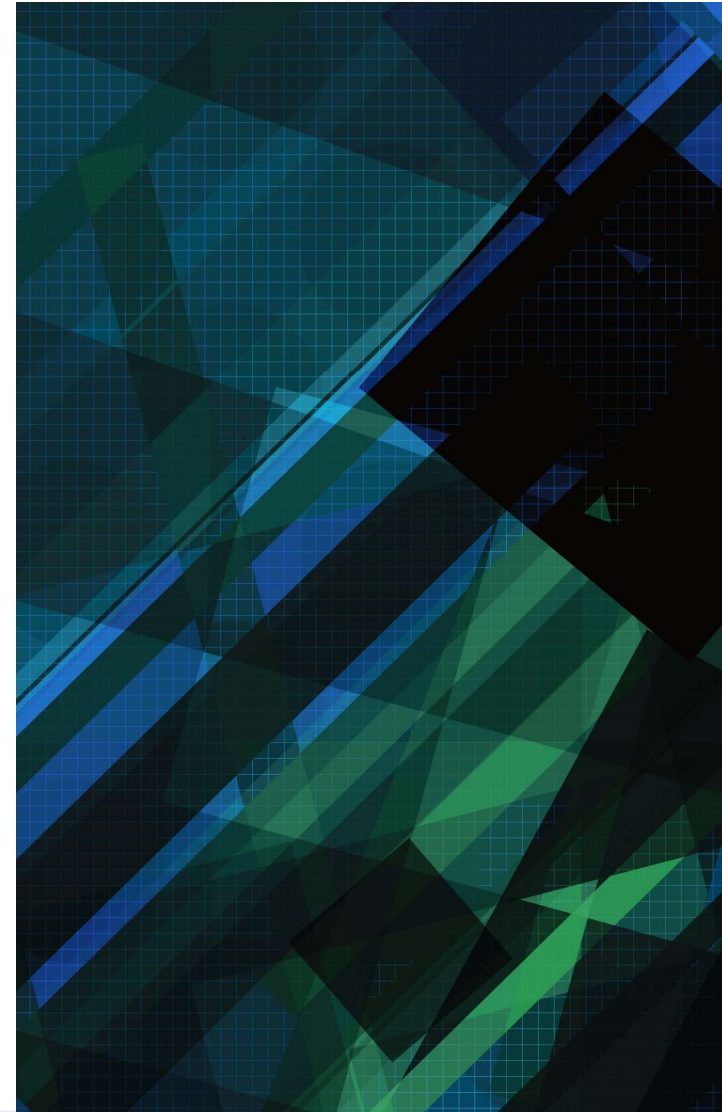


ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNITY IN ONLINE TEACHING

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ONLINE TEACHING IS DIFFERENT



Good online teaching is *not* about transferring your residential course into the online space.



It *is* about learning the tools available to you for online teaching that allow you to create an effective learning environment in the online space.



Two of the core challenges to creating a good learning environment are : (1) actively engaging students and (2) building a sense of community in the virtual classroom.

ENGAGEMENT

The peril of distraction:

Some ideas

- Discussion boards with prompts and cautious monitoring
- Online quizzes that operate as self-tutorials
- Optional or mandatory Zoom conversations about the quizzes.
- Aggressive in-class use of back-and-forth with and between students.
- Mix it up every 15 - 20 minutes as the Zoom experience is prone to external distractions



COMMUNITY

Importance of intentional building of a sense of community in the online space

Some Tools

1. Small-group function in Zoom
2. Student panels during class
3. Silly contests: Zoom background contest.

FINAL WORDS



Practice, practice, practice



Thinking through and achieving good online teaching will make you a better teacher residentially.



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