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Bio: Karen Pearson, PhD is a Professor and Chair of Science and Mathematics at FIT and Chair of FIT's Sustainability Council. Her scholarly work relates to the creation a science-learning environment for students that focuses on research and problem solving while engaging students in discussions and examples that address current topics impacting our world through the eyes of chemistry. Including the development classroom activities and faculty development models targeted better preparing graduates for design-related STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) jobs in a marketplace that is increasingly demanding sustainable design knowledge. She is the recipient of NFS funding to support this work and has published in numerous peer-reviewed journals and the recipient of numerous awards including the SUNY chancellors award for excellence in teaching and 100 most influential women in STEM.