community, playing with robots and 3-D printers, and brainstorming with the designers of free and openly accessible resources for teaching, learning, assessment, and finding a job. Her talk will cover

several models of blended learning, the changing roles for education professionals, emerging business and organizational models, and most of all the learners’ changing paths to acquire the content, experience, relationships and self-knowledge they need throughout life.



May 22 – Lunch Keynote:

Stretching the Edges of Technology-Enhanced Teaching: From Tinkering to Tottering to Totally Extreme Learning, Curtis Bonk

Curtis Bonk is a Professor of Instructional Systems Technology at Indiana University and President of CourseShare. Drawing on his background as a corporate controller, CPA, educational psychologist, and instructional technologist, Bonk offers unique insights into the intersection of business, education, psychology, and technology. A well-known authority on emerging technologies for learning, Bonk reflects on his speaking experiences around the world in his popular blog, *TravelinEdMan*. He has authored several widely used technology books, including *The World is Open: How Web Technology is Revolutionizing Education*, *Empowering Online Learning: 100+ Activities for Reading, Reflecting, Displaying, and Doing*, *The Handbook of Blended Learning*, and *Electronic Collaborators*.

May 21 – Panel Discussion: ***The Digital Continuum: Pre-K through PhD***

Panel Moderator: Steve Johnson, WHNT News 19

Panel Guests:

Curtis Bonk, Professor of Instructional Systems Technology at Indiana University and President of CourseShare

Larry Raines, ACCESS Program Administrator, Alabama Department of Education

Casey Wardynski, Superintendent, Huntsville City Schools

Our invited guests provide a wide range of expertise in the benefits, problems, and complexities of introducing new technology into various educational platforms. Join the panel for a discussion on technology implementation in the educational process from the perspective of improvement in learning outcomes and teaching practices across the educational curriculum. What are the major changes in the foreseeable future in technology and education, what challenges do we anticipate, and how might we best prepare for them? Likewise, the panel will discuss continuity of student support and resources across the curriculum, from K12 to Higher Education.



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Please plan to join us at the Reception and Vendor Fair Tuesday evening from 5:00 – 7:00 pm – A perfect opportunity to network with colleagues and visit with our vendors and sponsors. Music by Katherine Newman and Evelyn Loehrlein.

Note: Vendors will be located in the University Center – Exhibit Hall and may be available for browsing during breaks and meal times.

