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BIO

Daniel L. Schwartz is the I. James Quillen Dean and the Nomellini & Olivier Professor of Educational Technology at Stanford Graduate School of Education. He is also the Halper Family Faculty Director of the Stanford Accelerator for Learning, a major university-wide interdisciplinary initiative advancing the science and design of learning to bring effective and equitable solutions to the world. An expert in human learning and educational technology, Schwartz also oversees a laboratory that creates pedagogy, technology, and assessments that prepare students to continue learning and adapting throughout their lifetimes. He has taught math in rural Kenya, English in south-central Los Angeles and multiple subjects in Kaltag, Alaska. He is author of "The ABCs of How We Learn: 26 Scientifically Proven Approaches, How They Work, and When to Use Them" and the co-host of the GSE podcast, "School's In."

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Graduate School of Education
- Member, Bio-X
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)
- Member, Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Halper Family Faculty Director, Stanford Accelerator for Learning, (2021- present)
- I. James Quillen Dean, Stanford Graduate School of Education, (2015- present)
- Nomellini and Olivier Professor of Educational Technology, Stanford Graduate School of Education, (2014- present)
- Professor of Education, Stanford Graduate School of Education, (2000- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Outstanding Young Teacher Award, Los Angeles, University of Southern California (1979)
- Advisor of the Year, Graduate School of Education (2011)
- Teacher of the Year, Graduate School of Education (2015)

- Sylvia Scribner Award, American Education Research Association (2015)
- Best Books of the Year, NPR (2016)
- Career Achievement Educational Psychology, American Psychology Association (2021)
- Klaus Jacobs Prize, Klaus Jacobs Foundation (2021)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Assistant and Associate Professor of Psychology and Human Development, Vanderbilt University (2018 - present)
- Programmer & Instructor in Lisp, C, & Assembler, . (2018 - present)
- Research Scientist, Learning Technology Center at Vanderbilt (2018 - present)
- Teacher of Mathematics, Kitiwanga Day School, Kitiwanga, Kenya (2018 - present)
- Teacher of Mathematics, Science, Reading and Language Arts, Kaltag Jr. & Sr. High Schools, Kaltag, AK (2018 - present)
- Teacher of Remedial Reading and Writing, John Muir Jr. High, Los Angeles, CA (2018 - present)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Symbolic Systems Program

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, Columbia University , Human Cognition and Learning (1992)
- MA, Columbia University , Computers and Education (1988)
- BA, Swarthmore College , Philosophy and Anthropology (1979)
- Teaching Certificate, University of Southern California (1981)

LINKS

- Webpage: <http://AAALab.Stanford.Edu>

Research & Scholarship

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Assessment, Testing and Measurement
- Brain and Learning Sciences
- Data Sciences
- Psychology
- Technology and Education

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Instructional methods, transfer of learning and assessment, mathematical development, teachable agents, cognition, and cognitive neuroscience.

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Sit Still or Move More? The Impact of Fidgeting on Creativity.** *Journal of educational psychology*
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- **What moves you? Physical activity strategies in older women.** *Journal of health psychology*
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- **Modeling and Analyzing Inquiry Strategies in Open-Ended Learning Environments** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN EDUCATION*
Kaeser, T., Schwartz, D. L.
2020; 30 (3): 504-535
- **The relation between academic achievement and the spontaneous use of design-thinking strategies** *COMPUTERS & EDUCATION*
Cutumisu, M., Schwartz, D. L., Lou, N.
2020; 149
- **A digital game-based assessment of middle-school and college students' choices to seek critical feedback and to revise** *BRITISH JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY*
Cutumisu, M., Chin, D. B., Schwartz, D. L.
2019; 50 (6): 2977-3003
- **Educating and Measuring Choice: A Test of the Transfer of Design Thinking in Problem Solving and Learning** *JOURNAL OF THE LEARNING SCIENCES*
Chin, D. B., Blair, K. P., Wolf, R. C., Conlin, L. D., Cutumisu, M., Pfaffman, J., Schwartz, D. L.
2019; 28 (3): 337-380
- **The impact of critical feedback choice on students' revision, performance, learning, and memory** *COMPUTERS IN HUMAN BEHAVIOR*
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2018; 78: 351-67
- **Adaptive Natural-Language Targeting for Student Feedback**
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- **Assessing Whether Students Seek Constructive Criticism: The Design of an Automated Feedback System for a Graphic Design Task** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN EDUCATION*
Cutumisu, M., Blair, K. P., Chin, D. B., Schwartz, D. L.
2017; 27 (3): 419-47
- **Got Game? A Choice-Based Learning Assessment of Data Literacy and Visualization Skills** *TECHNOLOGY KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING*

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 - **The ABCs of how we learn: 26 scientifically proven approaches, how they work, and when to use them**
Schwartz, D. L., Tsang, J. M., Blair, K. P.
WW Norton & Company.2016
 - **Learning to "See" Less Than Nothing: Putting Perceptual Skills to Work for Learning Numerical Structure** *COGNITION AND INSTRUCTION*
Tsang, J. M., Blair, K. P., Bofferding, L., Schwartz, D. L.
2015; 33 (2): 154-197
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 - **Posterlet: A game-based assessment of children's choices to seek feedback and to revise** *Journal of Learning Analytics*
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2015; 2 (1): 49-71
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Oppezzo, M., Schwartz, D. L.
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2014; 29 (1): 80-93
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- **A behavior change perspective on self-regulated learning with teachable agents** *International handbook of metacognition and learning technologies*
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- **Measuring what matters most: Choice-based assessments for the digital age**
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 - **Learning as coordination: Cognitive psychology and education** *Handbook of educational psycholog*
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2011