Using Technology to Personalize Students' Learning of Global Competencies

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#### The Core Challenge We Face

Shifts in the knowledge and skills society values

Development of new methods of teaching and learning

Changes in the characteristics of learners

Digital technologies are reshaping each of these changing how we learn and know.

# CONVERSATION

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#### Social Media Gave Everyone a Voice

The Conversation Prism debuted in 2008 as social media was exploding online. Social media would change everything about how we communicate, learn and share. It forever democratized information and reset the balance for influence.

The Conversation Prism was designed as a visual map of the conversational networks that continue to reshape everything. Its purpose is to help you understand and appreciate the statusphere so that you can play a productive and defining role in the conversations shaping our future.



For more information check out conversationprism.com

#### Jenkins' Framework for New Literacies

- Play experimenting with one's surroundings in problem-solving
- Performance adopting alternative identities for improvisation and discovery
- Simulation interpreting and constructing dynamic models of real-world processes
- Appropriation the ability to meaningfully sample and remix media content
- **Multitasking**—scanning one's environment and shifting focus to salient details
- Distributed Cognition fluently using tools that expand mental capacities
- **Collective Intelligence**—pooling knowledge with others toward a common goal
- Judgment —evaluating the reliability and credibility of different information sources
- Transmedia Navigation the ability to follow the flow of stories and information across multiple modalities
- Networking the ability to search for, synthesize, and disseminate information
- Negotiation the ability to travel across diverse communities, discerning and respecting multiple perspectives, and grasping and following alternative norms



Player Piano Jazz Combo

Work	Factory	Learning Organization			
Cognition	Warehouse	Process			
Learning	Information Transfer	Thinking Skills			
Student	Clerk	Symbolic Analyst			
Unit	Individual	Team			
Content	Curriculum	Project			
Teacher	Lecturer	Facilitator			
Assessment	Multiple Choice	Authentic/Portfolio			



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#### The Future of Skills: 2030

- Judgment and Decision Making
- Fluency of Ideas
- Active Learning
- Learning Strategies
- Originality Abilities
- Systems Evaluation
- Deductive Reasoning
- Complex Problem Solving

https://www.nesta.org.uk/publications/future-skills-employment-2030

#### National Research Council (2012)

Today's children can meet future challenges if their schooling and informal learning activities prepare them for adult roles as citizens, employees, managers, parents, volunteers, and entrepreneurs.



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## **Dimensions of Advanced Knowledge and Skills**

Cognitive	Intrapersonal	Interpersonal		
Outcomes	Outcomes	Outcomes		
Cognitive processes and	Intellectual Openness	Teamwork and		
strategies		Collaboration		
Knowledge	Work Ethic and	Leadership		
	Conscientiousness			
Creativity	Positive Core Self-Evaluation	Communication		
Critical Thinking	Metacognition	Responsibility		
Information Literacy	Flexibility	Conflict Resolution		
Reasoning	Initiative			
Innovation	Appreciation of Diversity			

#### "Deeper Learning"

- Case-based learning
- Collaborative learning
- Apprenticeships
- Self-directed, life-wide learning
- Learning for transfer
- Interdisciplinary studies
- Diagnostic assessments

### **Immersion**



#### Continuum of Immersive Media



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### Augmenting Real World Ecosystems http://ecomobile.gse.harvard.edu

### Virtual Binoculars





#### **Interface for Your Digital Life**

IN THE FUTURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE WILL ACT AS YOUR DIGITAL "6<sup>TH</sup> SENSE"

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### Supporting Inquiry through Modeling

Computational modeling and programming activities are integrated with an immersive ecosystem such that the epistemic goals of science are visible to young learners

#### Immersive Ecosystem:

- Authentic Ecosystem
- Observation and Data Collection
- Develop theories and build causal relationships

#### Modeling Cycle

Movement between mediums to iteratively refine & test theories.

#### **2D Programming Environment:**

- Test theories by programming the behavior of agents in the system
- Assess how well the computer model "fits" with the immersive ecosystem.

#### **Immersive Ecosystem**

#### Mixed hardwood forest spanning four distinct time periods

Perceptual overlays allow investigations of cause and effect from both overview and on-the-ground levels.



# Woodpeckers as A Keystone Species

#### Woodpecker Model - Relationships



### **Programming Environment**

ViMAP (Sengupta et al, 2015) programming environment utilizes a simple, scaffolded block interface, customized to focus on ecosystems modeling and designed specifically for younger children



# Constructing explanations

"Were there measurements that surprised you? If so, tell us why?"

"Was the pond healthy? Explain why."

Students exposed to EcoMUVE provided richer explanations



Explanations included:

- plausible scientific mechanisms
- connections to prior knowledge
- comparison among variables

### Concept Map Tool



#### Logfiles: Events, Chats, Notebooks...

#### Database of Logdata - Track students' behaviors: where they went, what data they

#### collected, path to solve problem

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### **GoPro Cameras Capture EcoMOBILE Experience**



#### **Tools for Transformational Insights**





#### A Different Model of Pedagogy

Experiences central, rather than information as pre-digested experience

Knowledge is situated in a context and distributed across a community

Reputation, experiences, and accomplishments as measures of quality

## <u>Core Principles of</u> <u>Professional Development</u>

- Teachers teach as they were taught.
  The important issue is not technology usage, but changes in content, pedagogy, assessment, and learning outside of school.
- Continuous peer learning is the best strategy for long-term improvement.

## Professional Development: Communities of "Unlearning"

- Developing fluency in using emerging interactive media
- Complementing presentational instruction with collaborative inquiry-based learning
- Unlearning almost unconscious assumptions and beliefs and values about the nature of teaching, learning, and schooling

