

A promotional graphic for an AI panel. The background is a dark blue field filled with glowing, semi-transparent gears of various sizes. Some gears contain icons: a network of nodes, a bar chart, and the letters 'Ai'. A large, prominent gear in the upper right contains the letters 'Ai' in a bold, white font. A white paper airplane is shown in flight, moving from the left towards the center. A dashed white line follows the path of the paper airplane. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo with a stylized, multi-colored wave or ribbon design. The text is overlaid on a dark purple circular shape on the left side of the graphic.

**USING AI FOR
INSTRUCTIONAL
DESIGN**

**SPECIAL PANEL
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
SUBGROUP**

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AI in Instructional Design & Development Best Practices Panel

EFCOG Training Working Group – June Learning Opportunity

Moderated Amy Moran, Director of Leadership Training, Pantex Plant | Drew Carson, Senior Consultant, Y12 NSC



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Panelists

- Scott Gureck, AI Consultant, Weatherly Consulting / Y-12 NSC
- Chris Slater, Group Leader, ISD, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- David Yakonich, Business Specialist, National Nevada Security Sites
- Cody Connor, Senior Instructor & Training Developer, SRNS
- Nicholas Roberto, Business Application Training Developer, SRNS



Amy Moran

Moderators

Amy Moran is the Director of Leadership Training at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas, leading comprehensive leadership development programs spanning needs assessment, curriculum design, execution, and impact evaluation across all organizational levels. A Senior Certified Professional through SHRM (SHRM-SCP), she previously served as Director of Compensation and Director of HR Strategy and Operations for both Pantex and Y-12, bringing a cross-functional perspective on how people strategy and learning infrastructure intersect.

Drew Carson is a Senior Consultant and Strategic Development Lead within the Department of Energy, bringing over 20 years of military leadership experience to organizational development, strategic planning, and AI integration. He holds a Master's degree in Education focused on leadership and adult learning, and co-moderates this panel with a practitioner's curiosity about how AI can strengthen the instructional design and development craft.



Drew Carson



Scott Gureck

Scott Gureck is an AI Consultant with Weatherly Consulting, leading AI integration and prompt engineering in support of the Y-12 National Security Complex and among the most active practitioners on Joulix, the DOE's internal AI platform. A retired Navy Captain with 27 years of service, he previously served as Executive Vice President at the U.S. Naval Institute and Strategic Communications advisor to two TVA Chief Operating Officers, bringing a career-long specialty in translating between technical experts and the audiences they need to reach.



Chris Slater

Chris Slater is the Group Leader for Instructional Systems Design within the Office of Technical Training at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, leading a team of instructional designers who develop and sustain mission-critical training programs using the Systematic Approach to Training. Before ORNL he held leadership roles at Cirrus Aircraft, the U.S. Coast Guard Performance Technology Center, and Macy's, Inc., and holds a Doctor of Education in Adult Education from Regent University.



David Yakonich

David Yakonich is a Business Specialist with the Experience, Enrichment & Empowerment (E3) organization at the National Nevada Security Sites, building capabilities through learning technologies and driving employee metrics and communication. Since July 2023 he has served as Vice Chair of the EFCOG Training Working Group after two years as Training Collaboration Subgroup Chair, and brings over 25 years of experience in business consulting, virtual training, blended learning, and program development.



Cody Connor

Cody Connor is a Senior Instructor and Training Developer within Contracts & Supply Chain Management at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, where he is a passionate advocate for leveraging technology and AI to advance training programs. A Certified CAU Instructor recognized for contractor acquisition education across the DOE complex, his career spans procurement management in business aviation, sales, and law enforcement, giving him a cross-functional perspective on operational training and workforce development.



Nick Roberto

Nicholas Roberto is a Business Application Training Developer and Instructor for Contracts & Supply Chain Management at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, making complex applications accessible through effective training. In two years with SRNS his commitment to integrating AI into training development earned recognition through the Business Services Culture of Urgency Employee Recognition Program, and he holds an MBA from Appalachian State University.

Foundational Context



- How has your organization strategically approached the integration of AI, and what initially prompted this exploration in the context of learning, development, or broader organizational goals?
- From your perspective, how do you define or conceptualize “AI-assisted learning and development,” or more broadly, the application of AI in human capability building?

Practical Applications

- Which specific AI applications or use cases have delivered the most significant value for your organization in areas like content creation, analysis, design, or operational efficiency?
- Can you share a specific example of how AI was used to successfully develop or significantly improve a product, process, or training initiative? What tools or platforms were involved?



Governance & Quality

- What guardrails, review processes, or approval workflows has your organization established for the use of AI, particularly concerning content generation or critical decision-making?
- How do you address accuracy, compliance, intellectual property, and ethical considerations for AI within your operational environment, especially in regulated or sensitive contexts?



Workforce & Culture

- How have teams and individuals within your organization responded to the introduction of AI tools, and what strategies have been effective in managing this change and fostering adoption?
- What new skills, competencies, or shifts in roles are becoming crucial for professionals as AI becomes more integrated into workflows across your organization?



Challenges and Lessons Learned

- What aspect of using AI in your field has most surprised you, either positively or negatively?
- If you were to approach AI integration again, what key actions or strategies would you implement differently?



Measuring Success

- How does your organization assess the effectiveness and impact of AI integration? What metrics or outcomes are most important to leadership?
- Can you provide examples of how you've quantified the benefits of AI (e.g., efficiency gains, quality improvements, cost reduction, innovation) for your stakeholders?

