and high school students analyze and interpret ecological data". Dr. Joshua is now an Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee with an interest in STEM education.

- Congratulations Alexandra Lee (EPET '23) for MSU's Graduate Student Award for Community Engaged Scholarship for her role as lead researcher on "The Aligning Student Passions with Regional Education Services (ASPiRES) Project." See this article for more detail. Dr. Al is now working as a researcher for LearnPlatform.
- Congratulations Aroutis Foster (EPET '09) has been appointed Dean of the School of Education at Drexel University. Check out this page for the announcement.

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Brian Arnold is Associate professor in the

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Amy Chapman, Ph.D. is the Director of the Collaborative for Spirituality in Education, a center for research and teaching at Teachers College, Columbia University. She holds a



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Following two years of postdoctoral research at MSU and the University of

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#### Bio:

I serve as the Vice President, Chief Strategy Officer of George Fox University, the largest private university in the state of Oregon. My responsibilities include running the



Data/Analytics team, coordinating Business Development, and stewarding strategic planning and innovation.

#### **Achievement:**

Finishing my dissertation felt like a big accomplishment (especially since I had COVID during my defense). Thanks to Cindy Okolo, Troy Mariage, Michael Lachney, and Rand Spiro for the support.

#### Brittany Dillman

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Brittany is the Director of Graduate Certificate



Programs with the Master of Arts in Educational Technology (MAET) program in MSU's College of Education. She develops curriculum, advises students, and teaches courses to help teachers use strong educational psychology foundations to

thoughtfully integrate educational technology into their practice. She works with a dynamic team to create spaces for our learners to explore, create, and share.

Sarah Dysart

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#### Bio:

She serves as senior director for online learning at the University of Michigan's Center for Academic Innovation. I'm responsible for providing strategic direction and support for a portfolio of online and hybrid learning experiences including open, non-credit courses, non-credit pathways to credit, and online and hybrid degree programs. In collaboration with institutional leadership, she provides direction for U-M's online learning strategy and infrastructure, which provides stackable online learning pathways to support the needs of global lifelong learners. Her team includes approximately 50 individuals, ranging from strategic partnership and program managers, learning experience designers, project managers, and learner support specialists.

## **Achievement:**

They recently launched an initiative partnering with the city of Detroit to offer free non-credit online courses to support upskilling and reskilling opportunities for residents of the city. They also launched an initiative through a partnership with Coursera that integrates extended reality learning experiences into ten U-M massive open online courses (MOOCs). They are evaluating the efficacy and accessibility of these experiences to understand the ways they impact on global learners.

Emily Freer



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Emily works in consumer research for a health system containing 3 acute care hospitals and over 40 health centers. She conducts quantitative and qualitative research studies to explore patients', staff members', and health care providers' wants and needs.

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Sarah loves her current work for C3
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teaching, ed tech tool management and implementation, and company-wide research projects related to training and professional development. As the Learning and Development Specialist, she plans, creates, and manages all educational materials and experiences for employees across modalities.

# Spencer Greenhalgh

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Spencer has been a faculty member in the University of Kentucky's School of Information Science since the Fall of 2018. He teaches courses on subjects such as games and learning, web content



management, and data science for our Information

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has become an interdisciplinary researcher who collects "digital
traces" data from online platforms to study meaning-making

practices within advectional religious and political groups online

practices within educational, religious, and political groups or line.

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## Alexandra Lee



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Her current job is as a Researcher for LearnPlatform by Instructure. In this role, she works with edtech companies to evaluate the effectiveness of their products for improving student outcomes.

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Post Doc for the Research and Equity Scholarship Institute (RES-ISTE) at San Diego State University working with Dr. Felisha Herrera Villarreal. She is studying



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Tommy Lister

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## Bio:

Based in Southern California, his research is centered on faculty engagement and its relationship with student learning and engagement. His work and research also focuses on the efficacy of active learning in alternative learning modalities.



# **Keywords:**

Online Learning, Hybrid Teaching, Teacher Development, Faculty Engagement

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Sarah is a director with the MiSTEM Network. She works with three counties in Eastern Michigan to support high-quality STEM learning by developing support systems that help districts explore and sustain place/project/problem-based education as a means of achieving equitable learning opportunities within STEM.

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#### Bio:

Holly is a Regional Coordinator and Learning Leader for the Northeastern Nevada Regional Professional Development Program, an initiative



through the Nevada Department of Education. Through her work with preservice and in-service teachers across Nevada, she advocates for effective technology integration to maximize student learning. She is a proponent of teaching with a process approach that gives learners a voice and choice through authentic experiences.

Swati Mehta

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Dr. Swati Mehta is a critical computer science education scholar who studies



culturally responsive and sustainable ways of teaching technology in computer science and STEM disciplines. In her work, Dr. Mehta pushes normative ways of engaging with coding and computational thinking concepts at the K-12 and undergraduate level. Through her work she seeks to create equitable CS learning spaces particular for those who have been historically marginalized.

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Sukanya is primarily interested in activelearning strategies and instructorfacilitated student cooperation in engineering education. She is also



interested in peer and social interactions and feedback reliability on social media. Her background is in engineering and educational technology.

Vicky Phun

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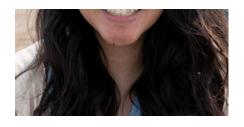
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Bio:

From California to Michigan, Vicky is



interested in shaping students' interest and experience in STEM through designing an engaging and effective learning environment. She



earned a B.A. in Psychology and during her undergraduate years, she was involved in understanding the motivating factors of students pursuing STEM. Her connection to teachers and professors inspires her to be an educator and to keep on growing as a student. She is now a postdoctoral researcher in the Physics Education Research Lab (PERL) at MSU.

#### Joshua Rosenberg

# Joshua Rosenberg (Class of 2018)

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Assistant Professor, STEM Education

Joshua researches and teaches about STEM education, particularly science education and educational technology.



He has recently authored or co-authored articles in venues such as the Journal of Research in Science Teaching, the International Journal of Educational Research, and the Journal of Technology and Teacher Education.

Katie Rich

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Bio:

Katie joined the EPET program after



ten years as a curriculum developer at the University of Chicago. Her work there focused primarily on development and testing of Everyday Mathematics, a PreK-5 mathematics



curriculum program. Currently, she is a Senior Researcher at the American Institutes for Research (AIR). She works on a variety of projects related to mathematics and computer science education. Some focus on direct support to schools and districts while others are more research and evaluation oriented. Her role also includes significant attention to collaborative development of proposals for grants and contracts that contribute to an overall organizational goal of supporting equitable education.

## Kristy A. Robinson

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Kristy is a tenure-track Assistant
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Anna Sansone -

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Bio:



Anna is interested in how participation in certain technology-driven activities impacts student motivation and achievement in science classes.



Specifically, she would like to learn how connecting with other students in geographically disparate locations enhances student learning over shared but separate experiences. She has a BA in environmental science, an MAT in secondary science teaching, an MS in instructional design and technology, and teaches math, science, and social studies for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) overseas.

#### **Christopher Seals**

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Christopher is an Assistant Dean of
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Matthew came to the EPET program after 3 years teaching science at a virtual high school in Michigan. He has a BA in Physiology from the University of Colorado, and a BS in Secondary



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Colin currently serves as the Assistant Vice President for Student Life at the Colorado School of Mines. In this



capacity, he serves as a senior administrator focused on student services with a direct connection to the academic endeavors of our students. These services include disability support, academic advising and support, student scholarships, and student professional development. Additionally, he is a Faculty Fellow in the McBride Honors Program at Mines. As a Fellow, he teaches one honors class annually on the intersection of psychology and technology (think EPET from 20,000 feet).

Brooke Thomas

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Brooke is currently an Educational Psychology and Educational Technology (EPET) Ph.D. student at



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# **Keywords:**

Belonging, Black girlhood, motivation in middle school, and community-engaged research

# Michelle Ware (Class of 2023)

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Michelle Ware joined EPET Hybrid
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