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## Teamwork as Dreamwork: Helping Students (and Instructors) Navigate Social-Emotional Learning in Teams

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Many social-emotional skills involve both the declarative and procedural learning systems. As it turns out, “intuitive” behavior that we instructors can take for granted must often be explicitly taught. New neural connections—along with the *loss* of neural connections through forgetting—can help students be better learners. Interestingly, faster learners are often less accurate and less flexible in their learning—which means that both fast and slow learners are important on teams. This wide-ranging talk will explore all these ideas, and more!



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