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EDUCATION

New York University, New York
Ph.D.   Educational Communication and Technology, May, 2015 (anticipated)

Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
M.A.   English/Writing Studies Program, January 2004
B.A.   English/American Literature Program, January 1998

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Director of Emerging & Instructional Technology, April 2008 – Present

- o   Established the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) Emerging & Instructional Technology Unit (eit.montclair.edu), which is dedicated to the application of technology in teaching and learning. The Emerging & Instructional Technology (E&IT) Unit originally only offered one-on-one consultation and supported a lab in a small space with three computers and scanners. In May of 2012, the lab moved into space three times larger than its original location and now offers a variety of consultation services, workshops, and seminars. A few recent sessions include: Google: More Than Just Search, How To Create Community in a Hybrid or Online Course, Limesurvey, and iPad: Educational Uses.
- o   Work with instructors to identify ways to apply, adopt, and develop academic technology
- o   Designed, developed, implemented, & iterate web-based assessment process for hybrid and online courses
- o   Advise and inform the CHSS administration regarding the use of academic technology and the status of CHSS hybrid and online learning
- o   Coordinate weekly workshops/seminars as well as a bi-annual 2-day tech workshop
- o   Supervise part-time student staff and co-op interns from various departments
- o   Founded and continue to chair the Emerging Learning Design (ELD) Conference, which has grown into a regional event attracting interest from across the country and internationally. The mission of ELD is to provide a space to showcase innovation as well as to engage in a vibrant and dynamic discourse regarding pedagogy and how technology can better enhance or transform it. The conference has been sponsored by: Apple, Pearson, Panasonic, The New Media Consortium, the EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative, and Canvas

Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Director of Technology Services, June 2003 – April 2008

- o   Established the CHSS Technology Services Unit
- o   Supervised the provision of technology services and support to over 400 full-time faculty members, adjunct instructors, administrators, and staff

- o Advised and directed the CHSS administration regarding technology issues
- o Supervised three full-time staff and four part-time student staff

Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
College of Education and Human Services
Virtual Worlds Consultant, June 2008 – June 2009

- o Consulted with the Dean and Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Service regarding the college's virtual world presence.
- o Worked with faculty to develop, design, and build course components to be executed in a virtual world. The work with one faculty member on counseling theories has received national attention and been detailed in several articles.

Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Per Diem, November 1997 – June 2003

- o Coordinated the administrative and educational technology unit beginning in 2000
- o Established the CHSS Tech Team, 1999
- o Special Assistant to the Dean, 1998 - 2000
- o Data Entry Supervisor, 1997 – 1998

TEACHING

- o ENWR100: Introduction to Basic Writing (Fall 1999, Spring 1999, Fall 1998)
- o ENWR105: College Writing I: Writing and Literary Studies (Spring 2004)
- o ENWR105: Introduction to College Writing I: (Spring 2008 (hybrid), Fall 2007 (hybrid), Spring 1998)
- o PSYC199: New Student Seminar: (Fall 2007 (hybrid), Spring 2007 (hybrid), Fall 2006, Spring 2006, Fall 2005

SCHOLARSHIP

Focus of Current Research: the formation of working groups in learning environments. Whereas there is good educationally-based research that focuses on the student learning, the efforts to consider instructor decision on the use of work groups has been based on content-specific areas and not learning sciences. I am currently conducting research that considers how, why, and when a sampling of instructors in higher education make use of group work in class, if and how they assigned roles to the members of the group, and what percentage of grade is given to the member of the group and/or the group as a whole. The results will be cross-referenced against career, institutional (Carnegie Classification) and demographic data.

Focus of Published Research: the use of 3D virtual worlds in education.

Publications (all invited)

Kelton, A. (2011). Speaking Personally—With Larry Johnson. *American Journal of Distance Education*, *25*(2), 121-127. doi:10.1080/08923647.2011.568239

Kelton, A. (2011). The View From Here. *International Journal of Gaming and Computer Mediated Simulations*, *3*(1), iii - vii.

Kelton, A. (2009, June 15). Education is Changing. Retrieved December 4, 2011, from http://hallnj.org/topics/34-education/110-education-is-changing

Kelton, A. (2008). Virtual Worlds? "Outlook Good." *EDUCAUSE review*, *43*(5), 14-22. Retrieved from http://www.educause.edu/ero/article/virtual-worlds-outlook-good

Kelton, A. (2007). *Second Life: Reaching into the Virtual Worlds for Real World Learning*. Boulder, CO: EDUCAUSE Center for Applied Research (ECAR). Retrieved from http://www.educause.edu/ECAR/SecondLifeReachingintotheVirtu/161863

SELECT PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Presentations - Invited

Friedlander, B., **Kelton, A**., & Renfro-Michel, E. (2013, November). *Creating the Ideal Classroom: How Student Learn with Tech Access.* Panel presented at the American Conference on Diversity, Montclair State University. Montclair, NJ.

Kelton, A. (2013, November). *Town Hall Meeting on Emerging Instructional Technology and Design.* presented at the SJSU School of Library & Information Sciences Fall 2013 Colloquia, SLIS Island, Second Life.

Kelton, A. (2013, March). *Research Tools for Higher Ed*. Presented at the Google in Education NY/NJ Summit, Kean University. Union, NJ.

Kelton, A. (2013, January). *Emerging Pedagogy*. Keynote presented at the January 2013 Faculty Retreat, Chaminade University, Honolulu, HI.

Evans, R. & **Kelton, A.** (2012, November). *Digital Access: Technology and the Digital Divide*. Invited Panel presented at the 12th Annual Diversity Issues in Higher Education Conference, Saint Peter's University. Jersey City, NJ.

Fails, J., Festa, G., Ho, T., **Kelton, A**., Miele, G., & Nicosia, L. (2012, June). *Montclair State's iBooks/iBooks Author Pilot Project*. Panel presented at the Emerging Learning Design 2012, Montclair, NJ USA.

Kelton, A. (2009, December). *The Shifting Landscape: Virtual Worlds in Education.* Keynote presented at the Center for Innovative Education 21st Century Learning Conference., Union, NJ, USA.

Kelton, A.. (2009, November). *It's About More Than the Tools.* Presented at the President's National Educational Technology Plan, Second Life.

Kelton, A. (2008, August). *Using Tomorrow's Technology in Today's Teaching*. Presented at the Fundacao do Desenvolvimento Administrativo (FUNDAP), Sao Paulo, Brasil.

Presentations – Peer Reviewed

Bilella, J., **Kelton, A**., Ritola, B., & Sun, Y. (2011, November). *The Online Program Development Team (OPDT): Leadership Through Engaging the Campus Community*. Presented at the SLOAN-C

International Conference on Online Learning, Orlando, FL, USA.

Eisert, D., **Kelton, A**., & Smith-Robbins, S. (2010, October). *Down the Rabbit Hole: Augmented and Alternate Reality for Learning.* Preconference presented at the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA, USA.

Joosten, T., **Kelton, A.**, & Ritter, S. (2010, October). *Top-10 Questions to Consider When Implementing Social Media: Perspectives of Different Campuses.* Presented at the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA.

Kelton, A., & Smith-Robbins, S. (2009, November). *Web 2.0 and the Changing Face of Education: Hands-On "Prosumer" Education in Practice.* Preconference presented at the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference, Denver, CO, USA.

Kelton, A., Nicosia, L., & Wilson, L. (2009, October). *And Justice for All: Using Artificial Environments to Create Community and Teach Diversity.* Presented at the National Network for Educational Renewal (NNER) 2009 Annual Conference, Bellevue, WA, USA.

Kelton, A., & Renfro-Michel, E. (2008, November). *Using Second Life to Teach Difficult Concepts*. Presented at the Northeast Connect, Montclair.

Jorn, L. A., **Kelton, A**., Lippincott, J. K., & Stuart, C. (2008, October). *Emerging Learning Spaces*. Presented at the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, USA.

Kelton, A., & Smith-Robbins, S. (2008, October). *Millennials and Web 2.0: "Prosumer" Education in Practice.* Preconference presented at the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, USA.

Joosten, T., **Kelton, A**., Keyek-Franssen, D., Shapiro, W., & Taylor, S. (2008, October). *Assessment in Student Experience in Second Life.* Presented at the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, USA.

Emery, E., Johnson, S., & **Kelton, A**., (2004, May). *Connecting the Dots: Using Videoconferencing as a Bridge for US/Brasilian Educational Exchange*. Presented at the Aizen International Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil.

Kelton, A., & Salomon, R. I. (2001, November). *Walking the Tightrope: The Distributed Leader*. Presented at the Syllabus Fall, Danvers, MA, USA

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- o 2011-2012 May and Samuel Rudin Award - given to NYU Educational Communication and Technology doctoral students who have excelled in their studies and in their commitment to the program and field
- o 2009-2010 Erwin and Hazel Dingman Award – established to recognize students in the NYU Department of Administration, Leadership & Technology who show evidence of academic excellence.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- o Institutional Repository Task Force   2014 – Present

o	University Senate Administrative Affairs Council Chair	2013 – Present
o	University Senate Professional Staff Representative	2013 – Present & 2004 – 2007
o	Professional Staff Review Board	2013 – Present
o	Quality Matters Institutional Representative	2010 – Present
o	Academic Technology Committee	1998 – Present
	Chair	2008 – 2010 & 2001 – 2003
o	Canvas Review Core Committee (appointed by Provost)	2012 – 2013
o	Online Program Development Team (appointed by Provost)	2010 – 2013
o	University LMS Working Group (appointed by Provost)	2010 – 2012
o	Presidents Commission on Affirmative Action (appointed by President)	2004 – 2007

PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE

The Journal of Emerging Learning Design - eldj.montclair.edu
In response to the quality work submitted to the Emerging Learning Design 2012 Conference, and in an effort to encourage a broader range of submitters, I founded, and am the Managing Editor, for the Journal of Emerging Learning Design (ELDJ). The ELDJ's inaugural issue was published on April 22, 2013 as an open access, peer-reviewed, online journal that provides a platform for academic and practitioners to explore learning design issues and their implications at national and international levels. The ELDJ is intended to promote scholarly communication in the emerging learning deign field and present best practices in design and implementation by offering articles that present engaging and dynamic approaches to pedagogy and how technology can better enhance it.

•	EDUCAUSE Games and Learning Constituent Group Co-Founder and Co-Leader	2010 – Present
•	Western Governors University IT Advisory Committee	2008 – Present
•	EDUCAUSE Virtual Worlds Constituent Group: Founder and Co-Leader	2007 – 2013
•	Virtual Worlds Education Roundtable: Founder, Chief Moderator (08 – 12)	2008 – 2013
•	EDUCAUSE 2010 Mid-Atlantic Regional Program Committee	2009 – 2010
•	Cecil College 2010-2015 Strategic Plan	2009 – 2009
•	EDUCAUSE Quarterly Editorial Committee	2005 – 2008
•	EDUCAUSE Distributed Technology Support Constituent Group: Founder and Co-Leader	2002 – 2008

PRESS

- ERO Video Conversation: Teaching the Net Generation (EDUCAUSE Review) | EDUCAUSE.edu. (n.d.). Retrieved November 1, 2012, from http://www.educause.edu/ero/article/ero-video-conversation-teaching-net-generation
- Sites offering to take courses for a fee pose risk to online ed | Inside Higher Ed. (n.d.). Retrieved September 30, 2012, from http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2012/09/21/sites-offering-take-courses-fee-pose-risk-online-ed
- Special Virtual Worlds Best Practices in Education Inside the Avatar Studio with AJ Kelton. (2012, March 14). *Inside the Avatar Studio*. Retrieved January 22, 2013, from http://www.avatarstudio.info/season-3/aj-kelton-special-virtual-worlds-best-practices-in-education/

- Onwards and Upwards | EdTech Magazine. (n.d.). Retrieved December 4, 2011, from http://www.edtechmagazine.com/higher/video/onwards-and-upwards?page=1
- 21st Century Classroom Emerges | EdTech Magazine. (n.d.). Retrieved December 4, 2011, from http://www.edtechmagazine.com/higher/video/educause-10-21st-century-classroom-emerges?page=1
- *Education 2.o - not afraid of Second Life!* (2010). Retrieved from http://youtu.be/cmSEF-ntdOw
- Podcast: AJ Kelton on Virtual Worlds and the Changing Face of Education | EDUCAUSE. (n.d.). Retrieved December 4, 2011, from http://www.educause.edu/blog/gbayne/PodcastAJKeltononVirtualWorlds/198990
- Academics Discuss Mass Migration From Second Life - Wired Campus - The Chronicle of Higher Education. (2010, October 14). Retrieved December 4, 2011, from http://chronicle.com/blogs/wiredcampus/academics-discuss-mass-migration-from-second-life/27672
- Foster, A. L. (2007, September 21). Professor Avatar. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Retrieved from http://chronicle.com/article/Professor-Avatar/30018/