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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Information Technology Analyst
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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, Cincinnati, OH
B.A. in Political Science. Graduate with Honors, areas of concentration in domestic public policy and international security. Awarded June 2006.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

VIRTUAL WORLDS & AUGMENTED REALITY

Emphasis on the emerging metaverse and the growing ecosphere of virtual/augmented reality platforms that interconnect virtual worlds to the physical world, mobile devices, and the web; special focus on effective use of virtual worlds in higher education.

SOCIAL WEB-BASED MEDIA

Emphasis on the practical application of social media strategies in a higher education context; to support teaching, learning, and research and enhance the delivery of administrative and student services.

EMERGING INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

Emphasis on developing supportable, sustainable, enterprise-level services that integrate emerging technologies into existing and future curricula for distance learning, hybrid, and traditional courses.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE and POSITIONS

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, Cincinnati, OH

IT Analyst, UCit Instructional & Research Computing (1999 – present)

- Project Manager, University of Cincinnati Second Life Project
- Project Coordinator, UCit Podcasting Project
- Project Coordinator, UCit Freshman Orientation Program
- Business Manager, Presentation Technologies & Services Group
- Instructional Technology Consultant, Faculty Technology Resources Center
- Student Worker, UCit Center for Academic Technology

OHIO LEARNING NETWORK, Columbus, OH

Second Life Ambassador (2007 – present)

- Build awareness in the state of Ohio about the OLN Second Life project
- Design, manage, and support OLN's virtual campus in Second Life
- Moderate the statewide OLN-SECONDLIFE listserv

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, Manitoba, Canada

Instructor (2009 – Present)

- Teach a distance learning course entitled "Immersive Worlds, Avatars, and Second Lives"
- Course is delivered entirely online using the virtual world of Second Life and Moodle and ANGEL LMS

AVACON, INC., Rehoboth, MA

Vice President, Executive Board (2010 – Present)

- AvaCon, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that organizes conferences and conventions for education, scientific inquiry and organized fan activities related to the metaverse and virtual worlds.
- Provide oversight and leadership for the organization, as well as serving as the Director for Human Resources and Information Technology
- Developed and maintain organization's websites and online presence on social media sites

TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES**SYSTEMS SUPPORTED**

Blackboard LMS, blogs, content management systems, digital exam grading, distance learning programs, DOC based BBS systems, Exchange, Gmail, Google Apps, Mirapoint email systems, MediaSite video capture/streaming system, podcasting, PRS technology, scanning/OCR, social networking software, streaming audio/video, Polycom videoconferencing, video editing, virtual worlds, VOIP, webcasting, wikis

SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS and SERVICES

Adobe Creative Suite, ALICE, Apache, Audacity, Audition, ABC Bittorrent, Blojsom, Camstudio, Camtasia, Captivate, Dreamweaver, Elluminate, Eudora, EverQuest, EverNote, Examview, Final Cut Pro, Firefox, Flock, FrontPage, Gmail, Google applications, IMVU, iTunes, Kaneva, Last.FM, leechFTP, LiveJournal, Mediasite, MediaWiki, MetaPlace, Moodle, Open Sim, Pinnacle, pmWiki, Plone, QuickTime, Respondus, Second Life, Shoutcast, Skype, Survey Monkey, Teamspeak, There.com, Turning Point, Twinity, Twitter, VastPark, Ventrillo, Winamp, Windows Media Player, World of Warcraft, Wikispaces, Winamp, WordPress, Yahoo Pipes, Zotero

LANGUAGES and MARKUP

CSS, HTML, PHP, RSS, XHTML, XML

RESEARCH and PUBLICATIONS**BOOK CHAPTERS**

Seo, Kay, Amy Byk, and Chris Collins. "Enriching Minds with Cognitive Apprenticeship Inspired Simulations". Digital Simulations for Improving Education: Learning Through Artificial Teaching Environments. Ed. David Gibson and Young Kyun Baek. Hershey: IGI Global, 2008.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Seo, K.K., Curran, A, Jennings, N. & Collins, C.M. (2010) "Creating a new mobile learning community with podcasting". Int. J. Continuing Engineering Education and Life-Long Learning, Vol. 20, No.1, pp. 103-113.

Cheong, D.U., Yun, S. & Collins, C.M. (2009). "Is Second Life effect for pre-service teachers' teaching practice?". In I. Gibson et al. (Eds.), Proceedings of Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference 2009 (pp. 1418-1421). Chesapeake, VA: AACE.

Park, H., Jung, J. & Collins, C. (2008). "Effect of the activities in the Second Life as tool for mutual understanding of gender role". In K. McFerrin et al. (Eds.), Proceedings of Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education International Conference 2008 (pp. 1778-1783). Chesapeake, VA: AACE.

Rutz, Eugene, Chris M. Collins, and Mani Mina (2008). "A Guided Tour of the Future of Education." Continuing Professional Development Division and Engineering Research and Methods Division - Best Paper - PIC V. American Society for Engineering Education, 2008 ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition, 24 June 2008, Pittsburgh, PA USA. Pittsburgh: ASEE, 2008.

Collins, Chris M. (2008) "Looking to the Future: Higher Education in the Metaverse". *EDUCAUSE Review*, vol. 43, no. 5 (September/October 2008).

Seo, Kay, Andy Curran, Nancy Jennings, and Chris Collins. (2008) "Lesson on the Go: Creating a New Mobile Learning Community with Podcasting". *Mobility: Adding Flexibility to Web-based Communities*, *International Journal of Web Based Communities*. (Publication Pending)

Jennings, Nancy, and Chris Collins. (2007) "Virtual or Virtually U: Educational Institutions in Second Life". *International Journal of Social Sciences*, 2(3), 180-187.
<http://www.waset.org/ijss/v2/v2-3-28.pdf>

Collins, Chris, and Nancy Jennings. (2007) "Emerging 'Best Practices' for Campus Builds in Second Life". In: D. Livingston and J. Kemp, eds. *Proceedings of the Second Life Education Workshop 2007: Part of the Second Life Community Convention 2007, 24-26 August 2007 Chicago Hilton, US*. pp. 78-81. Available from: <http://cis.paisley.ac.uk/livi-ci0/slccedu2007rev2.doc>

HANDBOOKS

Collins, Chris. 2nd ed. (2005) "Blackboard Basics & Beyond: An Instructor's Guide". University of Cincinnati. Available from: http://homepages.uc.edu/~collicn/Bb6_Instructor_Guide2nd_ed.pdf

Collins, Chris. 1st ed. (2004) "Blackboard Basics & Beyond: An Instructor's Guide". University of Cincinnati. Available from: http://homepages.uc.edu/~collicn/Bb6_Instructor_Guide.pdf

ARTICLES, NEWSLETTERS, and ESSAYS

"New Video and UCit@Langsam Featured in Freshman Orientation." *UCit Now*, Summer 2009. University of Cincinnati. Available online at:
http://www.uc.edu/ucit/ucitnow/volume_35/summer_09/orientation.html

"Summer Remodeling and New Services for UC's Virtual Campus." *UCit Now*, Summer 2009. University of Cincinnati. Available online at:
http://www.uc.edu/ucit/ucitnow/volume_35/summer_09/remod.html

"Traditional Learning Spaces in Virtual Worlds." (2008) Essay. UC Second Life Learning Community. University of Cincinnati. Available online at:
<http://homepages.uc.edu/secondlife/index.php/Site/TraditionalLearningSpacesInVirtualWorlds>

"UC's Second Life Community Looks Ahead." *UCit Now*, Winter 2008. University of Cincinnati. Available online at: http://www.uc.edu/ucit/ucitnow/Volume_34/winter_08/secondlife.html

"Podcast Lectures Big Hit with Students." *UCit Now*, Winter 2008. University of Cincinnati. Available online at: http://www.uc.edu/ucit/ucitnow/Volume_34/winter_08/podcast.html

"UCit Awarded Grant to Study Virtual World of Second Life." *UCit Now*, Summer 2007. University of Cincinnati. Available online at:
http://www.uc.edu/ucit/ucitnow/Volume_33/summer_07/life2.html

"New Blackboard Tool Links Syllabi to Learning Opportunities." *UCit Now*, Fall 2005. Available online at: http://www.uc.edu/ucit/ucitnow/Volume_32/fall_05/f05_BbS.html

“What’s New in Blackboard for Instructors and Students.” UCit Now, Fall 2004. Available online at: http://www.uc.edu/ucit/ucitnow/Volume_31/fall_04/f04_bb.html

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE ORGANIZER

Executive Board and Director of Communications & IT, Second Life Community Convention, 2010. August 11 – 13, 2010. Boston, MA.

Technical Coordinator, Virtual Worlds Center, Ohio Educational Technology Conference 2010. February 1 – 2, 2010. Columbus, Ohio.

Co-Chair, Second Life Education Community Convention, Second Life Community Convention 2008. September 5 – 7, 2008. Tampa, Florida.

Co-Chair, Second Life Best Practices in Education International Conference 2007. May 25, 2007. Virtual conference held in Second Life.

In-World Moderator, “Hot Topic Discussion on Virtual Worlds”, in-person moderator AJ Kelton, Montclair State University. EDUCAUSE 2007. October 23-26, 2007. Seattle, Washington.

Moderator, “Distance Education on the MUVE.” National Distance Learning Week, International Society for Technology in Education. November 14, 2007. Virtual conference held in Second Life.

Technical Consultant, Digital Future Summit 2.0, New Zealand Government. November 28 – 29, 2007. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Auckland.

PANELIST

Keynote Panel: The Politics of Virtual Engagement. Panelist. Governance in Virtual Worlds Conference 2010. Arizona State University & The Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. March 26, 2010.

Virtual Self Governance. Panelist. Governance in Virtual Worlds Conference 2010. Arizona State University & The Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. March 26, 2010.

Ohio in Second Life. Pre-conference workshop. Ohio Digital Commons for Education 2009 Conference. Columbus, Ohio. March 1 - 3, 2009.

Lesson on Demand: Mobilizing Classroom Learning with Podcasts. Kay Seo, Andrew Curran, Nancy Jennings, and Chris Collins. Invited paper. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2008. Orlando, Florida. November 5-8, 2008.

This is Second Life! Invited panelist. North American Council for Online Learning. Online Conference. August 14, 2008.

Second Life as Educational/Training Tool. Panel discussion. BlogHer ‘08. San Francisco, CA. July 19, 2008.

Second Life Bootcamp. Pre-Conference workshop, US Distance Learning Association 2008 Annual Conference. St. Louis, Missouri. April 21, 2008.

Second Life - What Is It, How Does It Work, and How Can I Get One? Pre-Conference Workshop, Texas Distance Learning Association Annual Conference. March 24, 2008.

Second Life Bootcamp. Pre-conference workshop. Ohio Digital Commons for Education 2008 conference. Columbus, Ohio. March 1 - 4, 2008.

Innovation Island: Creating a Campus in Second Life. Ohio Digital Commons for Education 2008 conference. Columbus, Ohio. March 1 - 4, 2008.

Virtual Worlds in Education: Beyond the Second Life Hype. Technology and Education Conference at Sinclair Community College, sponsored by the Southwestern Council for Higher Education and the Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities. February 6, 2008.

PRESENTER

OpenSim: A New Alternative to Second Life. Invited Speaker. Ohio Learning Network Spring Colloquium. Columbus, OH. April 11 – 12, 2011.

Ohio Pioneers in Second Life & OpenSim. Invited Speaker. Ohio Higher Education Computing Council. Cincinnati, OH. March 23 – 25, 2011.

Trademarks in Virtual Worlds. Co-Presenter with Anne Chasser, VP of Intellectual Property, University of Cincinnati, and Lynda Roesch, Partner, Dinsmore & Scholl, LLP. Trademark Administrators Conference, International Trademark Association. Chicago, IL. September 21, 2009.

The Grand Debate: Virtual Worlds Are the Second Life for Online Learning (Pro-Virtual Worlds Position). Invited Speaker. Debate Opponent: Barry Dahl, VP of Technology, Lake Superior College. eLearning 2009, Instructional Technology Council. Hilton Portland and Executive Tower. Portland, Oregon. February 21-24, 2009.

Looking to the Future: UC's Virtual Campus. Invited speaker. Colloquium: 50 Years of Computing at the University of Cincinnati. University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, Ohio. November 10-11, 2008.

To Speak or Not to Speak: Use of Voice in Second Life. Invited paper. Jennings, Nancy and Chris Collins. National Communication Association 2008 Annual Conference. Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, California. November 23, 2008.

Podcasting in Education: Connecting with the iPod Generation. Innovative Educators, Increasing Enrollment and Retention via Technology: Blending High Tech and High Touch. Hyatt Regency, Cincinnati, Ohio. June 19, 2008.

Selling the Idea of Virtual Worlds to Stakeholders. Education Track, vBusiness Expo Spring 2008 In Second Life. April 26, 2008.

The Rewards of Teaching in Second Life. Invited speaker. IACON - Iowa Distance Learning Association. Cedar Rapids, IA. April 17, 2008.

Emerging Best Practices in Second Life Education. Poster Presentation, co-authored with Dr. Nancy Jennings. Second Life Community Convention 2007. Chicago, IL. August 24-26, 2007.

Observational study of educational institutions in the virtual world of Second Life. Presenter. Second Life Best Practices in Education International Conference 2007. May 25, 2007.

TEACHING and PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, Cincinnati, OH

Teaching Assistant (unpaid position)

- Mass Communications & Technology, with Dr. Nancy Jennings, McMicken College of Arts & Sciences, Winter 2008
- Mass Communications & Technology, with Dr. Nancy Jennings, McMicken College of Arts & Sciences, Winter 2009

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, Manitoba, Canada

Instructor

- Immersive Worlds, Avatars, and Second Lives, Certificate in Emerging Technologies for Learning Program, Summer 2009
- Immersive Worlds, Avatars, and Second Lives, Certificate in Emerging Technologies for Learning Program, Winter 2010
- Immersive Worlds, Avatars, and Second Lives, Certificate in Emerging Technologies for Learning Program, Winter 2011

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

OpenSim: A New Alternative to Second Life. Invited Speaker. TeachU Seminars. Ohio Learning Network. Online. April 27, 2011.

Professional Networking in the Digital Age. Guest lecture for Dr. Sharon McFarland's Communication for Managers graduate course. University of Cincinnati. March 2, 2011.

Journalism in the Digital Age. Guest lecture to Dr. Pama Mitchel's Precision Journalism undergraduate course. Cincinnati, OH. February 17, 2011.

Alternative Viewers for Second Life & OpenSim. Ohio Learning Network. Online. December 14, 2010.

Simulations, Communications, and Professional Networking in Second Life. Invited speaker. San Jacinto College. Online. June 30, 2010.

Second Life Viewer 2.0: Exciting Upgrade for Educators. Invited speaker. Owens Community College. Online. April 30, 2010.

Podcasting for Educators. Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning. University of Cincinnati. April, 21, 2010.

Welcome to the Metaverse: Second Life and Virtual Worlds. Guest lecture to Dr. David Curry's EMarketing undergraduate course. University of Cincinnati. April 12, 2010.

Second Life Viewer 2.0: Exciting Upgrade for Educators. Presentation to International Society for Technology in Education. Online. March 23, 2010.

Professional Networking in the Digital Age. Guest lecture for Dr. Sharon McFarland's Communication for Managers graduate course. University of Cincinnati. March 2, 2010.

Education in Second Life. Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning. University of Cincinnati. February 9, 2010.

The Future of Education in Virtual Worlds. Virtual Worlds Educator Roundtable. January 5, 2010.

Second Life Bootcamp. Presentation to Dr. Wendy Eisner's Women in Science course. University of Cincinnati. April 22, 2009.

University of Cincinnati Galapagos Islands in Second Life. Private presentation to Dr. John Van Whye, visiting scholar and director of Darwin Online, University of Cambridge. April 16, 2009.

Web 2.0 and Second Life. Presentation to UC Student Services - Academic Excellence and Support Services. University of Cincinnati. March 23, 2009.

Tech Tools for Teachers. Presentation to Dr. Janet Zydney's Multimedia Studio III course. University of Cincinnati. March 9, 2009.

Developing Leadership & New Student Services with Emerging Technology. Invited speaker. University of Cincinnati Student Services. University of Cincinnati. February 12, 2009.

Possible, Probable, and Preferable Future of Education in Virtual Worlds. Panelist. Second Life Educators Roundtable. January 6, 2009.

Web 2.0 Workshop. Clermont College Faculty Retreat. Clermont College. Batavia, Ohio. September 18, 2008.

Web 2.0: Tech Tools You Can Use. Career Development Center Retreat. Cincinnati Marriott at River Center. Covington, Kentucky. August 22, 2008.

Podcasting Basics for Educators. Center for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning, University of Cincinnati. August 18, 2008.

Orange Island Media Week - Blogging Virtual Worlds. Panelist. In Second Life. July 29, 2008.

Metanomics and ISTE Speaker Series: Bridging the Virtual Worlds of Business & K-20 Education. Interview by Kevin Jarret, ISTE, with Robert Bloomfield, Cornell University. In Second Life, ISTE. July 22, 2008.

Web 2.0 & Virtual Worlds. Center for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning., University of Cincinnati. July 14, 2008.

Podcasting Basics for Educators. Center for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning, University of Cincinnati. July 10, 2008.

Education in Second Life. Invited speaker, Wolverines Brown Bag Luncheon, University of Michigan. June 13, 2008.

Second Life for Educators. Center for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning, University of Cincinnati. May 20, 2008.

Second Life for Educators. Technology Series Workshops, College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services, University of Cincinnati. May 16, 2008.

An Overview of Education in Second Life. Presented in the Educational Possibilities of Second Life Series. In Second Life. May 3, 2008.

Pedagogy in Virtual Worlds. Columbus State Community College. In Second Life. April 25, 2008.

Podcasting Basics for Educators. Center for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning, University of Cincinnati. April 16, 2008.

Searching the Web. Presentation to Dr. Pama Mitchell's Investigative Reporting course, University of Cincinnati. April 8, 2008.

Pedagogy in Second Life. Emerging Technologies Committee, Shippenburg University. In Second Life. March 21, 2008.

Looking to the Future: Education in Second Life. Clermont College, University of Cincinnati. February 22, 2008.

Web 2.0 & Virtual Worlds. Center for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning. University of Cincinnati. February 7, 2008.

Looking to the Future: Education in Second Life. Center for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning. University of Cincinnati. January 25, 2008.

Looking to the Future: Education in Virtual Worlds. Presentation to University of Cincinnati President Nancy Zimpher and Cabinet. University of Cincinnati. January 18, 2008.

Second Life and Distance Learning. Presentation to the UC Distance Learning Taskforce. University of Cincinnati. November 20, 2007.

Second Life and Service Learning. Presentation to the Faculty/Community Partner Networking Breakfast held by the Center for Community Engagement. University of Cincinnati. November 20, 2007.

Looking to the Future: Education in Second Life. Center for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning. University of Cincinnati. November 19, 2007.

Building in Second Life. Presentation given to freshman class in the Construction Management program at College of Applied Science. University of Cincinnati. November 16, 2007.

Orientation to SL. Presentation to Dr. Wendy Eisner's Women in Science course. University of Cincinnati. October 22, 2007.

Second Life for Educators. Given to scholars from Korea National University of Education, by invitation of Dr. Young Baek. In Second Life. October 16, 2007.

Looking to the Future: Education in Virtual Worlds. Center for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning. University of Cincinnati. October 16, 2007.

Avatars and Identity. Presentation to Dr. Nancy Jennings' 15COMM429 class. University of Cincinnati. October 12, 2007.

Second Life in Higher Education. Panelist. Panel presentation to Pensacola Jr. College faculty. Pensacola Jr. College. In Second Life. September 28, 2007

Second Life session for Instructional Technology Day. Given to Academic & Information Technology Libraries in the Academic Health Center. University of Cincinnati. June 13, 2007.

The Future of Libraries in Second Life. OhioLINK 2-year Directors Meeting. At OhioLINK office in Columbus, OH. April 19, 2007.

Report on the activities of the UC Second Life Learning Community. Given to the E-Communications Planning Committee. University of Cincinnati. April 5, 2007.

Introduction to Second Life. Presentation to Advanced Composition Class by invitation of Dr. Wayne Hall, Vice Provost for Faculty Development. University of Cincinnati. January 19, 2007.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Live radio interview. Social Media and the Mobile Revolution. Impact Cincinnati, WVXU. Cincinnati, OH. May 27, 2010.

Live interview for web broadcast. Governance in Virtual Worlds. Tonight Live with Paisley Beebe. April 15, 2010.

Live radio interview. The Advantages and Dangers of Social Networking Sites. Impact Cincinnati, WVXU. Cincinnati, OH. July 9, 2009.

Interview for news program. Second Life. Carte Blanche, South African News Program. April 2009.

Interview for article. A "Second Life" for Educators by John K. Waters. Technology Horizons in Education Journal. January 2009.

Interview for article. Darwin's Famous Journey is Recreated in Second Life by David DeBolt. Chronicle of Higher Education. October 16, 2008.

Interview for web news video. Business in Virtual Worlds. The Drax Files. Produced by Bernhard Drax. April 30, 2008.

GRANTS

PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR

Ohio Learning Network 2007 Learning Communities Grant. Award, \$6,000. March 2007.

HONORS AND AWARDS

PUBLICATION AWARDS

Best Paper Award – PIC V Category. Rutz, Eugene, Chris M. Collins, and Mani Mina. "A Guided Tour of the Future of Education." Continuing Professional Development Division and Engineering Research and Methods Division - Best Paper - PIC V. American Society for Engineering Education, 2008 ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition, 24 June 2008, Pittsburgh, PA USA. Pittsburgh: ASEE, 2008.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARDS

Honoree for Extraordinary Blackboard Support, University of Cincinnati. 2004

President's Quality Service Award. Blackboard Support Team & Faculty Technology Resources Center. 2002.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Editor & Author, Fleep's Deep Thoughts, <http://fleptuque.com>, 2005 - present

Founder & Executive Director, Chilbo Community, 2006 - present

Guild Leader, Signe of the Schwa, World of Warcraft Guild, 2004 - 2009

Moderator, eschwa BBS (and previous iterations), 1994 - present

Precinct Executive, Hamilton County Democratic Party, 2008 - present

Education Correspondent, Metanomics, 2007 - 2008

Volunteer, Relay for Life, American Cancer Society, 2007 - 2008

Volunteer, Freestore Food Bank, Cincinnati, OH, 2004 - 2005

COMMITTEES & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Distance Learning Taskforce, March 2006 – present

Freshman Orientation Advisory Council, January 2005 – present

Online Orientation Committee, January 2007 – January 2008

President's Diversity Taskforce, June 2006 – January 2007

Cincinnatus Scholarship Competition Judge, February 2004 – February 2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Education Researchers Association

American Political Science Association

EDUCAUSE Connect

International Society for Technology in Education

Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)

Internet Society (ISOC)

National Communications Association