KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Every new IT gimmick means angst: What to do about it

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Abstract:
Information Technology training is challenging for educators as well as for end users. It takes time, energy, and clarity of communication. A great deal of the challenge stems from the disconnect between educator and end user, including knowledge, skills, ways of thinking, and emotional reactions. This presentation will discuss cognitive, emotional, and social aspects of the “enigma” that arises from the introduction of new IT and IT security measures. The goal of this presentation is to help understand what to do about these issues to optimize learning and implementation of appropriate IT security measures.

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