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# Universities In Action

Get inspired by leading universities  
that have established and implemented key  
inclusivity initiatives

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# AGENDA

1. Welcome to EduALL
2. Speaker Introductions
3. Virginia Tech's Accessibility Initiatives
4. George Mason University's Accessibility Initiatives
5. FIT's Accessibility Initiatives
6. Live Audience Q&A
7. Next Session: Choice to hear from leaders at video platforms Mediasite, Kaltura or YuJa



# SPEAKERS



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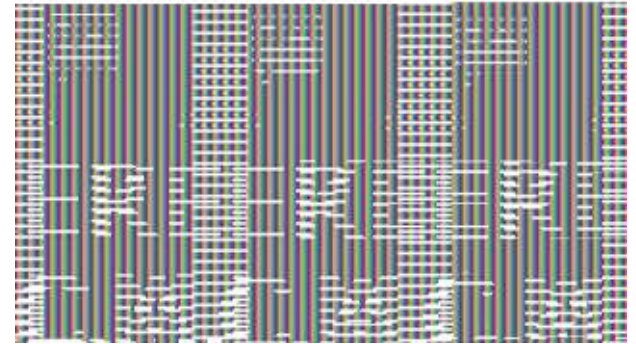
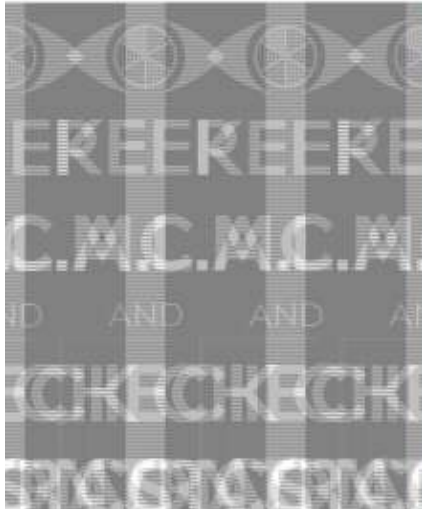
# Accessibility at VT: Establishing the Culture





# Accessibility at VT: Choose Accessible Learning Materials

## Changing Faculty Perceptions: Accessibility and Accessible Educational Materials





# Accessibility at VT: Certification Grants & A11y Network

# IAAP

International Association  
of Accessibility Professionals

<https://www.assist.vt.edu/certgrant.html>



## VT A11Y Network

Subgroups:

- Web Content Creation
- Instructional
- Media & Publications
- Web Development



# Accessibility@Mason: A Collaborative Partnership

## Compliance, Diversity, & Ethics (CDE)

Accommodations for Employees w/  
Disabilities & Physical Access



## Disability Services (DS)

Accommodations for  
Students w/ Disabilities

## Assistive Technology Initiative (ATI)

Technology Accommodations & ICT  
Accessibility Compliance





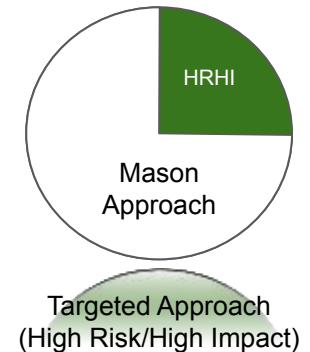
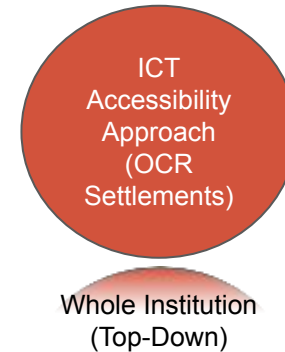
# Accessibility@Mason: High Risk/High Impact

## Collaboration with Disability Services (Accommodations)

- Focused on proactively addressing needs of students with sensory impairments (est. 70+ students in Spr. '20)

## Collaboration with Stearns Center (Compliance)

- Accessibility integrated in the online course development process





# Accessibility@Mason: Strategic Partnerships

## ✓ **Disability Services**

- Identify students with sensory loss
- Pre-semester faculty training workshops

## ✓ **Stearns Center (Provost's Office)**

- Faculty Training Resources
- Instructional Designers
  - OCDI Workshops (6-week cohorts)
  - SOUPR (grant funded, year-long support)
  - Course Accessibility Reviews

## • **Information Technology Services**

- Online Learning Resources (Bb, Kaltura)
- Architecture Standards Review Board (ASRB)
- Web Development (WordPress)

## • **University Libraries**

- Library requests, Purchasing (separate from ITS)

## • **Communications & Marketing**

- Front-facing multimedia content
- Web Development (Drupal)



# Accessibility@Mason: Meeting Faculty in Middle

## Accessible Media

(2012)



## Document Remediation

(2018)



## Web Accessibility

(2018)





# Accessibility@Mason: Next Steps (MAAPs)

## **Mason Academic Accessibility Plans or MAAPs (Work-in-Progress)**

- Focused on students with sensory loss

### **Involves *Identification, Education, and Follow-up***

- **Identify** students, academic courses, degree programs (academic advisors, chairs, etc.)
- **Educate** Dept. Chairs and instructional faculty about support and training resources
- **Follow up** with students (ensure remediation timelines) and new faculty are being educated about available resources



# Accessibility@Mason: Next Steps (MAAPs) cont.

## Example of *Fall 2019 MAAP*

- ~69 students with sensory impairments (~2-5 courses/student)...
- ~270 courses per semester (~5k-7k courses per semester)
- ~264 instructional faculty per semester
- 11 Mason colleges & schools represented
- 55 degree programs (500+ @Mason)
- Academic Advisors?
- Department Chairs?
- Deans?





# Accessibility at FIT: Today...

## SUNY Electronic & Information Technology Accessibility

- EITA Officer on each campus
- Four areas of focus:
  - Web Accessibility Standards
  - Classroom Accessibility Standards
  - Library Accessibility Standards
  - Digital Content Accessibility Standards





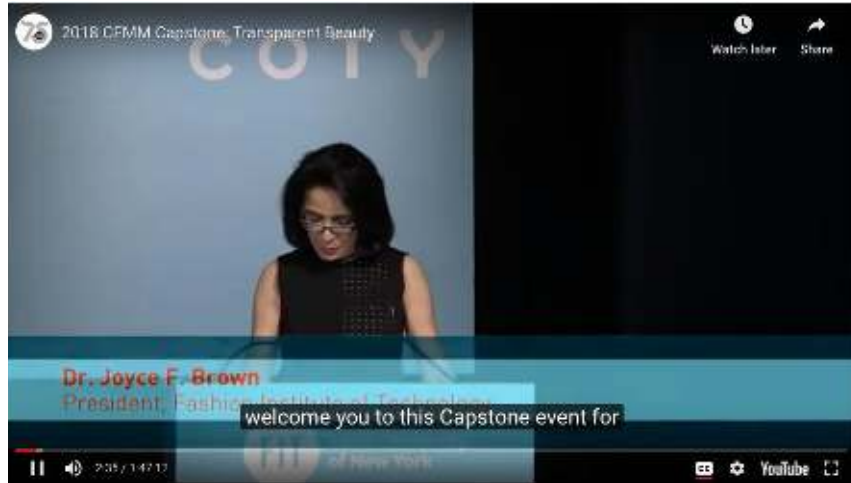
# Accessibility at FIT: ...but in past?

- **Event venues**
- **Digital signage**
- **Video captioning**





# Accessibility at FIT: Raising the bar







Any Questions?

# THANK YOU!



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