

Dear English Department Colleagues,

As director of the Digital Media Lab, I'm happy to welcome you all back this Fall. I want to share some news about the Digital Media Lab, and remind you of some services from last year that we're maintaining and/or extending.

First, our Digital Media Learning Coordinator this year will be Matt Kelly. Matt is an English graduate student researching digital literacies and the learning practices of video game communities. He has over seven years of experience teaching and integrating new media technologies into the writing classroom. Depending on your needs, he is available to consult on a variety of digital approaches.

I'm also pleased to announce that the Digital Media Lab classroom has been recently updated with this year's iMac models. We are running the latest Adobe CC and many other cool things, so you can send your students to the lab to do their homework and expect the computers to work for their needs. If you would like to send your students to the DML to work on computer-based assignments, we have weekly lab hours as follows:

- Mondays, noon to 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays 1-4 p.m.
- Wednesdays, noon to 1:30 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.
- For instructors by appointment

Finally, I want to mention the iPad lending program, which we piloted last spring. We will continue with this partnership, which allows individual students in your class to check out iPads from the circulation desk at Hillman Library. Alternatively, instructors can check out up to 30 iPads to use for a class session. Arrangements to use the iPads in either capacity require arrangements in advance.

There will be additional announcements later this semester, as we are working on several very exciting fronts. In the mean time, you can visit our web page (<http://www.english.pitt.edu/digital-media/digital-media-lab>) or email us.

**Contact Info**

To book the Digital Media Lab classroom for a session: [digitalmedialab@pitt.edu](mailto:digitalmedialab@pitt.edu), or Chelsea Blake ([chelseablake@pitt.edu](mailto:chelseablake@pitt.edu))

For technical consultations or to arrange a classroom visit: [digitalmedialab@pitt.edu](mailto:digitalmedialab@pitt.edu) or Matt Kelly ([msk49@pitt.edu](mailto:msk49@pitt.edu))

To sign up for the iPad program or to get more information: [digitalmedialab@pitt.edu](mailto:digitalmedialab@pitt.edu).

All my best,

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