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**DUE Tuesday, March 19  
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- Poster PDF **due Tuesday, March 19 by 5 p.m.** with an abstract for your poster (summary of what it covers)

### WHEN?

- Student Showcase is at 8 p.m. on April 9, 2024

### WHERE?

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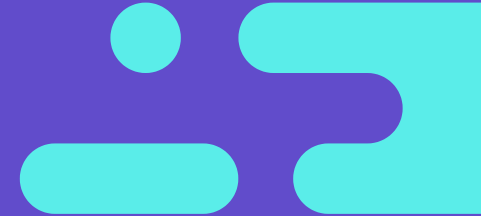
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Relevant and  
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# POSTER DESIGN AND LAYOUT CONSIDERATIONS

Balance

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Consistency

White Space

# POSTER GRAPHICS CONSIDERATIONS

Diagrams

Photographs

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Artwork

# On Morally Evaluating Videogames

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## The Philosophical Conundrum

Most people cast no negative judgement upon virtual murder, but most people would cast extensive judgement upon virtual rape/sadism/pedophilia/cannibalism. In real-life, however, most people would cast severe judgement on both murder and rape/sadism/pedophilia/cannibalism. Clearly, there is some sort of discontinuity here. Why do people's judgements about the virtual and real actions line up in one case but diverge in the other?

## Moral Evaluation of the Mind

- There are two parts to the mind: *random thoughts* and *fantasies*. It is *fantasy* which can be morally evaluated.
  - A *fantasy* I have defined to be using your mind's interface, which is your imaginative power, to direct your creation of yourself in your mind, or another creation of your mind's, to perform an act in your mind in accord with your desire, while not simultaneously performing the same act in real life.
- On the backs of scripture, renowned bible scholars, and philosophers throughout the ages, we can say with certainty that *fantasies* are subject to moral evaluation.

## The Matthew Principle

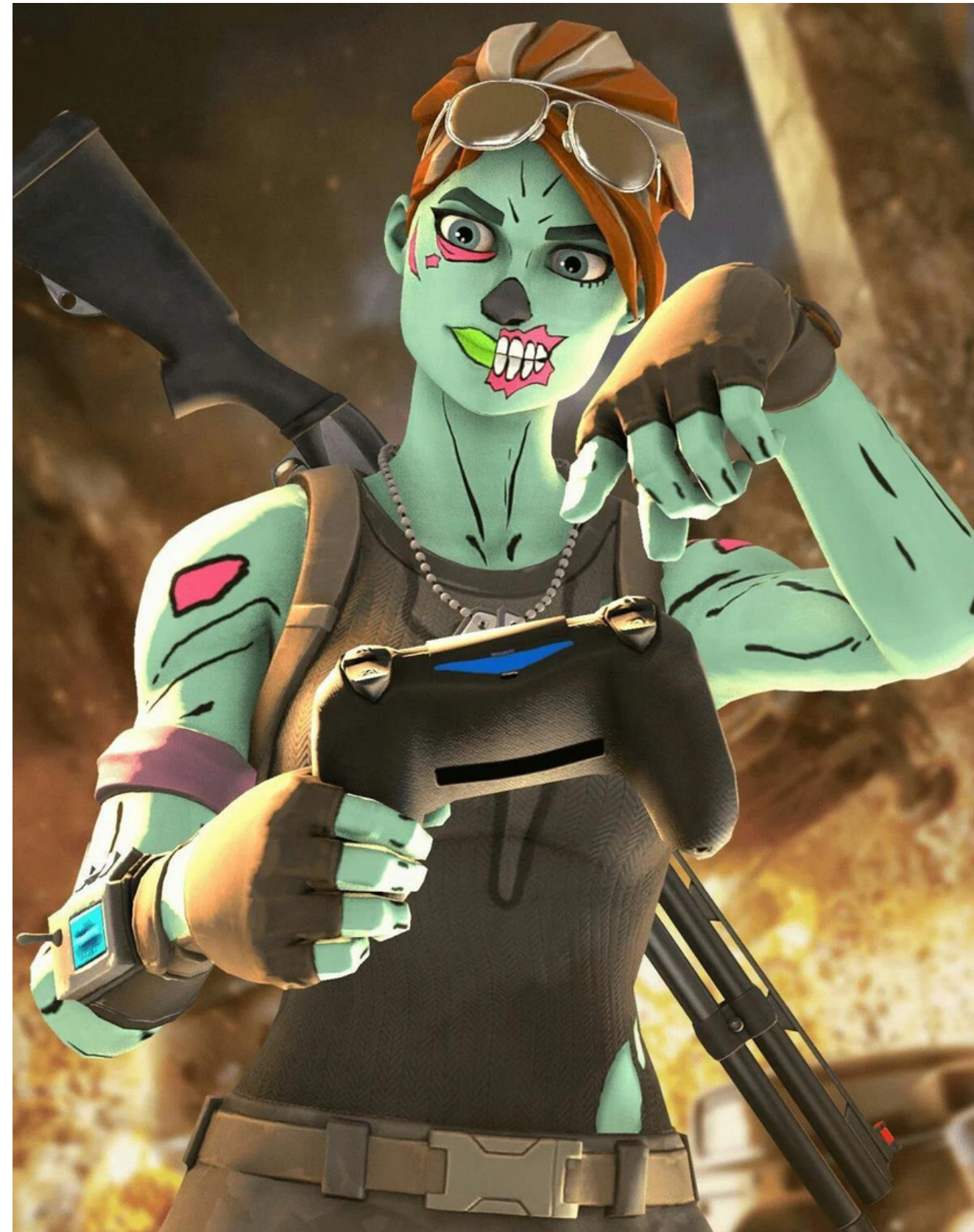
- The above discussion on morally evaluating *fantasies* can be reduced to a general rule, which I have dubbed the Matthew Principle: "anything you ought not do in real life; you ought not fantasize".

## Moral Evaluation of Videogames

- "Video games...are electronic games that involve interaction with a user interface or input device...to generate visual feedback. This feedback mostly commonly is shown on a video display device" ("Video Game")
- I argue that videogames themselves cannot be immoral, rather, it is the actions within the game that contain the unsettling *behavior* that we find morally reprehensible.
- I argue that *fantasizing* and *playing a videogame* are, what I have called, *similar*. That is, these two things share properties; namely, the Matthew Principle.

## The Matthew Principle (Again)

- Because we have determined that *fantasizing* and *playing a videogame* are similar, thereby sharing the Matthew Principle, we can say: "anything you ought not do in real life; you ought not do in a videogame".



## Objections and Responses

- The "outlet" argument – This argument states that virtual actions are an "outlet" of repressed, unwanted social behavior; sexual, violent or oftentimes both.
- On the contrary, the academic literature seems to suggest that instead of being an "outlet", immoral virtual behavior increases this type of behavior in real-life.
- "Enjoying the competition, rather than the kill." – This argument states that as long as people are playing the game for the competitive nature of the game, rather than the wickedness therein, it is not morally indecent.
- On the contrary, I ask the videogame player to play my fake (and disturbing) *Worse than Dahmer* game, which asks the players to rape and torture underage girls, for the sole purpose of beating your friends score, without feeling guilty. It is clear that competition does not make something right or wrong, even in this context.
- Et Cetera...

## Conclusion

- The aim of this paper was to settle the moral discontinuity felt about different kinds of unethical actions in videogames. This was accomplished by examining a telling passage from the Lord's Sermon on the Mount, which indicates that fantasies can be morally evaluated. From those arguments, I postulated a moral principle to evaluate fantasies, which was dubbed the Matthew Principle. By drawing parallels from fantasies to playing videogames, the two phenomena were considered similar. Thus, the Matthew Principle was set in terms of videogames. If this principle is sound, then it has dramatic implications for the gaming community. Gamers ought to take notice and readjust their virtual activity. It is a matter of good and evil.

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# Empowering Teachers to Serve ALL Students in Inclusive Classrooms

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## Introduction to Exceptional Learner

In this class we...

- Learn what special education is and the importance of dealing with the learning needs of students with disabilities and gifted/talented students.
- Developing skills to design instruction, assess student learning, analyze student progress and achievement, diagnose learning needs, and learn strategies that are evidence based.

## Learner Outcomes

- This class helps students understand those who are gifted and those who have emotional, physical, High intellectual, or sensory disabilities.
- Leverage Practices (HLP's) and Accommodations & Modifications
- Understand what IDEA is and the six principles of IDEA.
- Accommodations, Notebook: IDEA definition, accommodations/modifications, HLP's, and any other information about each topic.

## Inquiry

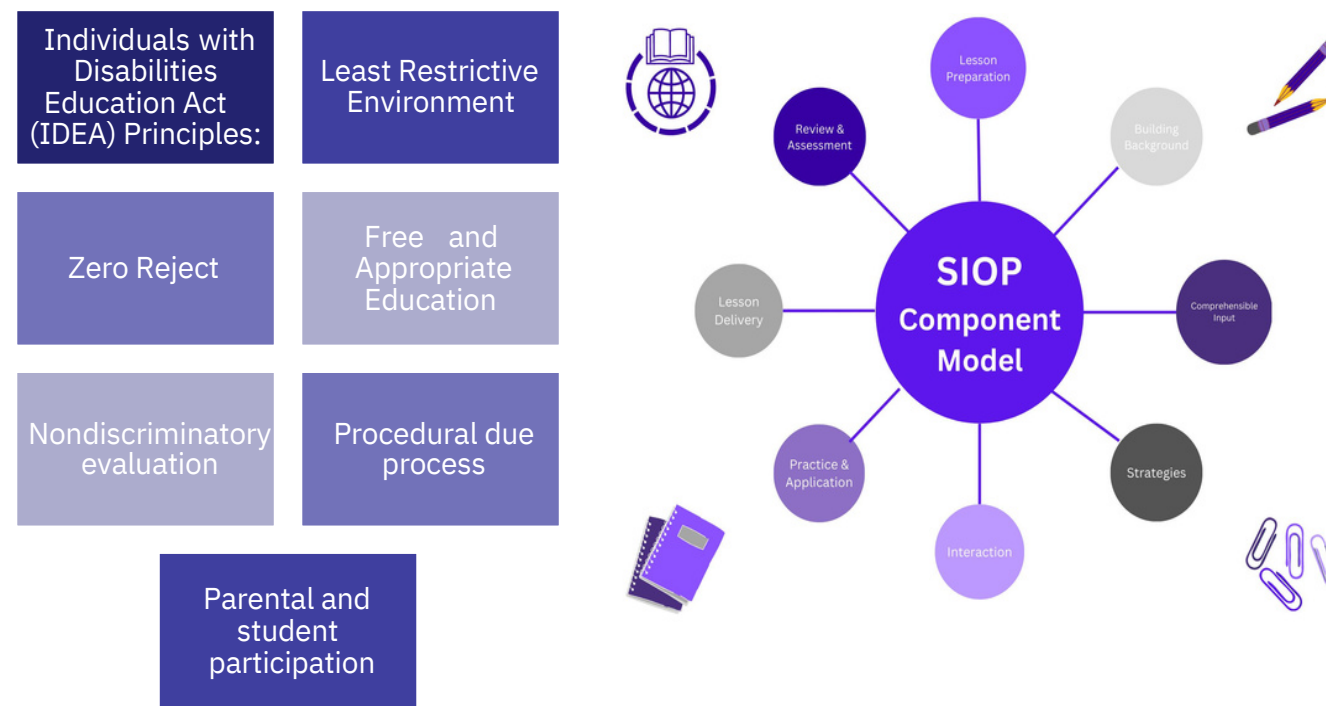
What are some commonalities between courses taught in the School of Education?

What are some differences that have been observed in these courses?

How can we modify an existing course to include these commonalities and differences?

## Commonalities

### Leadership and Law



## Introduction to Facilitating EL Success

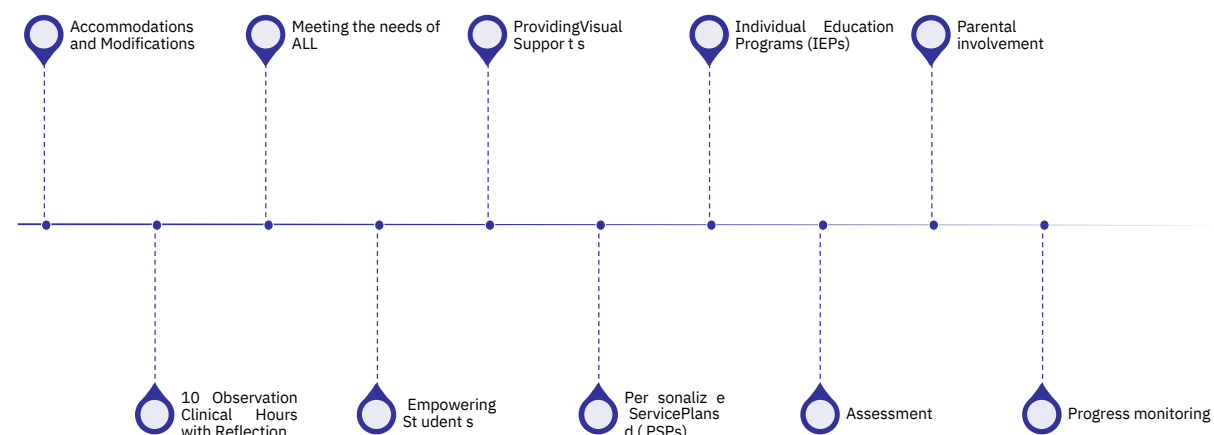
In this class we...

- The importance of what an ESL program is and how it benefits students so well.
- Without ESL programs, there would be language struggles and affect how students learn in school.
- Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP)
- English Language Development (ELD) Standards Framework (WIDA) are proficiency assessments for grades K-12

## Learner Outcomes

- This class is designed to allow you to create resources that you can take with you to your future classrooms to be a more effective teacher.
- ESL Flowchart: home language survey for placement, LPAC meeting, screener test, parental involvement, and then accommodations.

## Collaboration and Advocacy



## Conclusion

Because of the common strands of both programs to train coaches, mentors, leaders, and advocates, both professors designed a co-taught common graduate course for initial and advanced teacher candidates that focuses specifically on

- Coaching
- Mentoring
- Leading
- Advocating
- And administering programs making data-based decisions.

This course is offered to Special Education and English as a Second Language graduates and initial students. Not only does the course teach the concepts mentioned above. It goes one step further in that it is co-taught by both professors to model co-teaching in inclusive classrooms to students.

# Effect of invasive Amur Honeysuckle on the survival and growth of Chinkapin Oak seedlings

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## Introduction

The invasive shrub, Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) outgrows and outcompetes native flora across the Eastern US, causing the native plants severe decline in quantity and quality 1,2.

Chinkapin Oak trees (*Quercus muehlenbergii*) are a dominant canopy species that grows in limestone-rich soils found in Central Kentucky. Their recruitment is essential to the health and stability of forest biodiversity.



First and second year Chinkapin Oak seedlings are at risk due to shade intolerance 3,4. Other researchers have looked at general tree regeneration 5, however this study focuses on the survival and growth rate of Chinkapin Oak seedlings in *L. maackii* dominated forests.

### Hypothesis: *L.*

*maackii* will negatively affect the growth and survival of first-second year Chinkapin Oak seedlings.

### Predictions: If

Chinkapin Oaks are shade intolerant, then their growth and survival will be negatively affected by the canopy cover from *L. maackii*.



## Methods

**Study site:** This study was conducted in a young, secondary successional forest along the KY River Palisades corridor on Asbury University property in Jessamine Co., KY. The forest is co-dominated by Chinkapin Oak (*Q. muehlenbergii*), Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*), Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*), and Elm (*Ulmus* spp.) with a dense *L. maackii* dominated understory.

Spring 2019 treatments (x3 replications each)

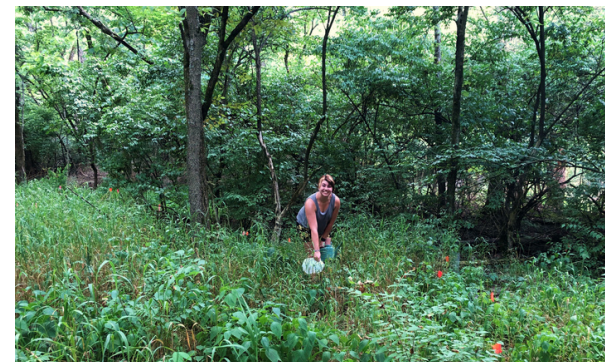
- 1 Untreated
- 2 *L. maackii* removal + 20% glyphosate cut-stump treatment
- 3 *L. maackii* removal + 20% glyphosate cut-stump + conservation plantings a h

Spring 2019 plantings: 1.0 Spicewood (Liriodendron benzoin), mid-April -early May; Elymus spp. seedling, 02 Dec 2019.

**Table 1**-Experimental design of Spring 2019 plots

### Data Analysis:

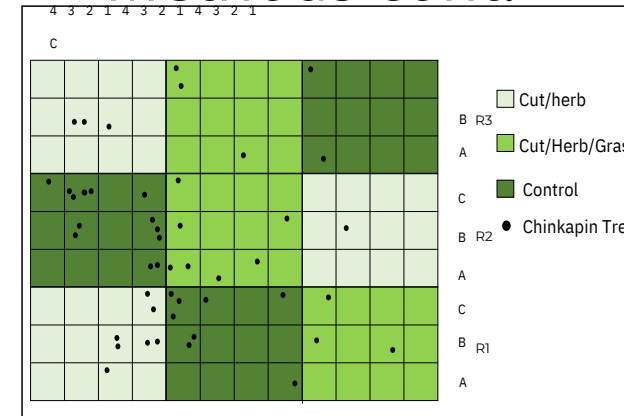
Data was analyzed using a single-factor ANOVA.



### Monitoring Chinkapin Regeneration:

- In May, 47 naturally-established Chinkapin Oak seedlings were selected to be observed.
- 30 trees were caged for protection from predators.
  - Each tree's height and canopy was measured, its physical attributes noted, and given a label on a grid-chart (Figure 1).
- In July, the seedlings were visually observed for survival and new growth.
- In September, each tree's survival was noted and the same measurements (above) re-taken.

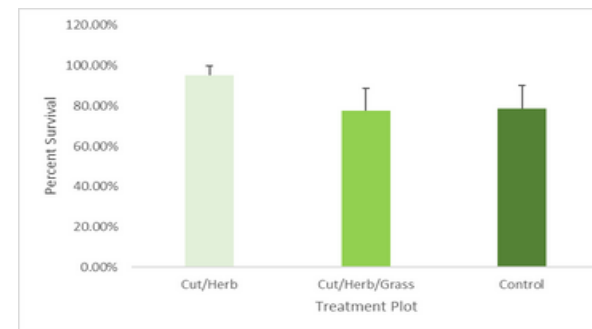
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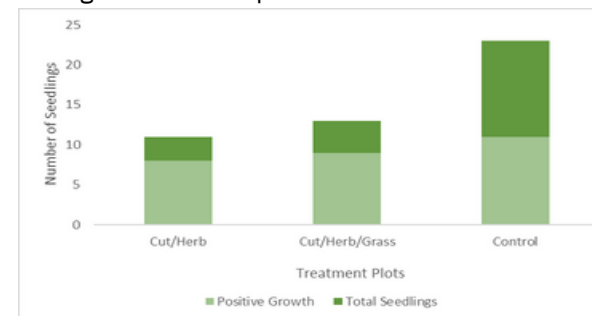
**Figure 1**-Chart of seedling location

## Results

- Seedling mortality frequency was higher in control plots by 2x (30% control VS 15% cut)
- Seedling survival frequency was higher in cut plots by 0%-20% (Figure 2)
- Seedling growth was highest in the cut treatments



**Figure 2**-First-year percent survival of Chinkapin Oak seedlings in treatment plots



**Figure 3**-Growth differences between treatment plots

## Conclusions

ANOVA analysis suggests that preliminary data of first-year Chinkapin Oak seedling survival is not at risk due to the canopy cover from Amur Honeysuckle ( $p$ -value: 0.406).

The data gathered over four months advises that the hypothesis be rejected. However, over years of gathering data, the hypothesis of *L. maackii* negatively affecting the growth and survival of Chinkapin Oaks may be supported.

### Looking forward:

- Due to their shade intolerance, Chinkapin Oaks' growth will be hindered by other trees and plants until they become a dominant canopy tree
- Less than 78% of seedlings are likely to survive into adolescent and adult years under *L. maackii* canopy cover
- Chinkapin trees are an irreplaceable component of forest biodiversity, and their recruitment must be protected from invasive species
- Clearing away invasive species is one way to promote Chinkapin Oak survival and growth

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# The Coordination of Picture Books and Multimodal Literacies in Education

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## INTRODUCTION

### Personal Connection

•As part of my initial inquiry in the Honors program at Asbury University, I participated in an introduction to qualitative methods in conjunction with ED276 course titled Arts & Humanities for Elementary Teachers. This course is required for my major in Elementary Education and allowed me to make applications within a Story Hour lab experience. My endorsement in teaching English as a second language also piqued my interest in exploring multimodal literacies for literacy teaching and learning.

### Story Hour Material Development

•For Story Hour, my teaching partner and I chose the book *Leonardo the Terrible Monster* by Mo Willems. The center of our learning focus derived from the storyline which was the attributes of a good friend. Students participated as we acted out the read-aloud story, engaged in discussions about characteristics of a good friend, and created personalized learning opportunities through a guided craft experience.

## INQUIRY

I set about to explore the intersections between multimodal literacies and picture books within the context of the Story Hour lab experience. My initial inquiry involved qualitative methods with a collection of field notes and reflective analysis of pictures and video.

## SUPPORTING RESEARCH

### Multimodal Literacies

●“Young children practice multimodal literacies naturally and spontaneously. They easily combine and move between drama, art, text, music, speech, sound, physical movement, animation/gaming, etc.” (NCTE, 2005)

### Multimodal Literacies for Teaching and Learning

●“Although schools all too frequently emphasize and send the message to children that the written text is primarily importance in reading, picture books intricately weave the meaning into both the art and the written language.” (Martens et al., 2012)



Students listen as Olivia Parsons reads *Leonardo the Terrible Monster* to them by Mo Willems during Story Hour.



Students engage with Olivia as she reads *There's a Monster in Your Book* by Tom Fletcher.

## OBSERVATIONS

### ●Reading Images

○Through observations I noticed that students were reacting to the plot of the book before I had read it out loud. The students would look around to their peers to engage in reactions with them after seeming to understand what happened in the story before it was audibly read.

○The reactions of these students were surprising to me as they were not of a reading age. Students seemed to understand images as a multimodal literacy because the message of the book was understood. The images were engaging to students before they heard the words of the story.

### ●Reading Gestures

○When I reflected on the younger children's interactions with their parents, I noticed that the gestures of their parents also provided them engagement in the story. This demonstrated to me that they understood parts of the story without the requirement of language fluency.

○As seen in the picture on the left, the children seemed to understand body language through a mother reacting to the book for her child to understand. This child was too young to grasp word comprehension, but responded to the mother's reaction to the book.

○I was surprised to see how much gesture played a role in Story Hour. Through the multimodal literacy of gestures there seemed to be an innate understanding as most parents express to their infants how they are feeling through gestural motions.

## IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

### Reflections

- Multimodal literacies were abundantly present throughout the Story Hour.
- Students practiced multimodal literacies through gesture, movement, expression, performance, and play.
- These multimodal literacies provided pathways for student engagement.

### Applications

Beginning to understand the impact of multimodal literacies allows teachers to grasp the importance of them for teaching and learning.

●Using picture books as part of my future classroom content is a great way to access students' multimodal literacies.

●Another simple way for further implementation in my classroom will be through multimedia and multimodal text types. This is a way of building student understanding through a presentation with words, audio, and visual stimuli. There are large amounts of videos that cover picture book content and help to further students' understanding of what they are learning through them.

●Using picture books can also be beneficial for brain breaks in my future classroom. Young children frequently need brain breaks in the midst of complex content learning. Using picture books enables all children to come back to multimodal literacy practices and build self-efficacy for learning.

# eDNA detection of darters (Percidae: Etheostomatinae) in central Kentucky streams

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## Introduction

Environmental DNA (eDNA) has rapidly become a firmly established method for detecting organisms of research and conservation interest and promises to greatly increase the ease, efficacy, and scope of ecological studies. Recent works have highlighted the need for carefully tested assays for use in species specific marker studies and thorough vetting of eDNA primers using as many local sequences as available.

In this study, four darter species were chosen for assay development and testing: *E. flabellare* (Fantail darter), *E. caeruleum* (Rainbow darter), *E. blennioides* (Greenside darter), and *P. caprodes* (Logperch). The developed assays were tested in silico with Mega X and ClustalW as well as in vitro with endpoint PCR before environmental water sample testing.

Table 1. Quantitative PCR assays developed for the four darter species.

Target species	Amplicon length (BP)	TM	Oligo	Sequence (5'-3')
<i>E. flabellare</i> (fantail)	118	F	AAGCGAAGAAGCGAGTTAGG	
		R	GGTGCTACGGTCATCACTAATC	
		P	CCCACATAAGGCACTGCAGAGAGT	
<i>E. blennioides</i> (greenside)	135	F	TCTCCGCTCCATCCAAATAAG	
		R	AATAGGAAGTGTGAGAGGGCGG	
		P	CCTTGCTGGCCTCAATCTTGGTACT	
<i>E. caeruleum</i> (rainbow)	105	F	GAGTGAGGGTTGCGTTATCTAC	
		R	GAGCCACAGTCATTACCAATCT	
		P	AGAAGCCGCGCTCAAATCCACTGAA	
<i>P. caprodes</i> (logperch)	139	F	CTCCATCAGACAGGCTCAAATA	
		R	CGAATAGAGCGAGGGATGTTAG	
		P	TAGGCTTCGCCGCTTCTCTTATGCG	

Although none of the fish in this study are threatened or endangered Kentucky is home to five species of federally threatened or endangered fish, including three darter species. The results of this study should prove useful in the eDNA monitoring of these and other threatened and endangered fish species.



Figure 1. A male *Etheostomacaeruleum* (Rainbow darter) photo courtesy jforbes3, iNaturalist.

## Methods

**Tissue Collection of Target and Non-target Species**  
Tissue was collected from all target species from both the Cumberland and Kentucky River drainages. Additionally, tissue was collected from nontarget, sympatric species from both Cumberland and Kentucky drainages. Tissue DNA was extracted from each darter species using a DNeasyblood and tissue kit (Qiagen) according to the provided protocol.



Figure 2. *E. blennioides*, (greenside darter) photo courtesy of North American Native Fishes Association.

**Sequencing of Target Species**  
Portions of cytb were amplified from target species using published primers. Sequencing was completed by ACGT (ACTG inc) and conducted in duplicate.

**Assay Development and Testing**  
Partial cytb sequences were aligned with 10 potential sympatric Kentucky darter species using MegaX and Clustal W. F and R primer pairs were developed using PrimerQuest software (IDT) and aligned with sympatric or potentially sympatric species to verify specificity. All primers have at least three mismatches in the F or R primer. Tissue DNA from both Kentucky River and Cumberland River drainages were used.

**Field Testing**  
Three different water samples were collected from Buck Creek. One liter of each sample was filtered and extracted. The developed primers were used to detect the presence of target DNA in the environmental sample.



Figure 3. *E. flabellare* (Fantail darter) photo courtesy of Emilio Concari, Maryland Biodiversity.

## Results

**Sequencing**  
Tissue-extracted DNA was used to create the bands for sequencing reactions. The amplicons were sequenced by ACGT (ACGT Inc). Target and non-target cytb sequences were acquired for in silico analysis.

**In Silico Testing**  
The developed assays were aligned with 10 potential sympatric Kentucky darter species using MegaX and ClustalW.

Table 2. Mismatches between *P. caprodes* and 10 sympatric species. KY = Kentucky River drainage, CM = Cumberland drainage, UN = Unknown.

Sympatric species	Drainage	FP	RP	P	%	Seq. acc. #
<i>Percina caprodes</i>	KY	0	0	0	-	KT880217.1
<i>Etheostoma flabellare</i>	KY	4	7	3	82.	KT880219.1
<i>Etheostoma blennioides</i>	KY	3	6	4	3	KT880218.1
<i>Etheostoma caeruleum</i>	KY	6	6	4	81.	KT880220.1
<i>Etheostoma stigmaeum</i>	CR	7	6	5	2	BC
<i>Etheostoma camurum</i>	CR	3	6	4	81.	BC
<i>Etheostomasanguifluum</i>	CR	3	6	5	8	BC
<i>Etheostoma variatum</i>	KY	5	7	4	8	AF289266.1
<i>Etheostoma cinereum</i>	C	4	5	4	80.	AY560356.1
<i>Etheostoma spectabile</i>	M	4	5	4	1	AF045344.1
<i>Etheostoma blennioides</i>	UN	3	7	3	2	BC

**In vitro testing**  
F and R primers were first evaluated via a temperature gradient approach to determine optimal annealing temperature. The optimal annealing temperature for each was then used for the specificity reactions.



Figure 4. *P. caprodes* gradient reactions.

Specificity tests for each of the primers showed binding only with the target DNA. At optimal annealing temperature, the primers did not bind to the non-target sympatric species (Figure 5).

## Results

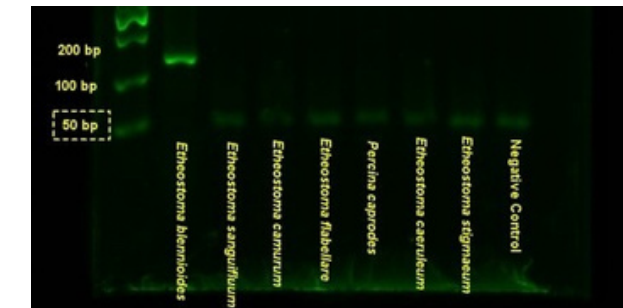


Figure 5. Specificity reactions for *E. blennioides*

### Field Testing

Two of the three field collected samples have been processed at this time. *E. caeruleum* DNA was detected in both of the Buck Creek (Pulaski County) environmental samples. *P. caprodes* and *E. flabellare* DNA were each detected in one Buck Creek environmental sample while *E. blennioides* DNA was not detected in any sample.

## Conclusions

- All darter assays exhibit significant mismatches with sympatric, but not target, species in testing.
- All darter assays detect target species, but not sympatric species, in *in vitro* testing.
- Initial field testing indicates successful detection of darters in a manner consistent with field observations with the exception of *E. blennioides*.
- Initial sequence analysis appears to indicate lack of detection of *E. blennioides* in Buck Creek (Cumberland River) samples is the result of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP's) in Cytb in Cumberland versus KY River drainage (for which assays were created) specimens.

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# When *Yellow Wallpaper* Became “Yellow Walls:” The Confluency of Hysteria and Shell Shock

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Beaded necklace created by Private Walter John Cressey, who lost his sight and four fingers in a gas attack, as he recovered at Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, London.

## FAILED SHELL SHOCK TREATMENT

### Shell Shock, Defined

- Term first used six months after World War One began.
- Typically diagnosed as PTSD today. Symptoms include tremors, stutters, paranoia, and nightmares.
- Common among World War One veterans.

### Treatment in Mainstream Medicine

- Shell shock symptoms were not included in World War One injury classifications.
- Treatments were almost entirely ineffective.

According to a 1918 document, a soldier with shell shock was “cured in 20 minutes” and deemed “fit to return to civil employment.” This is not consistent with contemporary mental health understanding.

## FAILED HYSTERIA TREATMENT

### Hysteria, Defined

- Hippocrates (460-375 BC) derived “hysteria” from Greek word for “uterus” to describe “uncontrollable emotions.”
- Hysteria was a vague diagnosis for symptoms including anxiety, paranoia, tremors, and paralysis among women.

### Treatment in Mainstream Medicine

- Rest cures were popular but ineffective, and demanded the removal of social, creative, and intellectual stimulation.
- Many women with hysteria were kept isolated and idle indefinitely.

Hippocrates “asserts that... the uterus is prone to get sick, especially if it is deprived of the benefits arising from sex and procreation...”  
-US National Library of Medicine



Embroidery made using a standard regimental badge pattern kit. Kits were often provided by the Red Cross and were helpful for teaching beginners.

## The Yellow Wallpaper (1892)

### As Fictional Short Story

- Narrator with postpartum depression is prescribed a rest cure. Demonstrates the failure of mainstream medicine to treat mental illness.

### As Autobiography

- Written by Charlotte Perkins Stetson, who was also prescribed a rest cure for postpartum depression.
- Stetson found that creative stimulation was healing, despite popular advice.

### Broader Trends Among Women

- As doctors continued to fail, women learned to treat their own mental illnesses.
- Through self-treatment, women learned strategies that would later effectively treat shell shock.



The Bradford Altar Cloth (right, details above) was designed by Bradford Handicraft Club founder and world-renowned artist Louisa Pesel, cross-stitched by club patients, and used at Abram Peel Hospital.

## Bradford Handicrafts Club

### What it Was

- Experienced women artists taught shell shock patients to create handicrafts, especially embroidery.
- Groups throughout Europe provided similar treatment.

### How it Worked

- Creating handicrafts healed tremors, fulfilled financial needs, provided purpose, and forged communities.
- Bradford provided early forms of occupational and art therapies, which were much more effective than traditional mental health treatment.

“They came to the club... hardly able to walk; they were put to work, netting, or weaving, or stitching, and the charm fell upon them.”  
- The Yorkshire Observer



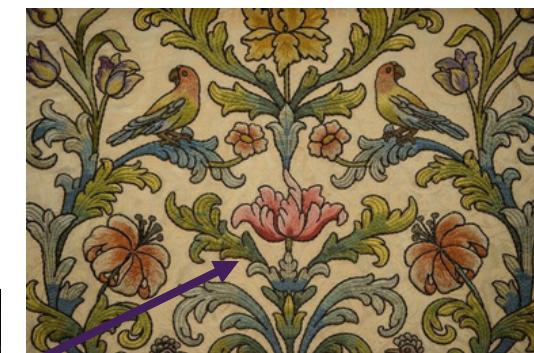
## Experience Created “Yellow Walls”

### Detail-Oriented Treatment

- Workroom was “large, well-ventilated, open to light... [with] blue curtains against the yellow walls.”
- Stetson discussed similar design elements in *The Yellow Wallpaper*.

### Prophetic for Contemporary Research

- The club’s interior design perfectly aligns with 21st century research, even eighty years before the research existed.
- The term “art therapy” was coined two decades women first used handicrafts to heal psychological illness and is still used to treat veterans with PTSD.



The altar cloth at London’s Saint Paul’s Cathedral (above, details left) was embroidered by 138 men from various countries. The cloth is stored with a hand-illuminated book containing the names of the men who embroidered, but the women who designed the cloth are unknown.



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