

## Panelists Include:

**Kenneth Elmore** | *Dean of Students, Boston University*

Dean Elmore is committed both to supporting BU students as they pursue their academic goals and to enhancing their character development through student activities and community services. As a lawyer, a parent of two young children, and as Dean of Students, he is uniquely qualified to address the ethical implications of using resources in cyberspace throughout a young person's educational career.

**Nora Mann** | *Chief of Community Information and Education, Office of Massachusetts Attorney General*

Nora Mann devotes much of her time and energy to protecting children in Massachusetts. She has extensive knowledge of Web-based social networking resources and speaks frequently to parents, teachers, and students about the benefits as well as the dangers of cyberspace.

**David Troughton** | *Superintendent of Schools, North Reading, Massachusetts*

Dr. Troughton has been the Superintendent of North Reading Public Schools for 13 years. He currently serves on the Technology Committee for the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents and on the Educational Technology Advisory Council for the Department of Education. Dr. Troughton will speak to the use of cyberspace resources in schools and the policies schools need.

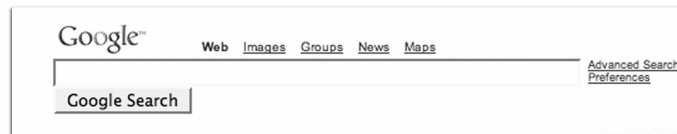
**Patty Yamano** | *Teacher Trainer and Cyberethics Consultant*

Patty Yamano is a veteran of over 30 years of teaching and teacher training in the Los Angeles public schools and in 2004 completed her dissertation on teaching of and development of cyberethics in the elementary classroom. Dr. Yamano can speak authoritatively about her research into what teachers know about cyberethics, what they can teach about it, and what they need to help them be more effective in this area.

## Panel Moderator:

**David Whittier** | *Assistant Professor of Education, School of Education, Boston University*

Dr. Whittier is the director of the Instructional Materials Center at the Boston University School of Education and the coordinator of the graduate program in educational media and technology. He has been investigating technology issues in education for over 30 years.



## Registration

Although this is a free event, sponsored by the SED community, registration is required as space is limited.

Please register for this event by Wednesday, March 7, by e-mailing Noreen Guy at [nguy@bu.edu](mailto:nguy@bu.edu) or by calling 617-353-3212.

Please inform Noreen of your name, graduation year (if you are an alumnus/a), the name of your organization (if you are a member of the Consortium or one of the honor societies), and the number of guests you will bring.

## Parking

This week is spring break at Boston University, so curbside metered parking may be available. You are welcome to park in any pay-to-enter Boston University lot for the standard fee of \$6 after 3:30 p.m.

## Reception

Guests are invited to sign in at 3:30 p.m. and to join members of the SED community for a reception prior to the panel presentation. We wish to begin the program promptly at 4 p.m.

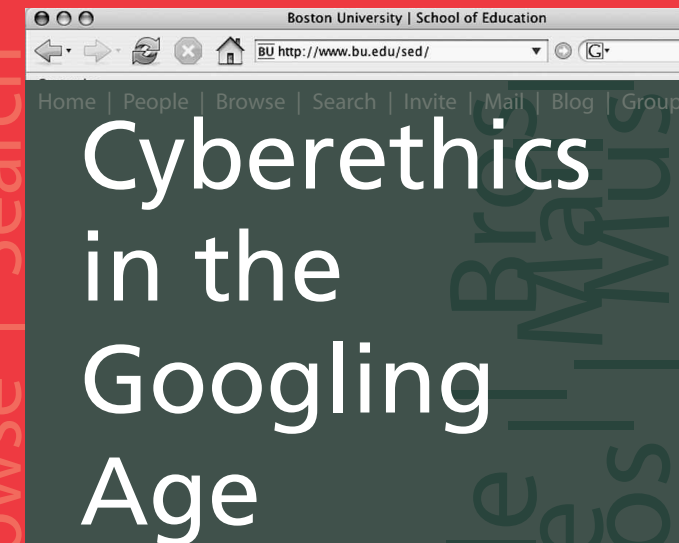
## Questions

If you have questions, please call the School of Education at 617-353-3212.

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4 p.m.

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4th Floor

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You are cordially invited to attend

# Cyberethics in the Googling Age: A panel presentation and discussion

The Internet and the Web, known collectively as cyberspace, are major innovations of this time. More recently, social networking websites such as MySpace and Facebook have created new areas of expression and communication that are especially appealing to school-age youngsters. There are, however, dangers that come along with the unprecedented communication resources these sites afford. The democratic structure of such

sites lacks precise methods to ensure truthfulness in identity and effective barriers against unethical behaviors. How then should parents, school personnel, politicians, and legislators react to these complex forces? This conference will help you understand these forces and consider how to ensure the safe and productive use of these powerful new resources.

Moderated by David Whittier, Boston University Assistant Professor of Educational Technology, an informed and distinguished panel of educators and legal experts will address such questions as:

- What does it mean to be ethical in cyberspace?
- Social networking by teens on websites such as MySpace and Facebook has become a massive cultural force in the 21st century. What ethical issues does such activity present? In what ways is social networking in cyberspace influencing student behavior and what, if anything, should teachers and administrators be doing about it?
- Public schools in Massachusetts must block visual images that are obscene, child pornographic, or harmful to minors. Many schools have interpreted this requirement to mean that they should block access to

all social networking sites, not only for students but for teachers as well. Should teachers and school counselors (who may have some urgent need to know what a student is saying on a website) also be prohibited from accessing social networking websites in school?

- What does the ethical elementary school student, high school student, and college student need to know to be a responsible "cyber citizen"?
- What should young people know about the consequences of unethical behavior in cyberspace, and when should they know it?
- What are the best policies and laws that regulate the use of cyberspace in educational environments?

## Schedule

**3:30 p.m.**

### Registration and Welcome Reception

Guests are invited to arrive at the School of Management, 595 Commonwealth Avenue, 4th Floor, to register at the Executive Leadership Center. After checking in, join SED alumni, students, faculty, and friends for a reception prior to the presentation.

**4 p.m.**

### Presentation, Discussion, and Questions

We invite you to explore the complexities of cyberethics as our distinguished panelists lead discussions and pursue answers to the aforementioned questions.

**6:15 p.m.**

### Reception and Conversations

Guests are invited to stay for coffee and tea, dessert, and conversations with the panelists.