Dear English Department Colleagues,

As director of the Digital Media Lab, I'm happy to welcome you all back this Fall, or to welcome you for the first time if you're starting a new position. The DML is an umbrella organization for several digital media and pedagogy initiatives in the English department at Pitt. Our mission to facilitate departmental experimentation, connection, and collaboration with digital tools and methods. To this end, the DML coordinates the following:

DIGITAL MEDIA LEARNING COORDINATOR

The DMLC provides support for teaching digital tools and methods, and can assist in everything from constructing assignments to giving in-class technology tutorials. They also organize events promoting the innovative work students and teachers are doing in English, such as the end-of-semester Digital Showcase and the pedagogy-focused Digital Brown Bag series. Visit https://dmap.pitt.edu/people for information on this year's DMLC, and the position in general.

DIGITAL PEDAGOGY AND SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The DML seeks to develop capacity among faculty and graduate students in digital research and pedagogy, and to foster collaborative digital projects in and beyond the department. In recognition of the fact that these goals may require substantive time commitments, effort, and expenditures on the part of our department members, we offer monetary awards (from $250 to $1,000). Visit https://dmap.pitt.edu/digital-pedagogy-scholarship-about for submission guidelines and the latest Call for Proposals.

DIGITAL MEDIA LAB CLASSROOM (CATHEDRAL 435)

The Digital Media Lab is located in CL 435. Several courses are held in the space each semester, and it can also be reserved for a classroom session. Contact the English Department main office to inquire about availability, or email digitalmedialab@pitt.edu if you would like information on instructional support and/or digital media equipment. The lab has 20 iMacs and has room for five additional students using their own laptops.

OUR MAILING LIST

The DML sponsors or co-sponsors numerous events each year, including guest speakers, workshops, the undergraduate Digital Media Showcase, and a Spring Digital Practicum. The best way to stay up to date is to subscribe to our mailing list at https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/digitalmailinglist.

MEET WITH US

In addition to providing these services, the DMLC and I both make ourselves available for individual consultations. Visit https://dmap.pitt.edu/consultations for current information about our office hours.

All my best,

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