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# IMPROVING MATH FOUNDATIONS IN THE DIGITAL ERA

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Abstract: In this talk, I will present the joint development of the textbook Mathematical Foundations with Karen Santoro, focusing on both its pedagogical goals and the challenges of designing for today's learners. As Stanislas Dehaene observed, "Any student executes tens of elementary calculations daily. Over a lifetime, we must solve more than ten thousand multiplication problems." Building such fluency remains essential. Yet, as Manfred Spitzer cautions, "Digital media use can impair learning and memory, replacing deep thinking with superficial processing." Our project explores how to strengthen mathematical foundations while leveraging digital tools responsibly.

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