

## **Aura Lippincott**

Aura Lippincott currently serves as Instructional Designer at Western Connecticut State University. In this role, she consults with faculty to design engaging learning experiences in various modalities for graduate and undergraduate students. Aura enthusiastically seeks out collaborations to explore innovative teaching approaches and technologies to engage students in project-based learning and knowledge co-creation. She is currently collaborating with a faculty colleague on a multi-year open-pedagogy and game-based learning project in the early American History classroom. Alongside her consulting work, Aura engages with campus stakeholders to promote and support student success through effective technology use, course design best practices, and evidence-based pedagogy. She is involved in campus initiatives around OER/affordable course materials, first-year experience and online readiness, UDL, Accessibility, faculty development, and student mental health. Aura also serves on system and state-wide groups supporting online education and Open Educational Resources. As a CT State OER Council member, Aura helped design and launch the state OER grant program, now entering its third year.

Before WCSU, Aura was an instructional designer at Post University and Assistant Director, Educational Support Services at UCLA Anderson School of Management. As a UCLA Anderson Computing and Information Services leadership team member, Aura participated in strategic and operational planning, including oversight of the IT helpdesks, classroom technology upgrades, end-user training and communication, and planning for online and hybrid course delivery. Aura earned master's degrees in Information Studies from UCLA and Educational Technology from San Diego State University, and a Certificate in Management from UCLA Anderson School of Management.

Aura's involvement in NERCOMP has steadily grown since relocating to the Northeast from California. From presenting professional development workshops and attending the annual conference to joining the Professional Development and Program Committees, chairing subcommittees, and now serving as Co-Vice Chair of the 2022 NERCOMP Conference/Co-Chair 'NC23. As an active member of the Professional Development Committee, Aura has contributed to Idea Day planning and facilitation, mentoring initiatives, the Innovation taskforce series, and data gathering related to NERCOMP member professional development preferences. Aura is also an active member of the Program Committee and served as co-lead of the Unconferences subcommittee for the '21 Conference.

NERCOMP has been a valuable source of exceptional professional development, networking with excellent colleagues, and opportunities to contribute expertise within the higher education community in the Northeast. Aura deeply appreciates each opportunity to contribute to the mission of NERCOMP and to collaborate with and learn from colleagues. She would be honored to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees, particularly as she works with her Conference Co-Chair, Vice-Chair, the Program Committee, and the Board to plan an outstanding NC'23 for the NERCOMP membership and partners.