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I'm an educator, nonprofit director, experience facilitator, and independent researcher based in New York City. For over a decade I have guided individuals and teams in aligning their actions with their goals. My expertise is in facilitating emergent processes and open-space environments, coaching decentralized teams through reflecting on their ways of working and navigating change, speaking on innovative approaches to education, and helping mission-driven organizations execute narrative projects that orient and cohere their base, particularly during seasons of transition. I presently research, independently and with university support, what the social impacts of new technologies mean for kids and educators.

EXPERIENCE

Director & Facilitator

Agile Learning Center NYC | 2013 - Present

- Teaches and mentors 5 to 19 year olds in daily operations of nonprofit school
- Manages budgeting, nonprofit and department of education compliance, and school website
- Facilitates community events for staff and families
- Organizes and co-facilitates training programs for aspiring facilitators and school leaders

Strategist & Storyteller

Agile Learning Centers Network | 2018 - Present

- Tracks network membership and financial management, producing bi-annual reports
- Publishes event listings, annual reports, and other cohering communications to 600+ educators
- Coaches and provides mediation for school leaders and start-up groups through the network
- Guides organizational priorities, annually executing projects supporting sustainability and efficacy

Consultant & Facilitator

Independent | 2020 - Present

- Designs and hosts workshops, trainings, retreats, webinars, and open-space conference events
- Provides pattern analysis and change strategy support to leadership teams
- Synthesizes group notes and reflections into sharable, anchoring artifacts

ENGAGEMENTS

- Invited Co-Facilitator, Microsolidarity 2022/2023: Denver/Portland
- Invited Presenter, Allied Media Conference 2022: Detroit (online)
- Invited Speaker, Masters of Learning 2020: Brazil (online)
- Invited Speaker, AAGIL 2018: San Luis Potosí, Mexico
- Invited Guest, LEGO Idea 2018: Billund, Denmark

PUBLICATIONS

- author of "Self-Directed Education and the Agile Learning Approach," ALC Network 2024
- co-author "Self-Directed Education for Resilience and Collaboration," Agile4Collaboration 2023
- producer of the "Holding Unfolding" podcast, 2021 - Present
- co-author of "Starter-Kit v 3.0," ALC Network 2021
- author of "An Agile Approach to Education," Cutter Business Journal 2019

EDUCATION

Columbia University

L'Aelia Bundles Community Scholars Fellowship, STS 2023 - Present

New York University

Gallatin School for Independent Study, BA education and sociology, 2009 - 2013