

## SUNY CIT 2018 Sneak Peek

### **Theme: Elevate Learning: Taking Education Higher**

SUNY's largest and most prominent event on instructional technology in education, CIT 2018 will feature pedagogical innovations, student-centered experiences, flexible educational settings, application of trending technologies, and creative approaches to assessing evidence of learning. CIT provides a forum for faculty, instructional support professionals, and policymakers to present, discuss, and explore innovative avenues for integrating technology into the teaching and learning environment.

### **Featured Speaker: Lisa Stephens**

Senior Strategist, SUNY Academic Innovation  
Co-founder, FLEXspace

*The FLEXspace: A One-Stop Shop for Learning Space Design, Pedagogy & Community*

The Flexible Learning Environments eXchange, created by educators for educators, is a global community and open access digital repository of learning space examples that includes designs, images, and data that you can explore from any device, anytime, anywhere.



[FLEXspace](#) can be used as a “one stop shop” to review and share best practices to help you plan, design, implement and improve learning spaces in higher ed, K12, museums and academic libraries. FLEXspace hosts 3000 registered users representing 1400+ academic institutions across 45 countries! Join Lisa Stephens for a featured CIT presentation showcasing this dynamic resource.

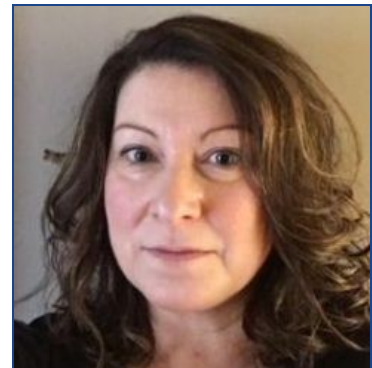
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### **Featured Speaker: Patricia Thompson**

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Aid Services,  
SUNY System Administration

*Excelsior Scholarship Reflections of Year 1 Implementation*

Last year, Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature enacted the nation's first tuition-free degree program, the [Excelsior Scholarship](#). The Scholarship is making college possible for hundreds of thousands of students across the state and helping to alleviate the crushing burden of student debt. A college education is increasingly necessary to secure



the jobs of tomorrow, and the Excelsior Scholarship ensures New York's students have access to a quality education and the skills they need to succeed. Patricia Thompson from SUNY System Administration will provide a look back over the first year of the Excelsior Scholarship in this featured CIT presentation.

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**Special VR Event:** *Virtual Reality and the Classroom: Exploring the possibilities*

This special event features research and expertise from two dynamic University at Buffalo educators who have transformed [teacher preparation through virtual reality](#). Join Richard and Elisabeth for what promises to be an immersive and engaging experience!



Richard Lamb is an associate professor of education at the University at Buffalo and the director of the UB Neurocognition Science Laboratory.



Elisabeth Etopio is the director of the Teacher Education Institute and the assistant dean for teacher education at the University at Buffalo.

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**CIT 2018 Quicklinks:**

[Conference registration](#)

(early bird discount through May 7th)

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