

A Day in the Sandbox of AI Enabled Social Studies K-6 Classrooms

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Cost:	
Location:	Virtual
Type:	Webinar
Session Code:	25-TI-065

Target Audience

K-Grade 6 Social Studies Teachers, Learning Coaches, District Leads

About this Learning Opportunity

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This one-day workshop will quickly push through some of the noise surrounding the piloting of the new social program while navigating the promises of AI. By working hands-on with a cutting-edge AI tool to design learning activities and assessments, participants will develop activities to engage with democratic concepts, diversity, identity, and citizenship through historical inquiry and critical assessment of multiple perspectives.

Given both the excitement that AI promises and the uncertainties surrounding how it will impact teaching and learning, the session will conclude with an invitation to build a network of teachers interested in playing in the sandbox that will be the wonderfully messy futures of AI in classrooms.

There are No prerequisite AI skills required – just a sense of curiosity and commitment to experimentation and collaboration. In the spirit of the sandbox, the session will be a safe space for experimentation without fear of failure or judgement.

Participants will need access throughout the day to the internet and should ensure that they have access to ChatGPT4o

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWtcDDOPigQ>

This session is being offered on a cost recovery basis.

About the Facilitator(s)

J-C Couture

J-C Couture is Adjunct Professor & Associate Lecturer in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta, Canada. As well as applying the principles of futures thinking to social studies, he has taught graduate courses focused on the promises and disruptions of AI in the education sector.

Stephen Murgatroyd

Stephen Murgatroyd is Chief Executive Officer of Skills4AllOurFuture, Founder & Director of Collaborative Media Group Inc., and sessional lecturer in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta and Professor Emeritus at Athabasca University. His hands-on-work with a wide variety of AI models in both the basic and higher education sectors is recognized globally.

Carla L. Peck

Carla L. Peck is Professor of Social Studies Education at the University of Alberta, Canada. Her research interests include students' understandings of democratic concepts, diversity, identity, citizenship and the relationship between students' ethnic identities and their understandings of history.