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Abstract Information on the epoch of reionization can be obtained both from detailed spectroscopic studies of individual high-redshift galaxies and from the number density of confirmed emitters found in wide-field, high-z Lyman alpha galaxy searches. In this talk, I present results from wide-field spectroscopic observations made with the DEIMOS spectrograph on Keck. The luminosity function of Lyman alpha galaxies indicates that star formation rates may remain substantial out to z~5.7. High-resolution spectra of a z=6.56 lensed galaxy shows a kinematic structure with a sharp blue edge, but extended red wings, which is not consistent with a surrounding neutral IGM.