

Greetings! I am excited to share the inaugural issue of the UNC System Learning and Technology Journal. In collaboration with the Editorial Board, we wanted to commemorate the success of the 2023 UNC System Learning and Technology Symposium by sharing the impactful work occurring at our respective institutions.

The theme for the Symposium was *Forging the Future of Learning: Moving Forward Together*. During the Symposium, we explored various topics such as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) & Inclusive Teaching, Supporting Student Engagement and Success, Innovative Technologies and Learning Spaces, Open Educational Resources, Open Pedagogy & Open Access Scholarship, Course Design, and Learning Professionals as Researchers. Each topic reflects the necessity of dismantling institutional silos and reimagining new ways to incorporate technology to promote impactful learning.



In this issue, the talent and creativity of our colleagues across the UNC System demonstrate the transformative power of collaboration. Our ability to empower the next generation of learners and uplift our campus communities would not be possible without the diversity of expertise, professional excellence, and thought partnership of each of you.

Congratulations to each scholar featured in this first issue of the journal. I appreciate the Editorial Board for your conscientious review of all submissions. Also, thank you, Dr. Heather McCullough, for your visionary leadership, Savannah Lake for your journalistic expertise, and Patience Jones, for your exceptional editorial assistance.

Committed to Excellence,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremiah E. Shipp". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

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