KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Katie Lynch received her B.A. in English and History from Dartmouth College and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Literary Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is currently an Associate Professor of English at Rockland Community College (SUNY), where she also chairs the nationally recognized Sam Draper Honors Program. She has been working with open educational resources (OERs) since 2016.

BREAKOUT SESSION PRESENTERS

Lyndsay Bratton is the Assistant Director for Digital Scholarship and the art librarian at Connecticut College. She leads the Digital Scholarship Fellows Program, which supports faculty developing digital research projects and scholarly websites.

Dr. Patrick Bryan is an associate professor of Biology and is currently in his twentieth year of teaching. Dr. Bryan has developed and utilized innovative technology to aid student learning since he first began teaching. His methodology has evolved from interactive web sites for teaching animal biology, to Camtasia lectures with animation, to Khan Academy style drawing videos, to his most recent work with Learning Glass lectures. Dr. Bryan has also conducted research on marine invertebrates’ larval development in labs as far ranging as McMurdo Station, Antarctica, to Daya Bay, China, to Hopkins Marine Station, CA.

Professor Emeritus Elizabeth (Betsey) Doane of Housatonic Community College is now in her 50th year of teaching. Betsey has taught mathematics and computer science and now teaches mathematics online with total vision loss. She has an M.A. in mathematics from The University of Massachusetts and an M.S. in computer and information sciences from The University of New Haven.

Samuel Kapros is a Career Development Specialist, Adjunct Faculty, and self-proclaimed geek at Tunxis Community College. While completing his doctoral dissertation, Sam has developed Open Education Resources and dedicated his time to research new and low-cost technological advances in education.

Ariela McCaffrey is Assistant Director of Research Support, Instruction and Outreach at Connecticut College. She leads the open education initiative on campus including the OER grant program which currently supports ten faculty in the creation and adoption of OER for their courses. This semester, Ariela is a fellow in the SPARC Open Education Leadership Program, an intensive professional development program that explores all aspects of open education.

Dan Nocera has worked and taught in all areas of media production for the past twenty-six years. Dan has a Bachelor of Science degree in television production from Ithaca College and a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) with a concentration in film from Wesleyan’s University’s Graduate Liberal Studies program. Currently, Dan is the coordinator of Center for New Media (CNM) Productions at Middlesex Community College where he has produced, directed, and edited over 450 corporate, training, documentary, and marketing videos with CNM’s advanced students.

Dr. Josiah Ricardo is a Professor of Sociology/Human Services and Social Services Degree Program Coordinator at Capital Community College. He has conducted doctoral research on the online course persistence of Latino/a community college students with attention to culturally responsive pedagogy in distance learning education.

Dr. Kegan Samuel teaches mathematics at Middlesex Community College. He enjoys keeping up with technology and is always looking out for ways to incorporate this new technology into his teaching. He is constantly seeking to make the teaching (learning?) process more efficient for both student and teacher.

Angela Scipio, MPA, is the Program Chair for the Computer Information Systems Department at Post University. She has been teaching computing courses in the Connecticut community college system since 2005. She has over twenty years’ experience in the nonprofit sector as a Network Administrator, Computer Manager and Database Manager. Angela received her B.S. in Information Systems from Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, CT, and her Master’s in Public Administration from the University of New Haven. Currently, she is in the Doctor of Information Technology Program at Walden University.