

*Toward a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning for the Digital Humanities*  
Wednesday, May 7th - 11:00am to 12:00noon - PSY 228B

This colloquium will present the work of an interdisciplinary team of faculty and students working in the area of games-based learning for the humanities. Dr. Rudy McDaniel from the Digital Media department and Dr. Stephen Fiore from the Department of Philosophy and the Institute for Simulation and Training will discuss the results of a study measuring the effectiveness of story as an aid for learning **African-American history** and culture in a Neverwinter Nights modified game about the **Underground Railroad** ([www.dm.ucf.edu/~proselab/projects.php](http://www.dm.ucf.edu/~proselab/projects.php)).

This game was designed for fifth graders and tested with four fifth grade history classes at Whispering Oaks Elementary School in Winter Garden. Dr. Natalie Underberg from the Digital Media department will discuss her project, **Turkey Maiden**, which is also a Neverwinter Nights game that teaches students about many facets of **Latin American history** and culture in 1930s Latin Tampa

([www.dm.ucf.edu/~nunderberg/turkeymaiden.html](http://www.dm.ucf.edu/~nunderberg/turkeymaiden.html)). Ms. Mary Tripp, an adjunct instructor in Philosophy and English and a doctoral student in the Texts and Technology program will present her progress in developing a game modification to teach about **gender studies** and **Chaucer's Wife of Bath's Tale** using the Oblivion game engine

([http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~mtripp/oblivion\\_mod/](http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~mtripp/oblivion_mod/)). The session will conclude with a discussion by Dr. McDaniel and Mr. Peter Telep of the English Department presenting results from their SoTL project measuring reactions to an interdisciplinary honors seminar on video gaming.



The Digital Narrative Group is designed to support UCF's Center for Humanities and Digital Research (<http://chdr.cah.ucf.edu/>) via the pursuit of interdisciplinary scholarship in understanding and applying narrative theory. For information on joining, or contributing to the CHDR Digital Narrative Group, please contact Dr. Stephen M. Fiore [sfiore@ist.ucf.edu](mailto:sfiore@ist.ucf.edu).