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[5:00 pm] [Dr. Pam Luster \(@DrPamLuster\)](#)

Welcome to #EquityChat sponsored by @CollegeFutures w/your @equityavengers hosts @lamkeithcurry @DrTammeil & @DrPamLuster tonight we are joined by @lpetrides , CEO & Founder of the Institute for the Study of Knowledge Mgmt in Education. Welcome Dr Petrides!

[Lisa Petrides, PhD @lpetrides](#)

Thank you so much for the invitation!

[Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson @DrTammeil](#)

Glad to have you here!

[5:05 pm] [Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson \(@DrTammeil\)](#)

Q1 @lpetrides. As you engage in equity-focused work, what is your walk-up song or anthem? @DrPamLuster @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers

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(1/2) That's easy! Des'ree - You Gotta Be "Listen as your day unfolds, challenge what the future holds, try and keep your head up to the sky" And this, too "You got to be bold, got to be bad, got to be wiser, got to be hard, not too too hard" #EquityChat

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(2/2) That song is my go-to reminder to listen, to challenge myself, to try to keep perspective. And perhaps most importantly you need to be bold and bad, but it's also okay to sometimes be soft, take a break, not to lose your humanity #EquityChat

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Right...the not losing yourself to humanity part is important, too!

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Honestly, this so has been my jam for years!!! Finally!

[5:11 pm] [Dr. Keith Curry \(@lamkeithcurry\)](#)

Q2 @lpetrides. Was there a defining moment or experience that catalyzed your journey to engage in this work, particularly your focus on open educational practice? @DrPamLuster @DrTammeil @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers

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(1/3) For starters, I think I was born w/"sharing" gene. 2nd grade was sent 2 principal's office 4 sharing letter tiles so others could spell vocab words on board. Tried 2 defend myself "I didn't give answers. Was asked if I had any v's ' & had extra ones in my box!" [#EquityChat](#)

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(2/3) Fast forward, 2007, during 1st [@oercommons](#) demo & one teacher said "This is worse thing I've ever seen because if I'm limited to using just those things that are openly licensed, I'll never be able 2 serve my students in such a resource-scarce environment" [#EquityChat](#)

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(3/3) Realized we'd need 2 build capacity of educators to think differently--to see education as a public good & what it takes 2 be accessible 4 all; and that this was abt the practice of teaching and learning--not just substituting commercial resources for [#OER #EquityChat](#)

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Smart to think of this as a long investment of time, learning, leaning in, and structural changes. [#EquityChat](#)

[5:18 pm] [Dr. Luster \(@DrPamLuster\)](#)

Q3 @lpetrides. Tell us more about @ISKME #OERCommons and #OER's role in advancing #racialequity? @DrTammeil @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers

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(1/4) @ISKME is a nonprofit that works to make learning & knowledge-sharing participatory, equitable, and open, because we believe that the development of equitable and inclusive learning environments will contribute to the creation of a more just society [#EquityChat](#) [#racialequity](#)

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(2/4) If we want every student to get the education they deserve, decades of research shows we need to reach them where they're at - emotionally, experientially, and more. Historically, we've failed to do that along pretty stark racial and other demographic lines [#EquityChat](#)

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Sheesh....decades of research... And we wonder why we're still fighting [#RacialEquity](#)
[#StudentSuccess](#)

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(3/4) That means helping teachers bring more inclusive practices into classrooms. It means making teaching tools more accessible. It means acknowledging that bias exists in materials - and not hiding from that, but rather using it as an opportunity to learn and grow [#EquityChat](#)

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(4/4) There's no way to list all of our amazing partners that are doing this work, but this recent post from New America has more in-depth on what these efforts look like in the field [#EquityChat](#)
<https://t.co/ZGVinr5koA>

[5:25 pm] [Dr. Gilkerson \(@DrTammeil\)](#)

Q4 @lpetrides. @ISKME has over 15 yrs expertise in open education. What is the future state of #OER and #OEP based on your research and experience in this field? @DrPamLuster @IamKeithCurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers

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(1/4) We recently did a retrospective on ISKME's two decades of work, and it was a great exercise in contemplating how far we, and the field, have come. It's also a reminder of how far we have to go. <https://medium.com/@iskme/celebrating-20-years-cc0223c90e0...> [#EquityChat](#)

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(2/4) The community has grown significantly over years, both in size & depth of our understanding & exploration. Open ed is a practice & openness is a mindset, so I hope to see community moving towards that broader perspective. The mechanisms: tech, licenses, can follow [#EquityChat](#)

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(3/4) I really see [#OER](#) moving towards the digital public goods realm, embedded into larger issues facing education, student success, dual enrollment, global challenges. So OER becomes more of a means to an end, not just OER for the sake of OER [#EquityChat](#)

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(4/4) At the end of the day, this comes back to good teaching practice: inclusive pedagogy, relevant content, student co-creation of material. We're just trying to do it in a more equitable way by developing that content as a digital public good from the jump. [#EquityChat](#)

[5:32 pm] [Dr. Curry \(@iamkeithcurry\)](#)

Q5 @lpetrides. As a trustee and former board president @smcolleges, how can trustees support open education initiatives like [#OER](#) in their districts? @DrPamLuster @DrTammeil @CollegeFutures [#EquityChat](#)

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(1/4) It's important to think of OER as part of wrap-around services for students, such as supporting student's basic needs, greater digital equity, improving the quality of teaching and learning overall. As a trustee, I see OER's benefits across a variety of areas [#EquityChat](#)

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(2/4) We have to make sure that other trustees, who are looking at their enrollment numbers, understand the number of students who drop out, do poorly, or don't choose to pursue certain majors because the materials and textbooks are simply too expensive [#EquityChat](#)

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(3/4) Leveraging OER to replace expensive textbooks won't fix food insecurity among college students, but we've heard time and time again that those few hundred dollars can be a meal on the table or not. And need to look across all pathways, ZTC, GenEd, CTE, transfer [#EquityChat](#)

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(4/4) Trustees also need to be advocates for faculty, and look at how commercial vendors may be infringing on their academic freedom, compromising student privacy, etc. [#EquityChat](#)

[5:39 pm] [Dr. Luster \(@DrPamLuster\)](#)

Q6 @lpetrides. To do this work, we must continue learning and partnering with others. How do you educate yourself and who is informing your practice? @DrTammeil @iamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures [#EquityChat](#) [#EquityAvengers](#)

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(1/4) It's incredibly important 4 educators 2 remember that there is always more learning for us to seek out. Curiosity is so important: whether it's weighing "what (or who) is missing from this conversation?" or "did this accomplish what we intended? why? why not?" [#EquityChat](#)

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(2/4) We place tremendous value in listening to our partners and to practitioners on the ground. We've set up structures to bring in a range of perspectives, and to explore how we can better serve the field. This requires a ton of intentionality, but it's so worth it [#EquityChat](#)

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(3/4) We learn everyday from educators & their students who create [#OER](#) that supports diversity, equity & inclusion and showcases diverse cultural & historic perspectives. For example: African American History, Woodson Collaborative Collection [#EquityChat](#)
<https://goopenva.org/hubs/woodsoncollaborative>

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(4/4) Another great example, from the K-12 context in Canada: Sask DLC Hub indigenous perspectives collections [#EquityChat](#) <https://resourcebank.ca/hubs/IndigenousPerspectives>

[5:46pm] [Dr. Gilkerson \(@DrTammeil\)](#)

Q7 @lpetrides. We all have a vision of the future we want to live in. What is your freedom dream for higher education, and what gives you hope for its future? @DrPamLuster @iamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures [#EquityChat](#) [#EquityAvengers](#)

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When a student can follow any pathway that holds promise or passion for them, unconstrained by costs of tuition, fees, instructional materials, food & housing insecurity, the language they speak, their country of origin, or the color of their skin [#EquityChat](#)

[5:53 pm] [Dr. Curry \(@iamkeithcurry\)](#)

Q8 @lpetrides. The road to racial equity is long. How are you sustaining yourself? What practice would you recommend to other [#EquityAvengers](#)? @DrPamLuster @DrTammeil @CollegeFutures [#EquityChat](#) [#EquityAvengers](#)

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(1/4) I think for me it's so important to remember that we don't have all the answers. Need to always be listening. Always learning. Examining our own biases. Knowing you don't know what you don't know. Accepting that there will be many beginnings and endings [#EquityChat](#)

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(2/4) On a personal note, I'm caregiving 4 my mom w/dementia & wrote a set of daily practices to keep me grounded at home - & helpful to my work: 1. Go w/the flow, be ready to pivot 2. Adapt, then adapt some more 3. Provide unconditional love 4. Let go of the outcome [#EquityChat](#)

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(3/4) 5. Ensure your actions enable the dignity of others 6. Try to be a little bit better every day at what you do 7. Laugh w/friends at every opportunity 8. Take long walks 9. Dream what the future holds and take small steps each day to move towards that [#EquityChat](#)

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(4/4) I have so appreciated the opportunity to be here today in conversation with all of you! Thank you! [@lamkeithcurry @DrPamLuster @DrTammeil @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers](#)

[6:00 pm] [Dr. Luster \(@DrPamLuster\)](#)

TY So much [@lpetrides](#) for sharing your work with us! We will follow this [#EquityChat](#) for the next few days! Nxt wk join us as we host [@krgrpyal](#) Dr Katie Pryal, Bipolar-Autistic Speaker & Author on Wed. March 27 5 PM, [@lamkeithcurry @DrTammeil & @DrPamLuster @equityavengers](#) OUT!