

Presenter Introductions

Design for Learning 2013

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Hi! I joined K-State Research and Extension in 1995 after 14 years in the classroom – including nine in teacher education at a regional university and at K-State. My degrees in home economics, clothing and textiles, and curriculum and instruction are all from K-State. I am currently the Coordinator of Planning and Reporting, housed on campus.

I live about 30 miles south of campus and also operate a bed and breakfast – obviously on weekends! My daughters and their families live out-of-state, so I appreciate the navigation skills of my 17-year old grandson when we travel! My four other grandchildren are five, three, 18 months, and 15 months ☺

I'm always interested in learning and partake in audible books during my commute. I think Design for Learning is an opportunity to engage in the many facets of program planning and delivery, and to increase understanding of the interrelationships.

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I'm Valeria Edwards, one of the Kansas co-facilitators for "Design for Learning." I hold a Bachelor's degree in Family and Child Development and a Master's degree in Family Economics, both from Kansas State University. After a 26 year career in telecommunications where I was a Product Manager and Training Development Manager, I came to K-State Research and Extension nearly five years ago. My business experience gives me a little different perspective on programming for our audiences.

Becoming an Extension Agent is the fulfillment of a lifelong desire. I feel privileged to be an Extension Educator in one of the most urban counties in Kansas, which is part of the metropolitan Kansas City area. We are about two hours east of the main KSU campus in Manhattan.

My family includes my husband, two young adult sons who are establishing themselves in their professions here in Johnson County, and the house cat Roger Sterling.

Participating in "Design for Learning" during the first year of my Extension career enabled me to validate what I'd learned in adult education courses in college years ago, and practiced when developing and delivering training in a business setting. As a student this past summer, returning to a graduate level adult education classroom for the first time in many years, I experienced the trepidation we acknowledge many adult learners have. I believe I learned many new collaborative teaching techniques, and will strive to use them while facilitating "Design for Learning".

Name: Deb Gebeke
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Greetings! I am Deb Gebeke and have most of my professional experience in the education arena. I began my career as a junior high and high school teacher, received two master's degrees and moved into a school counselor position, followed by several years as a Family Science Specialist for the NDSU Extension Service. I completed my PhD in Education and also worked as an educational consultant and director of a nonprofit in North Dakota. About six years ago I returned to NDSU Extension as Assistant Director and take leadership for FCS programming, along with responsibilities for professional development and evaluation.

My husband and I have three adult children. Alissa is an academic counselor at the University of Phoenix in Tempe, Sarah is a TV producer for Travel Channel shows based in Minneapolis, and Jenna is a business consultant with Slalom in Denver, CO. In my free time I enjoy reading, music, family history work and I volunteer with North Dakota Dollars for Scholars, an organization that works to increase the scholarship dollars available to North Dakota students.

My personal goal for working with "Design for Learning" is to support the needs of those interested in learning more about how to best teach their students, regardless of age, subject matter, formal or informal settings.

I'm looking forward to co-facilitating this class.

Name: Paula Peters
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Hi! Originally from Pierre, South Dakota, I have been with K-State Research and Extension for 20 years. I have two degrees from South Dakota State University (Go Jacks!!), a BS in FCS education and an MS in nutrition and food science. My PhD is from Ohio State University in human nutrition. I started at K-State as an extension specialist in maternal and child nutrition. Since 1990, I have been the FCS program leader.

One of my current responsibilities at KSRE is to teach program development to agents in our system. We use the logic model framework for developing program and evaluation plans. I truly believe it is an effective method. But I also know that there are many ways to do this work and I have much to learn from all of you, too.

I have a son, Lucas, who is a student at K-State. For fun, I enjoy gardening, quilting, reading, and traveling.

I hope to be able to help you use the logic model as a tool for examining and organizing content for teaching a workshop or lesson. I look forward to “meeting” all of you!

Name: Margaret Phillips
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Greetings! I am Margaret Phillips. I will be your general facilitator for all sessions of Design for Learning.

I am a career professional with K-State Research and Extension. The positions I've held include: 4-H Agent; Family and Consumer Sciences Agent; Extension Assistant, Program Development; Area Specialist, Family and Consumer Sciences; and Assistant Program Leader. My work for this course focuses on professional development.

Program Development, Mentoring and Board Leadership are areas I especially enjoy in my work.

My two adult children Charlie and Kristin are both in the education field. Charlie teaches in the wood technology program at Pittsburg State University and Kristin teaches fifth grade at Colvin Elementary School in Wichita, KS. I enjoy gardening, reading, sewing and playing the piano. But what I like most is spending time with Haley, my granddaughter!

My goal for working with “Design for Learning” is to continue on my journey as a life-long learner and work on staying up to date with the most recent happenings in the field of adult education.

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I'm Stacey Warner. My entire professional career has been spent with K-State Research and Extension. For the first nineteen years I was a family and consumer sciences agent in two different Kansas counties. In recent years I have served as the Leader for Extension Operations.

My current responsibilities include administering the recruiting, hiring and professional development of new agents. I also work with federal benefits and civil rights programs as well as other human resource initiatives for K-State Research and Extension. My family includes my husband and two young adult sons. For fun we like to travel, read, walk and try new restaurants.

I have been both a participant and a facilitator in past sessions of Design for Learning. Each time I learn something new about working with adult learners. I have several examples of how this learning opportunity has changed the way I teach and evaluate my teaching.

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Hello, I'm Shannon Washburn, Associate Professor of Agricultural Education at Kansas State University. A product of extension and 4-H and a native Kansan, I hold two degrees from KSU and a PhD from the University of Missouri.

After six exciting years as a faculty member at the University of Florida, in 2008 I welcomed the opportunity to return to my Alma Mater where my primary responsibilities relate to teacher education in agriculture. My position also includes a 20% appointment in Extension, which enables me to focus on educator professional development - an aspect of the position I really enjoy. While at Florida, I had several opportunities to deliver workshops for extension professionals on a number of topics related to effective instruction and I continue that work here at K-State.

I'm married with two young daughters: Anna and Kate. I enjoy spending time with my family whenever I can and returning to the family farm in northwest Kansas. I also enjoy traveling internationally for my work in the professional development of teaching faculty in international colleges of agriculture. This is work that I currently perform in Haiti and that I've been able to conduct in Egypt. I look forward to continuing those efforts in Egypt in the near future.

I hope to provide each of you with a few additional tools for your instructional toolbox and engage you in some new ways to help your clients make the most of your educational efforts. I look forward to working with you!