Seasoned leaders Paul Marca and Dee Byrnes will discuss traits of leaders who innovate and how to lead in such way that others join you. They will discuss technology as a platform for education and collaboration across disciplines and the need for an interdisciplinary approach for technology implementation and adoption. The session will end with a showcase of two student projects developed in ENGR 497: Design4Justice, a course led by Sandra Allain, director of the Law, Policy, and Engineering initiative and professor of practice.

The projects were developed in collaboration with Penn State Law’s Family Legal Clinic and Veterans and Servicemembers Legal Clinic, and they received technical support from Youtopian, a strategic industry partner and collaborator. Students explored the use of virtual reality to foster broader access and understanding of civil justice. Join to learn about leadership and innovation in education and to experience interdisciplinary collaboration across technology, law, and policy.

Dee Byrnes
Principal at The Byrnes Group

Dee Byrnes has served for twenty years at The Walt Disney Company, including as an internal behavioral coach to the top 800 executives during the company’s leadership culture revitalization initiative in the nineties. Byrnes is a leader in change management, a certified executive coach, and certified senior professional in human resources, accredited by the Society for Human Resource Management.

Paul Marca
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Paul Marca serves as a principal at Parallax Global Advisors, LLC, a firm which provides strategic consulting for those seeking to transform education through technology. Prior to joining Parallax Global Advisors, Marca served as the associate vice provost at Stanford University. At Parallax Global Advisors, Marca provides strategic advice to universities, corporations, and governmental organizations on how to develop and extend education to sustain organizational vitality and innovation. He has presented keynote speeches and workshops around the globe on connecting innovation, strategy, and education. Marca also serves as Youtopian’s chief education evangelist.