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Elizabeth Radday Receives AESA Outstanding Achievement in ESA Writing & Research Award

October 13, 2026 – The Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA) is pleased to announce Elizabeth Radday, Director of Research & Innovation at EdAdvance in Connecticut, as the recipient of the 2026 Outstanding Achievement in ESA Writing & Research Award.

The award recognizes outstanding contributions to writing and research that strengthen educational service agencies and advance understanding of the important work they do to support schools, educators, and students.

Radday's work connects research with practice, helping educators and school districts respond to emerging opportunities and challenges. At EdAdvance, she designed and co-led an AI in Education microcredential that has reached more than 700 teachers, and her work has helped guide more than 100 Connecticut districts in their approaches to artificial intelligence.

Her scholarship includes the 2025 ASCD book *Learning They'll Love*, along with articles published in *Educational Leadership*, *Phi Delta Kappan*, *The Learning Professional* and other respected publications. Her writing has explored artificial intelligence, student curiosity, instructional innovation, bias and equity.

"Elizabeth's work demonstrates the powerful role educational service agencies can play in moving research into practice," said Joan Wade, Ed.D., Executive Director of AESA. "Her scholarship is helping educators navigate significant changes in education while showing how ESAs can expand capacity, innovation and opportunity across districts."

Radday will be formally recognized during the 2026 AESA Annual Conference & Expo, December 2-4 in Orlando, Florida.

About the Association of Educational Service Agencies

AESA is the national organization representing Educational Service Agencies and regional educational organizations across the United States.

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