

Session A :
“You Mean *That’s* Possible?”: Utilizing Digital Resources in the LMS

Teaching ain’t what it used to be... and in some ways this is a good thing. Necessity may be the mother of invention, and if so, perhaps technology can serve as a catalyst for change. This faculty-led session is designed to showcase strategies and best practices faculty are using to incorporate digital texts, resources, assignments, etc. into their courses.

Presenters:

Nicky Gotschall: Time Travel: Transforming History Instruction with Digital Resources

“It’s boring!” “It’s just a bunch of useless dates!” “It doesn’t have anything to do with my profession.” These are the common rallying cries of many when it comes to studying history. Traditionally, history is a subject that relies heavily on lecture. However, by incorporating digital resources, such as online archives, interactive maps, virtual museums, and immersive educational platforms, the study of history becomes engaging, accessible, and relevant to students.

Jennifer Gaither: Making Publisher Resources Work for You

Textbook publishers provide a treasure trove of resources to help you tailor engaging experiences, manage your and your students' workloads, and boost student performance. Learn how to harness resources common to most publishers for either a new course build or your section of an existing course. You'll learn how to 1) create direct links to e-reading assignments, 2) download, tailor, then create direct links to textbook specific PowerPoint presentations - all in the assignments section of your course on Blackboard. You'll also learn how to tailor and link publisher assignments that are auto-graded, and how to access and tailor publisher test banks.

Christ Ernst: Embedded Textbooks

This presentation will serve as an introduction of Sullivan University’s Inclusive Access program through VitalSource, a new textbook model, which converts course materials/textbooks for the course into digital content. Faculty will learn how students access their textbooks through Blackboard, ways students will increase their engagement through learning tools, and the benefits of the platform as it relates to student success. Faculty will receive an overview of instructional and analytical tools available through the platform and discuss strategies for improving student outcomes.