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### **AS EDUCATORS GRAPPLE WITH IMPACT OF PANDEMIC, ACM LEARNING@SCALE CONFERENCE SHOWCASES TOP RESEARCH ON REMOTE LEARNING**

#### ***2020 CONFERENCE INCLUDES SPECIAL COVID-19 TRACK***

**New York, NY, August 11, 2020** – ACM, the Association for Computing Machinery, the world’s largest association of computing professionals, announced that it’s annual Learning @ Scale (L@S) conference will be held virtually from August 12 –14. L@S investigates large-scale, technology-mediated learning environments that typically have many active learners and few experts on hand to guide their progress or respond to individual needs.

In it’s early years, the L@S conference had a strong focus on Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), but has since has expanded to include mobile learning applications, intelligent tutoring systems, open courseware, learning games, citizen science communities, collaborative programming communities (e.g. Scratch), community tutorial systems (e.g. Stack Overflow), shared critique communities (e.g. DeviantArt), and countless informal communities of learners (such as the “Explain It Like I’m Five” sub-Reddit).

For its 2020 program, L@S will include a COVID-19 Case Study Track in which researchers present work aimed at understanding the consequences of moving to remote instruction due to COVID-19. Organizers have planned the COVID session to offer a unique global perspective on how different countries are confronting the pandemic. Research will be presented from Israel, Venezuela, Hong Kong and the United Kingdom---among many other nations. The track will also explore strategies to improve students’ learning outcomes, learning experiences, as well as instructors’ teaching experiences in scaled remote learning environments.

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