

Presenter Bios



Karen Warren

Karen is in her tenth year at Wesleyan University where she serves as Deputy CIO. Karen has oversight for the user services, technical services, and academic technology teams. Combined, they provide the foundational support for all other IT operations in the University, develop strategic input regarding systems and infrastructure, and provide support for teaching and learning through the use of technology.

She sits on the board of NERCOMP, the Northeast Regional Computing Program, a consortium of Universities throughout the Northeast and is an experienced presenter, having spoken at the NERCOMP Annual Conference, ServiceNow Knowledge, EDUCAUSE Annual Conference, CEN Annual Conference, and other professional workshops. Karen is active in campus life and committed to crossing functional and departmental lines to bring solutions to the Wesleyan community. Karen is keenly interested in the role IT Service Management can play particularly in smaller institutions and is active in the professional development of women IT professionals.



Doug Casey

As Executive Director for the CT State Commission for Educational Technology (CET), Doug designs and manages strategic plans that ensure the successful integration of technology in Connecticut's schools, libraries, universities, and towns. The CET oversees statewide programs such as its flagship research and education broadband network, the CEN. Doug's prior experience includes managing technology and security for a network of magnet schools that are helping to close the achievement gap between urban and suburban learners. He began his career as a middle school English teacher and brings a diversity of experience to every challenge — from managing online publications for the Smithsonian Institution to systems engineering for the U.S. House of Representatives and national security agencies. He holds a BA from the College of William & Mary, MA from Georgetown University, and MS from George Washington University. Outside work, Doug enjoys time with family, mission work, and triathlon.



Sebastian Zimmeck

My research interests are privacy tech, information security, and intellectual property. My main focus is the design and implementation of privacy tech in mobile and web apps. I am leading the privacy-tech-lab at Wesleyan. Together with my students, I am developing software solutions --- often based on machine learning and program analysis techniques --- to improve the compliance of apps with increasingly complex legal requirements. I am particularly interested in the ad tech and fintech domains.

Before coming to Wesleyan I was a postdoc at Carnegie Mellon's Institute for Software Research. I studied computer science at Columbia University (PhD, MS) and was a Google Research Fellow at the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology. I have industry experience advising tech companies in privacy and intellectual property matters as an attorney with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (California and German bar admissions currently inactive). I studied privacy and intellectual property law at the University of Kiel (PhD, JD) and the University of California, Berkeley (LLM).



Mike Newcomb

Mike Newcomb is a networking industry veteran with over 40 years of experience and is the Practice Lead for the Higher Education market at Juniper Networks. His background includes leadership roles in sales, engineering, and channels. Mike has extensive experience in education with specific expertise in building and launching vertical market solutions for the education market. Mike is also currently a part of the adjunct faculty in the Computer Information Systems division at Southwest Illinois College where he has taught for over 40 years.

Mike earned a Masters in Business Administration degree from Southern Illinois University and also holds a PMP Certification in project management. He is based in St. Louis, MO.



Chris Sette

As the Manager of Informational Technology for the Meriden Public School System, Chris Sette brings over 21 years of experience in the K-12 technology sector. Leading the team in Meriden has given Chris an opportunity to use his experience to support the implementation of new technology solutions to support teaching and learning. Prior to working in Meriden, Chris spent 15 years with ACES as a Senior Technician, providing support for many of the region's K-12 schools. In this role, Chris had experience and exposure to districts of various sizes and technology needs. Currently, Chris is a member of the CEN Service Advisory Management Council.