

## “Digital Tactics: Enhancing the Traditional Classroom”

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Have you ever wondered how digital tools can help you reinvent traditional course materials? Dr. Pilar Herr and Rebecca Parker, from the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, will present their results after implementing Wikispaces and TimeMapper in a traditional upper-level seminar History course. Their experiment supports many of the benefits as well as concerns of digital approaches for students and professors alike. The presentation will elaborate on how the collaborative digital environment of Wikispaces enhanced the student to student as well as student to professor feedback loops. The use of TimeMapper to visualize the physical space and time of research sources allowed students a multidimensional understanding of their final thesis-driven paper. We will detail the digital modifications to the course's original assignments and discuss the learning patterns that developed from using Wikispaces and TimeMapper. Audience participation and feedback will facilitate future modifications of common History assignments, which will better prepare students for careers in our growing digitized world.