Roundtable Abstract
Before You Go to the Field: A Virtual Student Teaching Experience

Prior to student teaching, student teachers frequently express concerns regarding their classroom management skills. University and associate teachers agree that classroom management is an area of difficulty for most beginning teachers. The virtual learning environment (VLE) *Managing to Teach* was designed to give student teachers opportunities to exercise decision-making in the area of classroom management before their actual classroom experience. The VLE allows users to assume the role of a middle school level teacher and to witness possible consequences of decisions regarding classroom management issues. The roundtable presentation will present the development of the VLE, view its components, and allow participants an opportunity to use the technology teaching tool.