

Dear Colleagues,

I'm excited to step into the role of director of the Digital Media Lab, or DML. Our mission is to facilitate departmental experimentation, connection, and collaboration with digital tools and methods. This year the DML faces a moment of transition (both fiscal and staff). I hope to use this opportunity to assess and revitalize how the DML supports our Pitt English department and coordinates with campus and community partners. The DML currently offers the following:

FACULTY CONSULTATIONS

The director of the DML provides support for instructors in the arenas of digital tools and method pedagogy, research, and community-collaborative projects. You may find a consultation helpful if you want to incorporate new technology into one of your classes, develop a digital assignment, or outline a new research project. Visit <https://dmap.pitt.edu/fitzpatrick> to schedule a consultation.

DML CLASSROOM (Cathedral 435) & EQUIPMENT CLOSET

The physical location of the Digital Media Lab, located in CL 435. Several courses are held in the space each semester and it can also be reserved for a classroom session. Email JLF115@pitt.edu to inquire about availability, or if you would like information on instructional support and/or digital media equipment. The lab has 20 iMacs and room for five additional students using their own laptops. (Please note these numbers do not account for social distancing.)

New this year: We are establishing a media equipment closet accessible from within the 435 lab. Once finalized, details on available equipment and access protocols will be posted at <https://dmap.pitt.edu/locations> and announced through our mailing list.

EVENTS & MAILING LIST

The DML sponsors or co-sponsors events including guest speakers, workshops, reading groups, and the undergraduate Digital Media Showcase. The best way to stay up to date is to subscribe to our mailing list at <https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/digitalmailinglist>.

DIGITAL MEDIA AND PEDAGOGY (DMAP) WEBSITE

The DMAP website offers longer descriptions of DML initiatives and provides teaching assignment prompts and general resources (including audio, graphic, and web design). Visit at <https://dmap.pitt.edu/about>

Missing something?

In the past, the DML also offered faculty support through Digital Pedagogy and Scholarship Grants and a graduate student placement as the Digital Media Learning Coordinator. Unfortunately, these elements were financed through the position of a past director and, as such, do not exist at this time. During this year's transition we need to consider how to recover from their loss.

I look forward to working with you all.

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