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## School of Education

### International Joint Research Symposium Wednesday, February 11 – Thursday, February 12, 2026

Session 1: Wednesday, February 11, 2026				
7:00 - 7:15 pm	Opening Remarks		Yaoying Xu, Ph.D., Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Studies, School of Education, Virginia Commonwealth University	
7:15 - 8:00 pm	Panel discussion: Writing for Publication through Partnerships		Luciana de Oliveira, Ph.D., Virginia Commonwealth University Michele El Kadri, Ph.D., State University of Londrina Taisa Pinetti Passoni, Ph.D., Federal University of Technology – Paraná Nien-Ching Chuang, Ph.D., National Pingtung University Elizabeth Thomas, Ph.D., Christ University <i>Moderator:</i> Moe Greene, Ph.D., Virginia Commonwealth University	
8:05 - 9:00 pm	Concurrent presentations			
8:05 - 8:20 pm	Room 1	Jiajia Liu	Virginia Commonwealth University	Sharing Power, Building Capacity: A Framework for Family Empowerment in Early Learning Systems
	Room 2	Mohammad Jahanaray	Virginia Commonwealth University	Burnout and Psychological Distress Across U.S. Postgraduate Trainees, Fellows, and Students: A Meta-Analysis
8:25 - 8:40 pm	Room 1	Xinyue Jiang, Chunjie Zhu	Shanghai Normal University	The Development of a Scenario-based Learning Project to Evaluate pre-service Teachers' Level of Digital Competence
	Room 2	Zechen Hu	Shanghai Normal University	Assessment of the Ecological Civilization Literacy in Junior High School Students—Based on the Surveys in Shanghai and Huainan, Anhui Province
8:45 - 9:00 pm	Room 1	Armando Pérez Morfín	Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Quintana Roo	When Teaching also Becomes Learning: Reflective Insights from Pre-Service English Teachers' Practicum Experiences in Mexico
	Room 2	Begoyim Abdusattorova	Andijan State Institute of Foreign Languages	Empowering Educators: Reflection, Digital Skills, Research in ELT Empowering
9:05 - 9:20 pm	Room 1	Dilorom Zakhidova	Andijan State Institute of Foreign Languages	Cultivating a Collaborative Spirit: Enhancing Group Work Through Timely Coworking
	Room 2	Maftuna Zukhridinova	Andijan State Institute of Foreign Languages	Integrating Artificial Intelligence into Teacher Education: Transforming Pedagogy and Instructional Design for the Digital Age

**Session 2**  
**Thursday, February 12, 2026**

8:00 - 8:10 am	Welcome		Nichole Dorton, Assistant Director, International Educational Studies Center, School of Education, Virginia Commonwealth University	
8:10 - 9:40 am	Concurrent presentations			
9:50 - 10:00 am	Closing Remarks & Awards		Luciana de Oliveira, Ph.D., Co-director, International Educational Studies Center, School of Education, Virginia Commonwealth University	
8:10 - 8:40 am	Room 1	Gulchehra Rahmanova Dilrabo Rustamova	Andijan State Institute of Foreign Languages Andijan State University	Teaching English through Social Media Microlearning: Opportunities and Challenges
	Room 2	Casey Bailey	Virginia Commonwealth University	Intersectional Analysis of First-Generation Student Retention in Virginia Post-Secondary Education
8:45 - 9:00 am	Room 1	T'Airra Belcher	Virginia Commonwealth University	Explore cultural competency through a global perspective with We're A.I.G.H.T. conceptual framework
	Room 2	Huayu Shen	Shanghai Normal University	The Current Situation and Prospect of Sino-Indonesian Teacher Education Cooperation - A Qualitative Study Based on 26 Principals from 16 Provinces in Indonesia
9:05 - 9:20 am	Room 1	Blake Brunner	Virginia Commonwealth University	Cultivating Comfort Across Cultures: Educator Identity and Well-Being
	Room 2	Elizabeth Edmondson	Virginia Commonwealth University	An Examination of Three Science Teachers Enactment of Culturally Relevant Pedagogy
9:25 - 9:40 am	Room 1	Gyun Min Jung	Virginia Commonwealth University	Using Structured Prompts to Enhance the Quality of Individualized Education Program (IEP) Goals
	Room 2	Rayyona Abduganieva	Andijan State Institute of Foreign Languages	Virtual and Augmented Reality in Language Teaching

Time Zone Converter		
Richmond, VA (EST)	February 11, 7:00 PM	February 12, 8:00 AM
Mexico	February 11, 7:00 PM	February 12, 8:00 AM
Brazil	February 11, 9:00 PM	February 12, 10:00 AM
Uzbekistan	February 12, 5:00 AM	February 12, 6:00 PM
China/Taiwan	February 12, 8:00 AM	February 12, 9:00 PM

We extend our sincere gratitude to our partner institutions for their invaluable contributions to the Joint Research Symposium and for their continued collaboration in advancing shared research, innovation, and global academic exchange.

- Andijan State Institute of Foreign Languages, Uzbekistan
- Federal University of Southern Bahia, Brazil
- National Changhua University, Taiwan
- National Pingtung University, Taiwan
- Quintana Roo University, Mexico
- University of Londrina, Brazil



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