

Short Bio

JULIE SCHELL is a leading expert in pedagogy and learning innovation in higher education.

Her current work focuses on the scaling and uptake of innovations that improve college access, affordability, and success. She is the Director of OnRamps and Strategic Initiatives at The University of Texas at Austin's (UT-Austin) Office of Strategy and Policy where she leads signature education innovation initiatives that extend the reach of the University. Her creative vision has led to the OnRamps program's dramatic growth from 500 student enrollments in 2012 to 7,900 in 2016. In 2014, Teachers College, Columbia University identified Julie as an Early Riser in Higher Education for her contributions to the field. She is also a Clinical Assistant Professor at UT-Austin's top ranked College of Education, where she teaches two graduate courses: Technology and Innovation in Higher Education and Problems of College Teaching and Learning.

Julie has 20 years of experience in higher education, has written and presented widely on flipped learning and Peer Instruction, and has held positions at the nation's top research universities including Stanford, Yale, Columbia, Harvard and most recently The University of Texas at Austin. She completed a four-year postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University under prominent physicist and educational innovator, Professor Eric Mazur (2009-2013).

Julie is a recipient of the Longhorn Innovation Fund for Technology (2013). She was awarded the Dissertation of the Year from the American Educational Research Association, Postsecondary Education Division in 2010. She holds a doctorate in Higher and Postsecondary Education from Teachers College, Columbia University and an M.S. in Counseling and Educational Psychology and a B.S. with Distinction, from the University of Nevada, Reno.

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