

Status of the Field of Discipline-Based Education Research: A Workshop

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025 · ALL TIMES ARE ET

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9:00 Registration and Networking Breakfast (West Court)

Breakfast is available for in-person attendees.

Please come and spend time with fellow attendees before our meeting begins.

10:00 Welcome and Overview of Workshop, Rules of Engagement and NASEM Statements

Cindy Finelli, *University of Michigan* (Planning Committee Chair)

10:10 Reflecting on the 2012 Report

Presentation

Karl Smith, *University of Minnesota*

Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Cindy Finelli**

Speakers:

- **Stacey Lowery Bretz**, *Ohio Northern University*
- **Michelle Smith**, *Cornell University*
- **Noah Finkelstein**, *University of Colorado Boulder*
- **Naneh Apkarian**, *San Diego State University*

11:10 Break Outs by Discipline

Google Docs with prompts [Breakout Session 1 - November 17, 11:10AM ET](#)

11:55 Reporting Back from Break Out Session 1

Moderator: **Paula Lemons**, *University of Georgia* (Committee Member)

12:15 Break (Lunch for in person attendees)

1:15 Presentation on the Role of Theory in DBER

Presenter: **Stanley Lo**, *University of California, San Diego*

1:45 Discussion of the Role of Theory in DBER

Moderator: **Melonie Sexton**, *Valencia College* (Committee Member)

Speakers:

- **Julia Svodoba**, *Tufts University*
- **Melanie Cooper**, *Michigan State University*
- **Terrell Morton**, *University of Illinois-Chicago*
- **Glenn Dolphin**, *University of Calgary*

2:30 Leveraging Connections across Disciplines

Moderator: **Daniel Reinholz**, *San Diego State University* (Committee Member)

Speakers:

- **Erin Dolan**, *University of Georgia*
- **Renée Cole**, *University of Iowa*

3:15 Break/Transition

3:30 Interdisciplinary Break Outs

Google Docs with prompts [Breakout Session 2 - November 17, 3:30PM ET](#)

Group 1 – Professional pathways in the DBER Workforce

Moderators:

- **Katelyn Cooper**, *Arizona State University*
- **Karen High**, *Clemson University*

Group 2 – Implementing DBER findings

Moderators:

- **Kadian Callahan**, *Kennesaw State University*
- **Maggie Webb**, *Cornell University*

Group 3 – Interdisciplinary DBER Research

Moderators:

- **Chris Rasmussen**, *San Diego State University*
- **Chandra Turpen**, *University of Maryland*

4:10 Break and return to main room

4:15 Reporting Back from Break Out Session 2

4:35 Reflection on Interdisciplinary DBER

Moderator: **Charles Henderson**, *North Carolina State University* (Committee Member)

Speakers:

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- **Chris Rasmussen**, *San Diego State University*
- **Kadian Callahan**, *Kennesaw State University*
- **Karen High**, *Clemson University*

5:30 **Wrap up for the day**

6:00 **Optional Dinner Sign-ups for Participants**

END OF DAY 1

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025 · ALL TIMES ARE ET

9:00 **[For in-person attendees only]**

Discussions on Creating a Thriving Future for DBER (West Court)

In-person attendees are encouraged to join small group discussions on structures, approaches, and grand challenges to brainstorm about the future of DBER.

Breakfast available for in-person attendees.

9:45 **Break**

10:00 **Welcome Back (Start of hybrid meeting day 2)**

Cindy Finelli, *University of Michigan* (Planning Committee Chair)

10:05 **Impact of DBER on Postsecondary Learning Experiences**

Moderator: **Raechel Soicher**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* (Committee Member)

Speakers:

- **Jeremi London**, *Vanderbilt University*
- **Michael Dennin**, *University of California, Irvine*
- **Dave Kung**, *St. Mary's College of Maryland*
- **Dea Follmer**, *University of Kansas*

11:00 **Communicating the Value of DBER**

Moderator: **Leilani Arthurs**, *University of Colorado Boulder* (Committee Member)

Speakers:

- **Adrienne Minerick**, *Michigan Technological University*
- **Howard Gobstein**, *APLU*
- **Fred Bonner**, *Prairie View A&M University*

12:00 **Break (Lunch for in person attendees)**

1:00

Future Directions for DBER

Moderator: **Charles Henderson**, *North Carolina State University* (Committee Member)

Speakers

- **Estrella Johnson**, *Virginia Tech*
- **Eric Riggs**, *Cal Poly Humboldt*
- **Alan Cheville**, *Bucknell*
- **Viji Sathy**, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

2:00

Break/Transition to breakout rooms

2:15

Breakouts on the Future of DBER

Google Docs with prompts [Breakout Session 3 - November 18 2:15pm ET](#)

- **The What of Future DBER: Future DBER research topics, funding mechanism, and stakeholders**

Moderators:

- **Ryan Stowe**, *University of Wisconsin, Madison*
- **Jon-Marc Rodriguez**, *University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee*

- **The Who of Future DBER: Future DBER workforce and pathways to DBER**

Moderators:

- **Amy Dunbar-Wallis**, *University of Nebraska, Lincoln*
- **Joel Alejandro Mejia**, *University of Cincinnati*

3:00

Break and transition back to main room

3:15

Reporting Back on Break Out Session 3

Moderator: **Lori Banks**, *Prairie View A&M University* (Committee Member)

3:45

Reflections on the Workshop

Moderator: **Cindy Finelli**

4:30

Adjourn