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Dr. WARK is an educational consultant, researcher, and writer in the field of distance education. She holds a teaching certificate (1991) and five-year Bachelor of Education (1995) from Simon Fraser University, Canada, as well as online Masters of Education (2005) in Distance Education and Doctor of Distance Education (2018) degrees from Athabasca University, Canada. Upon graduating from the doctoral program, she was awarded the Governor General of Canada's Gold Medal for scholarly achievements and contributions to the academic community, such as her dissertation, *Shifting Paradigms: A Critical Pragmatic Evaluation of Key Factors Affecting Learner-empowered Technology Integration*. Dr. WARK has taught and developed multimedia instructional resources for K-12, special education, adult, advocacy, and higher education learners, as well as other educators in face-to-face, online, and blended learning environments since the late 1980s. Her primary research interests include historic and emerging theory and practice in distance learning, self-determined learning, learner empowerment, and the technologies that enable such learning. Dr. WARK has contributed numerous peer-reviewed international conference presentations and publications to the field of distance education, some of which have received awards from the academic community. Her first book, *The Encyclopedia of Female Pioneers in Online Learning*, co-authored with Dr. Susan Bainbridge, is currently in press. Dr. Wark's academic volunteer activities include Board membership and other contributions to international educational associations; mentorship for graduate and post-graduate students; online K-12 teaching in the Honduras; and peer-review services for international conferences and journals, including the *International Review of Online and Distributed Learning (IRRODL)*.

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