

Dr. Andrew J. Smith

Dr. Andrew J. Smith is the Program Chair for the Master of Science in Higher Education Leadership at Post University. Given the program is administered through an online modality, he provides leadership through a series of actions around collaboration among instructional design members supporting course assessment and redevelopment, instructing and guiding students through online classroom settings, and professionally developing associate faculty around effective online instructional and student engagement strategies. Additionally, he has established partnerships with several external agencies that include an online doctoral pathway with Aspen University as well as developing micro-credential opportunities for students through the National Education Association. Through the scope of his role, he also serves as a lead member of the online university senate and participates in NECHE accreditor site visits in which he discusses the development of online senate operations among Post University and the newly acquired American Sentinel College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Through the lens of academic research, Dr. Smith has presented as well as published extensively around the subjects of technology, development, and innovation in the post-secondary setting. Most recently, he co-authored a textbook chapter with Information Age Publishing around preparing for upcoming technological advancements in the education setting, presented a session as well as webinar for NERCOMP around effective support strategies for instructors and administrators in present and future educational shifts, and collaborated with the Connecticut Young Professionals in order to produce a series of articles around identifying academic and professional success in an ever-evolving technologically reliant society. In addition to the above information, Dr. Smith has as well published, presented, served as session chair, session discussant or submission reviewer on the subject of technology and innovation for a series of organizations that include but are not limited to; AERA, NEASC, SCUP, NEERO, NEERA, CAEL and Cambridge University Press.

Dr. Smith is honored to receive such a distinct nomination in which he may have the opportunity to serve NERCOMP through such a prestigious role. He greatly admires the core values that encompass NERCOMP and greatly appreciates its philosophy around sharing a collective knowledge with individuals. If elected, Dr. Smith would aim to increase awareness around NERCOMP and its resources within the post-secondary community, research as well as establish collaborative efforts among organizations that can increase NERCOMP's presence in the professional development and academic community and aim to grow the organization internally by taking into consideration the collective insight from current members.

Dr. Smith has a bachelors of science in political science, master's in business administration, and doctorate in educational leadership from Southern Connecticut State University. During his academic career, he also earned a series of honorary distinctions from Delta Mu Delta Honor Society and Golden Key International Honor Society.