# From Silver Bullets to First Principles

Effectively Leveraging Technology in Higher Education

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### Anticipation Guide

- Teaching involves presenting students with material and holding students accountable for learning the material.
- 2. Technology allows teachers to teach more powerfully, more efficiently, and with less effort.
- 3. In online teaching/learning, students connect with peers, near and far, to construct knowledge.

Yes? No? What would you change?

### Introductory Frame

So...

a philosopher,

a monk, and

a researcher

balance

responsibility

student development

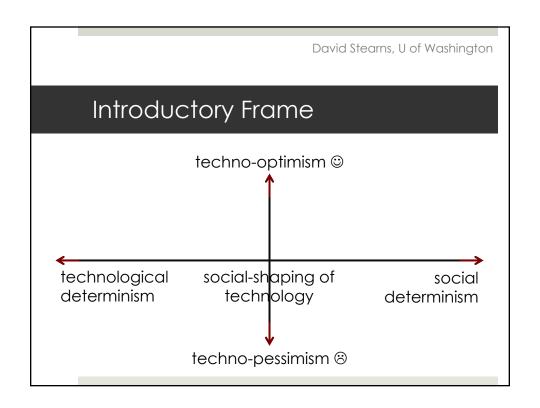
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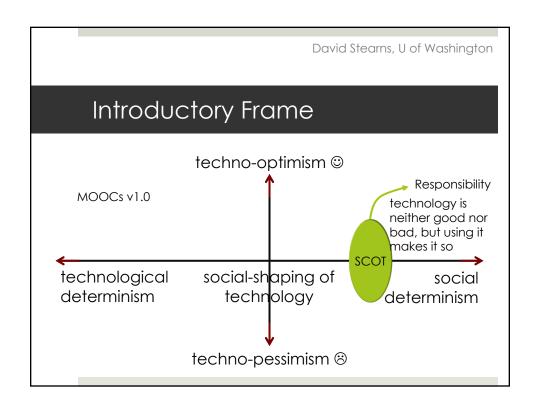
## 3 Questions to Avoid Silver Bullets

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.









In 50 years there will only be 10 institutions in the world delivering education, and Udacity has a shot at being one of them.

- Sebastian Thrun



### The New york Times

ovember 2, 2012

### The Year of the MOOC

By LAURA PAPPANO

IN late September, as workers applied joint compound to new office walls, code-writing interns and "edX fellows" — grad students and postdocs verse open online courses. As if anyone needed reminding, a row of aqua Post-its

The paint is barely dry, yet edX, the nonprofit start-up from Harvard and t courses. That's nothing. Coursera, founded just last January, has reached r Stanford to run his for-profit MOOC provider.

"This has caught all of us by surprise," says David Stavens, who formed a c 150,000 signed up for Dr. <u>Thrun's "Introduction to Artificial Intelligence"</u>

"we were three guys in Seb

"I like to call this the year

We found that the majority of MOOCs scored poorly on most [learning]

principles...[but] highly on organization and presentation of course material...although

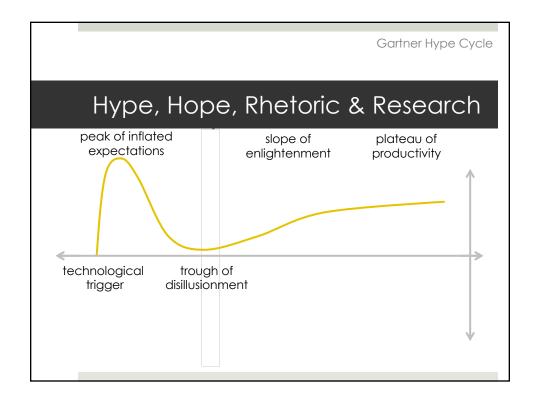
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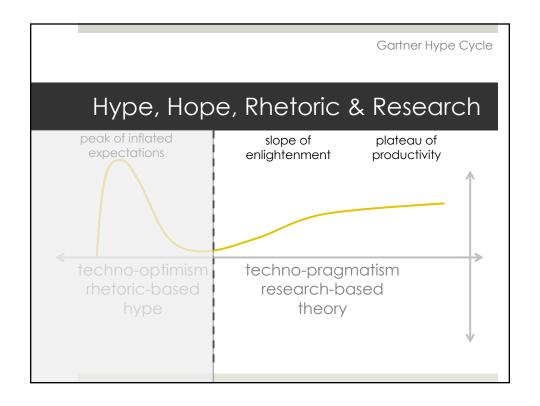
### Is 2013 Year Of The MOOC?

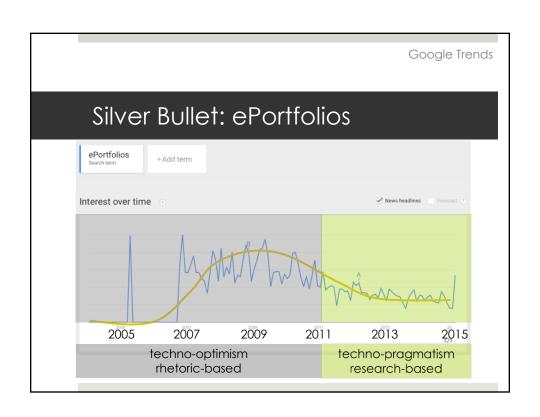
Massive open online courses are forcing institutions to consider how to offer course credit and verify student identities.

What kind of credit should be given a student half a world away, one who never set foot on the campus and who experienced school as a mix of self-guided instruction, "personalized" online classes and computerized grading?









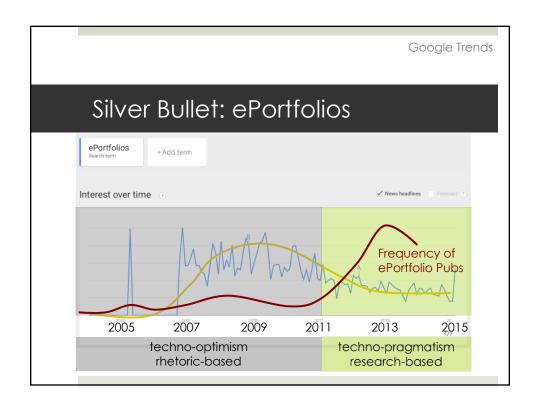
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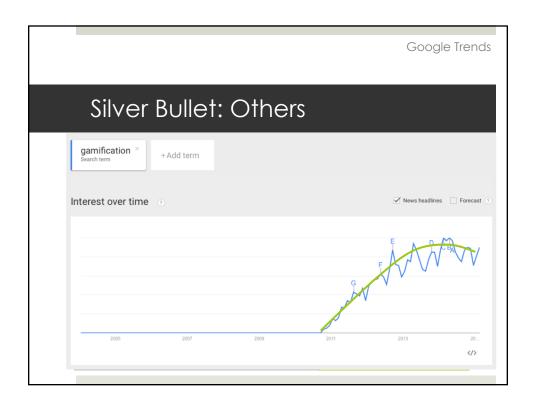
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Part 2		

The Need for Clarity	
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSdxqIBfE	Aw

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Dream

Rest Snore Sound

Tired Bed Comfort

Awake Eat Wake

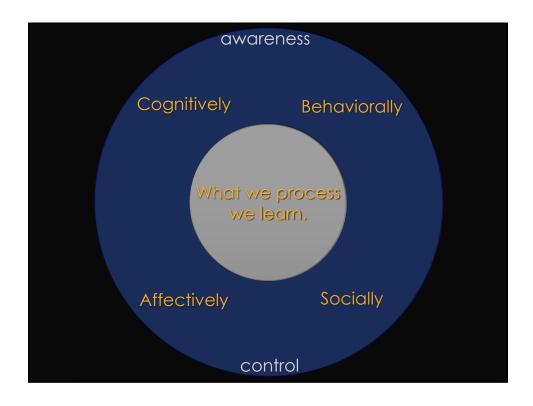
Slumber

Night

(Word Activity)

### Learning & Meaning

- 1. Knowledge/meaning is constructed during experience and reconstructed during recall.
- 2. Knowledge is organized.
- 3. When specifics are lost, meaning remains.
- 4. Cognitive strategies are used to function more effectively.
- 5. We can assess the effectiveness of our thinking.



The Effects of Segmentation and Personalization on Superficial and Comprehensive Strategy Instruction

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Design: 3 min multimedia tutorial or

2.5 hour multimedia tutorial over 4 days

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Reduces cognitive load, facilitate processing

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Hypermedia, 19(2), 5-21

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### Working Memory Capacity

- Crucible of Thought
- Stores Immediate Experiences
- Access Long-Term Memory
- Processes Experience and Memory
- Maintains Current Goal for Processing
- (especially in the presence of distraction)

### Working Memory Capacity

- □ Storage + Processing = Attentional Control
- Positive impacts include:
  - Fluid Intelligence
  - LTM Activation
  - Attentional Control
  - Reading/Language Comprehension
  - Reasoning
  - Storytelling

### Working Memory Capacity

Recall the words out loud, in order.

$$(3 + 7) / 2 = 5$$
? Cow

$$(8-3)+1=7$$
? Star

Operation Span Task

(explain directions)

### Working Memory Capacity

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$$(9-6)/3=2$$
? Grass

$$(5 + 3) - 6 = 2$$
? Phone

### Working Memory Capacity

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$$(7 + 2) + 1 = 9$$
? White

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$$(2 - 0) / 2 = 2$$
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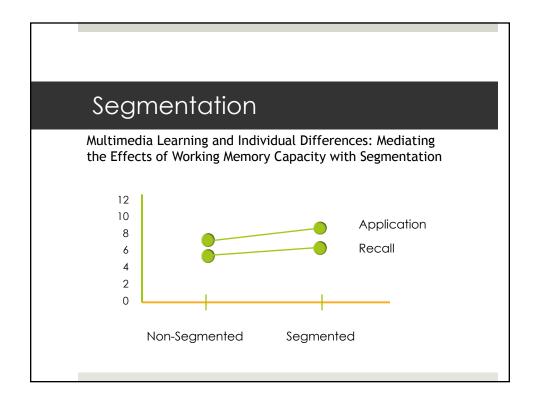
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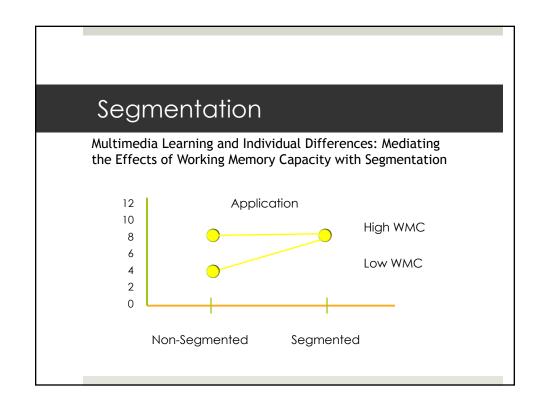
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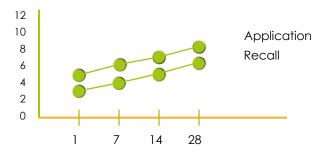
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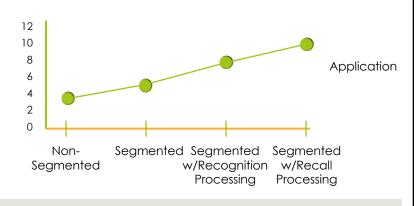
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Recognition Processing vs Recall Processing

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### When Hype & Research Collide

Multitasking

### Multitasking: The Myth

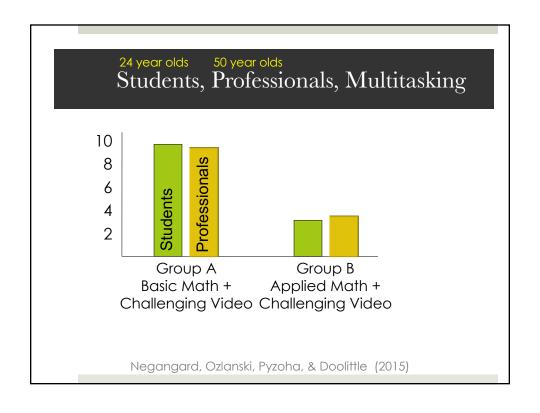
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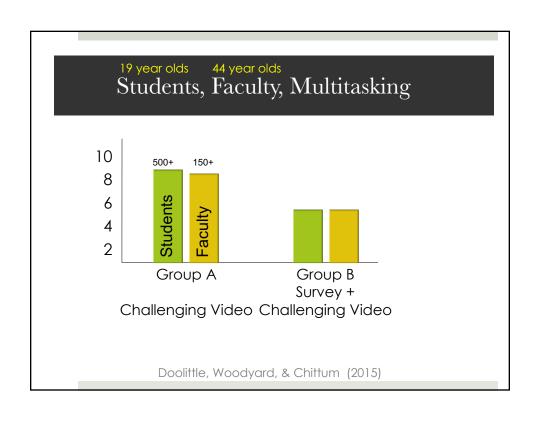
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### Was Any Research Available?

"The greater the number of objects to which our consciousness is simultaneously extended, the smaller is the intensity with which it is able to consider each."

Hamilton, Mansel, & Veitch 1861

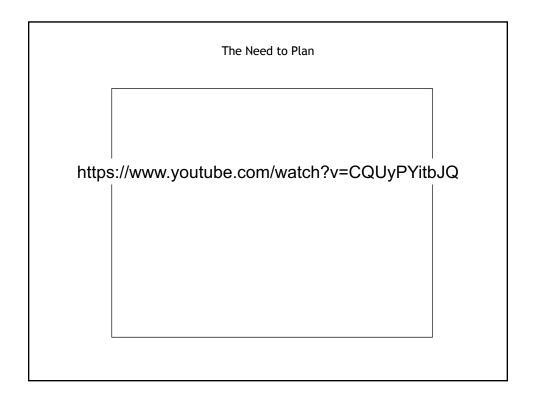


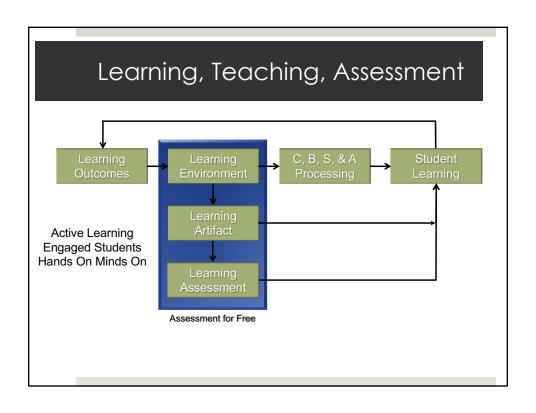


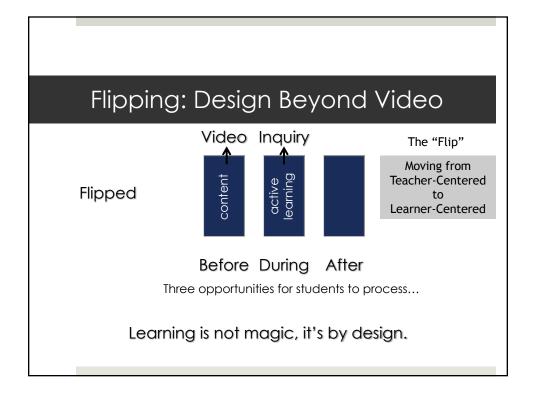
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### Part 3







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- 3. Where's the design?

3 questions to ask at every session

Flipping • Learning Spaces • Microcredentialing • MOOCs Social Web • Data Visualization • Feedback • Questions Faculty Development • Learning at Scale • Gaming Learning Analytics • Apple TV • 3D Modeling • Personalizing Schoology • VoiceThread • Respondus • MobLab • Artstor

## The End

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