Lee Allen

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Experienced presenter with over 20 years experience and expertise in educational technology leadership and teaching information sciences.

Biography

Lee Allen is an Associate Professor of Instructional Design and Technology and Information Science at the University of Memphis. Dr. Allen has previously served as an assistant superintendent for technology services in the Dallas, TX public school district, and as a teacher, school librarian, technology trainer, and director of instructional technology in Santa Fe, NM.
Dr. Allen's primary research interests are technology as a vehicle for organizational/institutional change, online teaching and learning, electronic portfolio development, and situated learning in communities of practice. He currently coordinates the 100% online School Library Information Specialist endorsement and Master of Science degree program for the College of Education, and serves as the Principal Investigator on a half-million dollar grant with the Institute of Museum and Library Services Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian program.

Availability

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Host/MC, Author Appearance

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Library and Information Management, Training and Development

Areas of Expertise

Online Teaching and Learning, Technology as A Vehicle for Institutional Change, Developing Communities of Practice in an Organization

Affiliations

University of Memphis

Sample Talks

Technology as a Vehicle for Institutiional/Organizational Change
Large organizations and institutions are often compelled to discard outdated or obsolete data systems for their human resources and financial services departments to accommodate increasing size and newer technologies. A common practice is for management to seek a method of consolidating all financial and HR transactions under a central database and software application solution. While such systems can help private-sector businesses and public-sector organizations manage important aspects of their work, the deployment of a large-scale consolidated system involves considerable business process analysis, employee retraining, and the establishment of new work procedures. Such change can be painful as a learning curve at best, and costly and ineffective at worst.

Education

College of Santa Fe
Bachelor of Arts Art History

University of New Mexico
Master of Arts Training and Learning Technologies

Pepperdine University
Doctor of Education Educational Technology

Accomplishments

Fulbright Scholar
I worked in Poltava, Ukraine from January through May 2010 as a recipient of a Fulbright Scholar award. My primary focus was as lecturer and presenter at the the M.Ostrogradsky Poltava Regional Institute of In-Service Teacher Training.

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