

# Digital Stories Across the Curriculum

Michael Searson  
Kean University, USA  
msearson@kean.edu

**Abstract:** A university of higher education utilizes "digital stories" across its programming. Faculty and staff at Kean University are investigating ways that digital stories may be used in various programs. Combining images, audio, and scripts, faculty and staff explore ways that digital stories may be used for student projects, professional development, and advocacy positions. Once created, these stories are shared through the production of CD's , DVD's and a dedicated server.

## Presentation

Using a variety of actual examples, the presenter will show several digital stories created by students, faculty, and staff at Kean University. Steps that were taken to train faculty on how to create and produce digital stories, how they worked together collaboratively, how they are working with their students, and future possibilities in this medium will also be discussed. Practical issues such as the production and hosting of digital stories, and how to deal with dual platform environments will also be addressed. Barriers and limitations to the implementation of digital stories across an entire university will also be discussed.

Areas addressed in an institution-wide implementation of digital stories include professional development, advocacy, curriculum integration, and technology support. A representative listing of resources to support the development of digital stories will be offered. Finally, a web-based model called "Kean Stories," which documents a variety of student, faculty, and staff created stories across a wide variety of disciplines will be shared.