Bringing the World to Your Classroom, and Your Classroom to the World
Greetings from Virginia Tech!

Technology in the classroom talks

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Intro: Why you should consider turning your classroom/assignments/interactions completely inside out, and open to the world...

Has anyone here ever written a 10 page paper? 20? More?
How did you do it?
Who graded it?
Who else saw it?
What ever happened to it?

In what job/career would a person be tasked with creating a giant document, completely by themselves, with no collaboration with others, that would then be seen by only one person, and then thrown in the garbage?
We think this is the best part of education:

Colombian Drug Traffickers Captured in Venezuela

Two of Colombia's most wanted drug traffickers were arrested with the help of Venezuela. Will this strengthen the relationship between Santos and Chavez?

Stephen's Wine Blog

Wine Festival 4/28: Fork and Cork

It was a stormy Saturday morning, the bros and I thought the weather couldn't be better for downing 25 dollars worth of free sampled killer wine. The only way to solve this need was to go to Blacksburg's annual Fork and Cork. We were surprised upon arrival at just the amount of people were actually at the event. The Fork and Cork really does mess around, people were really pumped about the event and there was a great deal of vineyard businesses present. The following blog will document my experience at Fork and Cork, wines I tried, and what I thought of the event all around.
So how can we encourage collaboration and “openness”?

- Experiment with new communication tools
- Integrate collaboration/openness into assignments
- Harness student knowledge and crowd-sourcing

...and get your students (and yourself) out there interacting in the real world we are preparing them for!
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**Current News on the Debt Crisis in the EU**

by plaid_eurasia

The EU debt crisis is still in full swing. Many people fear that, if Greece were to default, other countries may follow. These include Spain and Italy, which are not small economic countries. To prepare for this, Angela Merkel has agreed to increase the amount of funds available in the EU permanent bailout fund. While the crisis has affected other countries, such as the US, the European Central Bank has not seen
Technologies that facilitate connection and encourage interaction in class, and in the world

3 approaches:

- An individual (student) posting info 1:WORLD
  e.g. Twitter, Facebook, podcast, Tumblr, Storify

- An individual (student) interacting 1:1 with others
  e.g. Skype, Ustream, Penpals, Spotify

- An individual (student) interacting 1:MANY others
  e.g. GoogleDocs, Google Hangout, Wikis, forums, Reddit
TOOLS
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PA Aung San Suu Kyi @Plaid_SuuKyi
28 Jun
This is my last day in France before I return to Burma to deal with the problems at home.

Plaid Juan Santos @Plaid_Santos
28 Jun
@Plaid_Chavez I'm sorry you were removed from office and that I put the 'nail in the coffin' by affirming your impeachment procedure.

Plaid Hu Jintao @Plaid_Hu
28 Jun
Still in Beijing, I'm looking forward to visit Hong Kong tomorrow.

plaidavenger At the #ISETL conference in San Diego and it's great so far! I'm looking forward to my presentation tomorrow on how I teach 2700 in #wrvt – 6:33 PM Oct 13th, 2011

STH_Hokie You are in World Regions, you #OccupyBurruss #WRVT – 1:33 PM Oct 13th, 2011

morganp4109 I love how the @WSI keeps me up to date on all the world news that we talk about in class #wrvt, #ifeelsosmart – 9:46 AM Oct 13th, 2011

Plaid_Pope you knit me socks I'll give you a signed rosary. just ask Julia O'Donnell. #imawesome #narcissistic #hashtag #nigelthornberry #wrvt
First ever on-line midterm exam is now complete! No explosions, no server meltdown, no students surrounding my office with pitchforks and torches. Quite frankly, I am saddened by its lack of titanic problems. I of course aced it, like a boss. How did you all fare?

Wow. I just received an email from Aung San Suu Kyi. I'm not sure I could receive a higher honor this semester. This is for you, the World Regions class:

"Dear Professor Boyer,

Meeting you and your student by Skype was one of the most enjoyable experiences I have had. It is a pity all politics cannot be that fun. Please convey my heartfelt thanks to all the participants. At the same time, I would like to thank you for your efforts in making our conversation such a memorable one."

Video from last nights class where we requested Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez to come to Virginia Tech and show their film "The Way" http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXjNACjXRBI

Bringing The Way to VT

John Boyer and his class of 3000 at Virginia Tech request Emilio Estevez and Martin Sheen to stop by Blacksburg, VA on their bus tour for their film "The Way"
Is a new 'Chinese Containment Policy' underway? It sure looks like it to the Plaid Avenger and friends! As the USA continues to focus more time, attention, money, and military into Asia as a whole, SouthEast Asia in particular looks to be the region that is gaining the most-est in terms of US love. Visits from top US officials, investment from top US companies, and strategic US military ties are all being formed at a break-neck speed across the ASEAN block...all of which serve to bolster US influence in the region while simultaneously side-lining China’s aggressive attempts to do the same thing! The battle for Pacific primacy on!
world-shaker

putting dings in the universe

My name is Michael. I work in distance learning and give presentations on social media for students and educators. If you'd like to know more, check the links at the top of this page.

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ohmuffins:

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DISNEY...

Margaret Mahy

Comprendre notre monde, notre univers, notre être!

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TOOLS
-An individual (student) interacting 1:VANY others
  e.g. GoogleDocs, Google Hangout, Wikis, forums, Reddit, news forums, Spreecast
Live, multi-user editing
Classroom Wikis

How Can I Use a Wiki in the Classroom?

- Vicky Davis "Wiki Wiki Teaching: The art of using wiki pages to teach"
- Vicky Davis "Five Uses for Wikis in a Classroom:
  - Lesson Summaries
  - Collaboration of Notes
  - Concept Introduction and Exploratory Projects
  - Dissemination of Important Classroom Learning Beyond the Classroom
  - Individual Assessment Projects
- S. Pixy Ferris and Hilary Wilder "Uses and Potentials of Wikis in the Classroom"
- Using wiki in education

Examples of Classroom Wikis

Elementary School

- A Collaborative Storytelling Wiki: students contribute based on certain instructions they have given to create a story together. Examples:
  - Terry the Tennis Ball, students in Geelong, Australia build a "choose your own path" story wiki.

Middle School

- Katikati Primary School - Room 25 - Year 5/6 class (New Zealand) - 9-11 year olds

- Priestic6 Class Wiki - Priestic Primary School (UK) - Year 6 Class - 10/11 year olds

Junior High School

High School

- GCSE History Wiki - Ridgewood School (UK) - Year 10 Class (14/15 year olds) - Doug Belshaw
- Mrs. Garney's Classroom - Euclid High School (Euclid, OH) 10th Grade (14/15 year olds) American History & 12th Grade (17/18 year olds) Psychology - Stephanie Garney

University

- SUA Learning Clusters Vocabulary Wiki - Wiki for sharing new vocabulary for a variety of topics at Soka University of America
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<td>Hugo Chavez, the president of Venezuela, reported to the press that he would register for the upcoming presidential election on Monday. Chavez will be running for a third term as president. Chavez’s opponent, Henrique Capriles, also plans to formalize this candidacy in the next few days. <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-18348937">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-18348937</a></td>
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<td>This re-election is considered to be the most challenging re-election for Chavaz since his first taking the office in 1999. With his cancer coming back on top of that, I think that this will be a really rough one for him. I feel that his opponent, Henrique Capriles Radonski, may have a pretty good chance at coming ahead in this election. However, the poorer folk of this country are likely to stay loyal to Chavaz, as their lives improved greatly ever since Chavaz first became president.</td>
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<td>I think that this election will be difficult for both candidates. You have in one hand those who are afraid of change; those who support Chavez and see him as the guy who changed Venezuela and their life. On the other hand however, you have those who think about his illness and how it may affect him and their life in the next six years. A candidates health is a huge game-changer. I wonder what changes, if any, would take place in terms of Venezuela’s foreign policy and its relationship with the US if Capriles won.</td>
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Wayne State wants to end tenure, faculty members say

Can Technology Fix Education?

One-Third of Colleges Are on Financially "Unsustainable" Path, Study Finds

Hey r/singapore I know you all love food - want to share your secrets with me?

Hello, I'll be visiting for five days in July and want to try the most food that I can. The most and the best.
I have bookings for a couple of restaurants, and am planning on doing tea at Raffle's... But I want specific details for where I should go for THE best chicken rice, nasi lemak, roti prata, kaya toast, etc. That place you go to for that one dessert that makes you so happy that maybe you cry a little bit. Although, I'd really love some suggestions for dishes that aren't what tourists know about. I love offal if that helps.
Also, I love durian, so any durian related products/desserts/dishes you know of - please share!
I'm open to trying anything and am really adventurous when it comes to food.
I've heard nothing but amazing things about the food scene in Singapore and I'm really excited!

all 33 comments

- krash666: Everything Needs More Tits!
  https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TscFxXEOL3xDoEmoAbYMu8JMv4x_fDg9cABB7QVDW/edit?hl=en_US&authkey=CPRx_LEK

- krash666: Everything Needs More Tits!
  also if you did not notice, there are google map links attached to most of the recommendations

- isconv: Tian Tian Hainanese Chicken Rice always gets the top vote.

- AngMoKio: Minister of Foreign Affairs and Sailing: Tian Tian is excellent but the Chicken rice at Clementi near the market near block 256 still holds an allure for me.
Viktor’s dilemma
A country caught precariously between east and west
Ukraine and the West

Sep 24th 2011 | KIEV AND YALTA

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Joey the Reader wrote:
Oct 5th 2011 12:52 GMT
Yes, and Dido, a Senior Ukrainian Shale Gas expert, knows so much about the subject, with his Gas degree from the Institute of technology in Kryzhopol.

Didomyk wrote:
Oct 5th 2011 12:22 GMT
Meanwhile, as reported Sept 29 by Reuters, - Turkey joined a chorus of European companies demanding that Russia’s Gazprom cut its natural gas prices.

Turkish Energy Minister Taner Yildiz was quoted as saying that his country might terminate one of its contracts with Gazprom unless it obtains a sufficient price reduction.

Turkey has joined a number of European customers in seeking price cuts from Gazprom that links gas prices to global oil prices. The German utility E.ON, as well as other European clients, are demanding that Russia cut prices on long-term gas contracts.
Jam session Sat. Night
Saturday Feb 11 5:53pm EST | Gary Vaynerchuk's Channel | 9214 views | Public

Gary Vaynerchuk
Wayne Sutton
Seth Everett
Caleb Brown

Peter Seid  oy - 13:00
Carlo Ritschl  no audio? - 13:00
Anthony Augugliaro  Thomas, Will be in Charlotte Wed night - 13:02
Jon Kurozawa  Hey there's Gary! - 13:08
Tommy  mute - 13:10
Thomas McMillan  awesome Anthony. - 13:17
Kiel Holliday  Hey Gary - 13:19
Craig Zarkos  what's the topic, is there a topic? - 13:25
Carlo Ritschl  lol - 13:32
Caleb Mezzy  You are spoiling the Caleb name. - 13:40
Aaron  too funny - 13:42
Frank Denbow  11, 2012 at 5:54pm

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Social is On
Your watching activity is being pushed to your Facebook timeline.
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Assignments that interact (and our examples)

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3) Students collaborating with others out in the wider world on projects
ASSIGNMENTS

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   Why?

Blog writing/commenting

Discussion forums

Twitter

Interviews

Delicious
ASSIGNMENTS

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Why?

Editorial skills. Communication skills (human and digital). Social skills.
ASSIGNMENTS

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STUDENTS

But wait! Let’s get more ‘real world’ regardless of what assignments you use: utilize student energy and knowledge!

1) Students as checks on other students

2) Students themselves as sources of knowledge

3) “Crowd-sourcing” knowledge
1) Students as checks on other students

Live, multi-user editing
2) Students themselves as sources of knowledge

Student based knowledge
3) ”Crowd-sourcing” knowledge

“crowd sourcing” put in anything that has voting...reddit, iclicker, mentimeter

PollEverywhere

What region should we head to next?

- Middle East: 53%
- Russia: 23%
- Japan: 24%

Total Results: 683
Final slide: Why is it important?

- students take pride in public work
- students write better when they know anyone can read it
- can give feedback directly as comments
- permanent portfolio for the student
- students learn IT skills
- students learn how to properly interact online
- education transparency