

GAIL LOVELY



PROFESSIONAL BELIEFS

I believe that creating lifelong learners comes from being a lifelong learner. I believe that wondering, questioning, experimenting, and taking risks are critical parts of being an excellent teacher.

I believe that technology can enable deep exploration, deep learning, and deep reflection. I believe that technologies can amplify student voice and provide opportunities which are more culturally rich and appropriate than many mass-produced materials. I believe technologies can build on strengths and help us to minimize weaknesses.

I believe that learning is messy, non-linear and exciting.

EDUCATION

**Master's Degree
Educational Computing**
Pepperdine University
Malibu, CA | 1984

**California Teaching Credential
Multiple Subject Life Credential**
University of California, Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA | 1980

Bachelor's Degree, Psychology
University of California, Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA | 1979

WORK EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT EDUCATOR

Lovely Learning and Suddenly It Clicks! | 1995 - Present

Working as an independent educator has provided a wide variety of opportunities to make a positive difference in the relationships between adults, learners, curricula, and technologies. I work with individuals, schools, school systems, and technology developers with an eye to the wise use of technologies to enhance learning while preparing the learners of today to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Highlights of my work include in-classroom coaching of educators to improve teaching and learning, customized professional development provided online, face-to-face, and in blended environments, and assisting school leaders through the successful implementation of technologies for learning. Hosting Early Learning Summits to provide 2-day (or longer) professional development for educators of children 4-7 years old with a focus on literacy or STEM and the healthy mix of technologies and pedagogy is a current favorite (<https://www.earlylearningsummit.com/>)

Current areas of intense interest include literacy and Computational Thinking, early learning, student voice, powerful uses of robotics with little learners, and alternative methods of professional development.

AUTHOR

Suddenly It Clicks! | 2014 - Present

Published in mid-2014, *Using an iPad with Your Preschooler*, was co-written with Gayle Berthiaume. Our concerns about the use of tablets as expensive electronic pacifiers and the difficulty of learning about useful, developmentally appropriate apps and the use of these apps were the inspiration for this book. Written for families with children ages 2 - 5, we focused on being mindful when making decisions about how young children and caring adults use tablets. A new book is in the works for 2025.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

University of Northern Iowa (remote/online) | 2012 - 2015

Also served as Adjunct Professor at Pepperdine University, Graduate School of Education and Psychology and in the University of Houston Undergraduate Education Program.

Facilitated online graduate and undergraduate courses in the selection and integration of instructional technologies with a focus in the field of literacy and the evaluation and production of instructional media.

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WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

FOUNDER/ORGANIZER

Various | 1999 - Present

As an early adopter of technologies, particularly with young learners, I have created or founded a number of significant efforts. I was the first host of an online forum for teachers of children ages 3-6, (for Scholastic). I established the "Internet Educator of the Year Award", which was awarded to a kindergarten teacher the very first year it was available (for Classroom Connect). I founded the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Early Learning Professional Learning Network, and I created a new Early Learning Summit at the Future of Education Technology Conference.

PRESENTATIONS OF NOTE

Parent Meeting Keynote | St John USVI (2014), Francis Howell SD (2015), Vernon Public Library (2016), Maryetta School (2017)
International Keynote | Young Learners Conference at the National Future SchoolsExpo (Aus) | March 2016
Invited Speaker | Special Education Technology Needs Conference at the National Future SchoolsExpo (Aus) | March 2016
Facilitator and Keynote | Early Learning Summit at Future of Educational Technology Conference (FL, USA) | January 2016 - 2019
Featured Speaker, Tech Playground Lead | Schools of the Future Conference (HI, USA) | November 2014 - 2017
Keynote: "The Long and Winding Road - A Literacy Road Trip!" | Friedberg-Segel Early Literacy Conference (PA, USA) | October 2015
Invited Speaker | Early Education and Technology Conference (USA) | April 2013
Keynote | Tots and Tech Conference by the Texas Computer Education Association (TX, USA) | June 2012
Digital Playground Lead | Various Conferences including ASTE, FETC, ISTE, SOTF, OK Early Learning | 2014 - 2024
Rocky Mountain Early Learning Conference Lead | Denver Colorado | 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS

TRAINER OF THE YEAR
*Texas Association for the Education of
Young Children
2014*

SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER
*International Society for Technology in
Education
2008 - 2020*

REFERENCES

CARLENE YELL
Maryetta School OK
Literacy Coach/RTI Coordinator
918-797-0238
cyell@maryetta.org
Provided multi-year onsite and online support in growing teacher skills and leadership in technologies and literacy (3-13 year old students)

WENDY OLIVER
Kamehameha Schools HI
972-878-4694
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Provided multi-year onsite and online staff development with a focus on literacy, culture and technologies, including an 8-week online course on literacy and technology in 2021.

JENNIFER WOMBLE
LRP Ed Tech Events | Manager
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Provided a wide variety of formats of professional development for all age groups - online, workshops, events, and keynotes.

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