Online Assignment Design Workshop Charrettes Using VoiceThread

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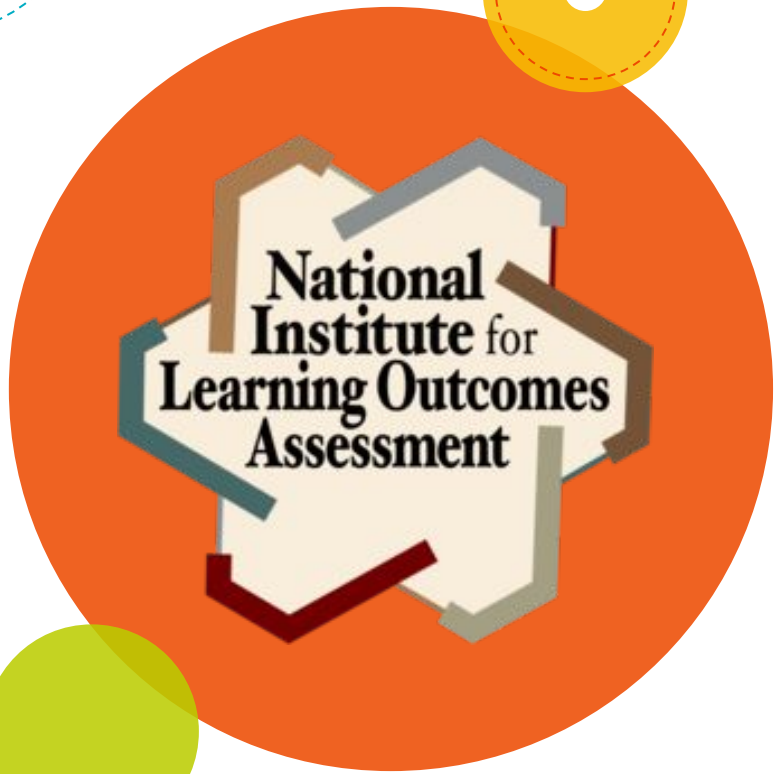
Today's Agenda

- What is an assignment design charrette?
- What is VoiceThread?
- Why combine them?
- Outcomes & suggestions

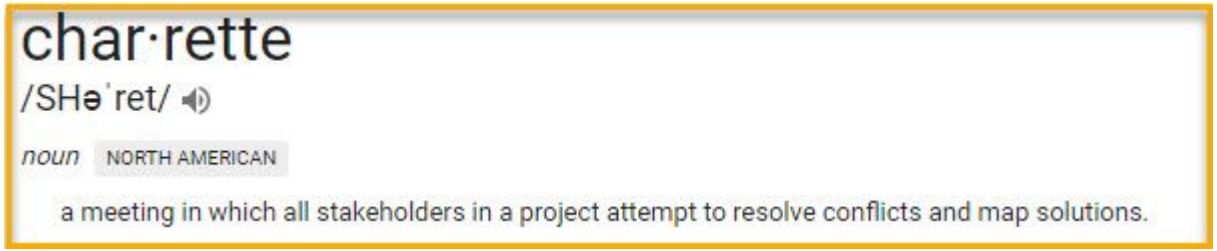


Show of hands:

- Who has heard about assignment design workshops?
- Held one?
- Heard of NILOA?

NILOA: http://www.learningoutcomesassessment.org/

So, what's a charrette?



Intents of an assignment design charrette:

- Faculty can receive diverse & valuable feedback on assignments
- Align assignments with curriculum
- Improve student performance / outcomes (student success)
- Transparency in assignment design / inclusive for all learners

Face to face charrettes:

- 2-4 hour time commitment (even for Zoom or Google Meet)
- Usually during business hours (...excludes some faculty)

NILOA Charrette

Pair & Share & share out (7m)

- Introduce yourselves, share your role
- What does your institution do to support assignment design work?

Show of hands:

- Who uses VoiceThread?
- Heard of VT?

So, what's VoiceThread?

VOICETHREAD

Tool for authentic communication:

- Asynchronous discussion
  - Video, voice, and text commenting
- Can upload images, videos, documents, slides, embed media, etc.

Dr. Mosavel's VoiceThread Introduction (Slide 2 of 5)

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BASICS

You can upload slides or images to VoiceThread, or just record yourself talking. VT is basically an online video discussion board.

COMMENTING

You can either create a new VT or reply to someone else's. When leaving a comment, you can choose text, voice, or webcam. Use the webcam, it personalizes the discussion.

NAVIGATING

You can upload a series of different slides or background images in VT. You can upload videos, embed YouTube videos, use images, draw on slides, or include links to external sites.

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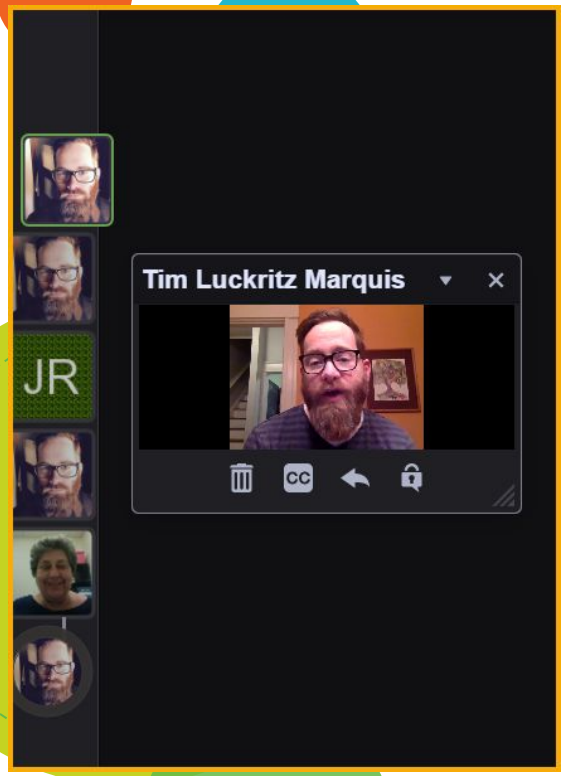
Why a VoiceThread Charrette?



1. **Asynchronous** faculty development pilot

2. Creating **community** for adjuncts and interdisciplinary teaching faculty in online spaces

3. **Innovation**
   a. **Access** to assignment design for online, adjunct, overcommitted or remote faculty
   b. **Piloting** VoiceThread as a tool for fac-dev
      i. **Introduce** faculty to VT (and one another)

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A VoiceThread License for you and 50 students!

- Win one of **two** Single Instructor licenses
- A full year for that instructor and up to 50 students
- Generously donated by Sadie @ VoiceThread!

Charrettes

Synchronous:

- Face to face on campus
- Video conference like G-Meet, Zoom, Skype
- What else?

Pros vs. cons?

Asynchronous:

- Anytime, anywhere
- VoiceThread
- What other tools?

Pros vs. cons?

Gross oversimplification

~~Overview~~ of a Charrette

Faculty: pre-charrette work

- Documents to create and share:
  - Assignment
  - Reflective statement (next slide)
  - Evaluative criteria / rubric

- Create a VoiceThread & share with cohort
  - Landscape format (ex: upload as ppt)
  - VT should have an initial comment introducing themselves, and briefly addressing the reflective statement

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Shared resources!

Resources: https://blogendahl.com or scan QR code

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Faculty: Reflective Statement

- Purpose of the assignment
  - Intended outcomes
- Context for assignment
  - Course, curriculum, students
- Previous experience with this assignment
  - What worked, what didn't
- Questions you have about the assignment
  - What feedback are you seeking?
  - Why this assignment, why now?

Facilitation

- Due dates & deadlines
- Discussion norms / guidelines (ie. golden rule, safe space)
- Doing all the prep work (helping faculty with VT)

Feedback from pilot

Comments:

- Adjunct faculty felt included 🙂
- Wanted shorter deadlines (<2 wks)
- Ask a specific question / address a specific issue with the assignment

Suggestions:

- 3-5m comment time limit
- More icebreakers, more creation of community
- Feedback form to organize feedback (Google Form, not just verbal)

Table Work

What asynchronous workshops do you offer, if any?

What might be possible?

Share at tables, report out. 5m

Resources:

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...get it?

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Also: cbergendahl@vcu.edu

Last chance!
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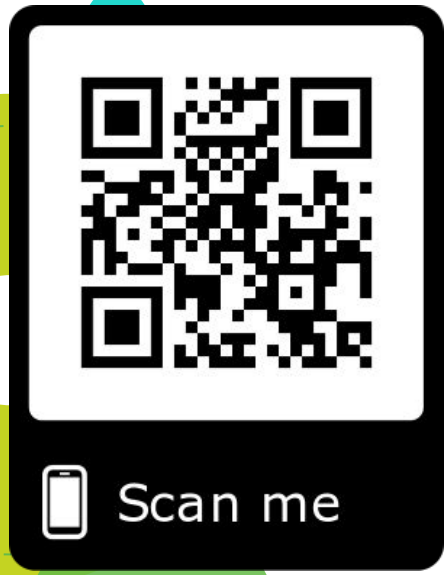

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Thanks!

Any questions?

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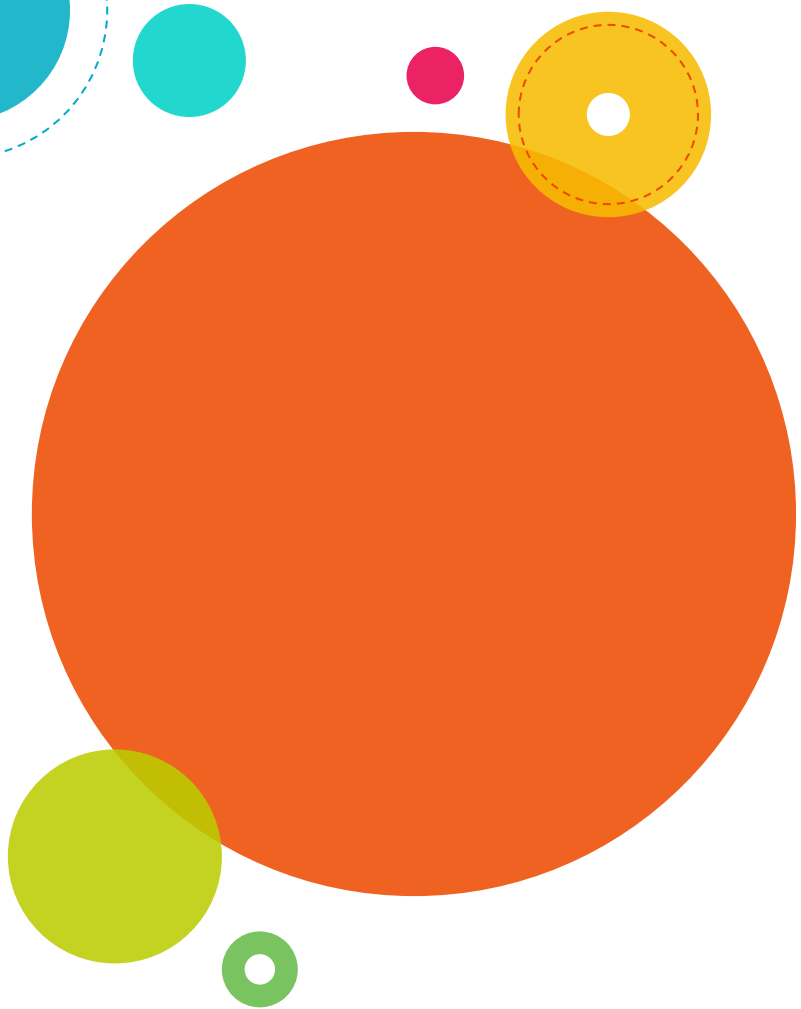

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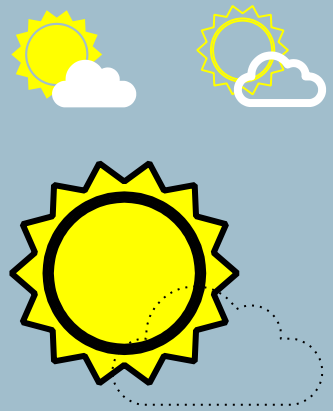
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