

Jay Rozgonyi

Jay Rozgonyi is currently the Associate Vice Provost for Pedagogical Innovation & Effectiveness at Fairfield University, as well as a faculty member who teaches Educational Technology in the School of Education and Human Development. For more than six years, Jay has been responsible for all aspects of teaching & learning at Fairfield, and has personally directed the University's efforts to promote the creative use of technology in the curriculum. Most recently, he has developed a new undergraduate minor in the School of Education: *Library, Technology, and Information Studies*, which will launch in the Fall 2023 semester. Especially rewarding for Jay has been his work over the past year on Fairfield University's new Bellarmine College, a two-year, tuition-free college for underserved students in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Jay has developed an approach to teaching that promotes technological equity for the Bellarmine students, utilizing innovative and engaging strategies to eliminate tech barriers, create a sense of community, and maximize student success as the campus begins operation in the Fall of 2023.

These and other efforts have been recognized over the past decade both within and outside the Fairfield community. On campus, Jay was awarded one of the first set of Fairfield University Campus Innovation awards in 2016 for his work in redesigning and re-imagining technology installations in all University classrooms, and in 2020 he was made an honorary inductee into Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Academic Honor Society. Nationally, he was named one of the Center for Digital Education's Top 30 Technologists, Transformers, and Trailblazers for 2015; was a finalist for Constellation Research's 2018 SuperNova Award; was co-author on one of the first Steelcase Active Learning Center grants awarded in 2015; and has been an invited speaker and presenter at a number of Salesforce's national Dreamforce conferences.

As a long-time NERCOMP presenter and volunteer, Jay has showcased a wide range of his projects at both Professional Development Days and Annual Conferences. He has always sought to share his experiences with colleagues from across the region, exchanging ideas as a way to spark creativity in others and raise the level of teaching and learning at all institutions. Jay has been involved in the planning of the NERCOMP Annual Conference for many years, including serving on Program Committees ten times and coordinating the Conference's Birds of a Feather lunches every year between 2016 and 2021. In 2019 he served as the Vice Chair of the Conference, and became the Program Chair in 2020, planning the live conference that never happened – as well as planning and running an all-virtual version of the conference just three months later.

Jay is honored to have already served on the NERCOMP Board and to have been nominated to serve for another term. In his two years on the Board he has co-chaired the Community Relations Committee, served on the Professional Development Committee, and been part of the Strategic Planning Task Force. In addition, in early 2022, he was elected Board Chair, a role he has proudly dedicated himself to. If re-elected to the Board, he will be glad to continue working on initiatives he's already helped to start: developing an enhanced collaboration with EDUCAUSE; creating a formal process for supporting innovative member projects; and building a more modern process for engaging our members.