

2020 RESEARCH FESTIVAL

Presented by the Ball State Educational Psychology
department

<https://espace.bsu.edu/researchfest>

The department of Educational Psychology has converted their usual end-of-the-semester research symposium into an online research “festival” open to all educators seeking connectedness in the learning sciences. At the end of every semester, graduate students in Educational Psychology research projects and other empirical works in a symposium format. We invite the whole college to the symposium and it provides a real audience for our students to practice their academic speaking.

This year, by moving it online, we were able to expand the purposes a bit while building upon the foundation of emerging research in the learning sciences. Defining it as a *festival* allowed us to broaden the appeal and the reach of research coming from our department, most of what has direct application to critical needs in K12 schools. Furthermore, and more importantly, an online festival allows us to welcome other students, scholars, in-service educators, educators-scholars and even other disciplines who find resonance with the theme of this first festival:

Exploring Connectedness in the Learning Sciences

Everyone is welcome to be a part of this festival, highly grassroots and emergent as it is. This is not a peer-reviewed event nor it is intended to be too formal. It is meant to be informational, friendly, and demonstrative of the potentials we have when we explicitly bridge the scholarship on campus with the questions from schools.

Here's how:

1. We are still accepting “proposals” to present live at the festival or to have a digital exhibit (poster, project, table, etc.) in the festival’s Exhibit Hall. Using Boyer’s scholarship model as a method for organizing sessions and content, we will try to create a place for everyone but we have capacity limits and no budget (by design). A live presentation or exhibit could be:

- Research in progress or summaries of recent research, including thesis and dissertation proposals from students as well as presentation cancelled due to Covid
- Informal roundtables discussion of early research
- Faculty research in progress or facilitated dialogues on a theme.
- A live or recorded demonstration of high-engagement, synchronous (connected) teaching that implements theories and techniques from the learning sciences. We welcome undergraduate teacher education majors to show current teachers and schools that they are ready for the future.
- Artistic expressions and scholarly works that interpret and explore the theme of connectedness
- A live, recorded or display of a BSU service or program for the exhibit hall
- Other ideas yet pondered
 - Minimally, the exhibit hall is as expansive as any web page so we are happy to help with connecting your work to folks seeking same.

2. Please register online at the site below. With your registration (Cost: \$0.00. Cheap), you will receive the Zoom passwords to attend any of the live sessions or the on-demand sessions in the Exhibit Hall.

The conference is **Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020 starting at 10 am EST (UTC-5)**

Location: <https://espace.bsu.edu/researchfest>

Registration links, tentative schedule and volunteer information are located on the website.

We hope you'll join us!