Practical Ways to Engage and Interact with Students in Online Courses

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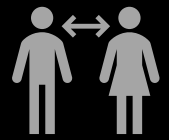
The Challenges of Engagement Online

Interaction

Student to Content



Student to Student

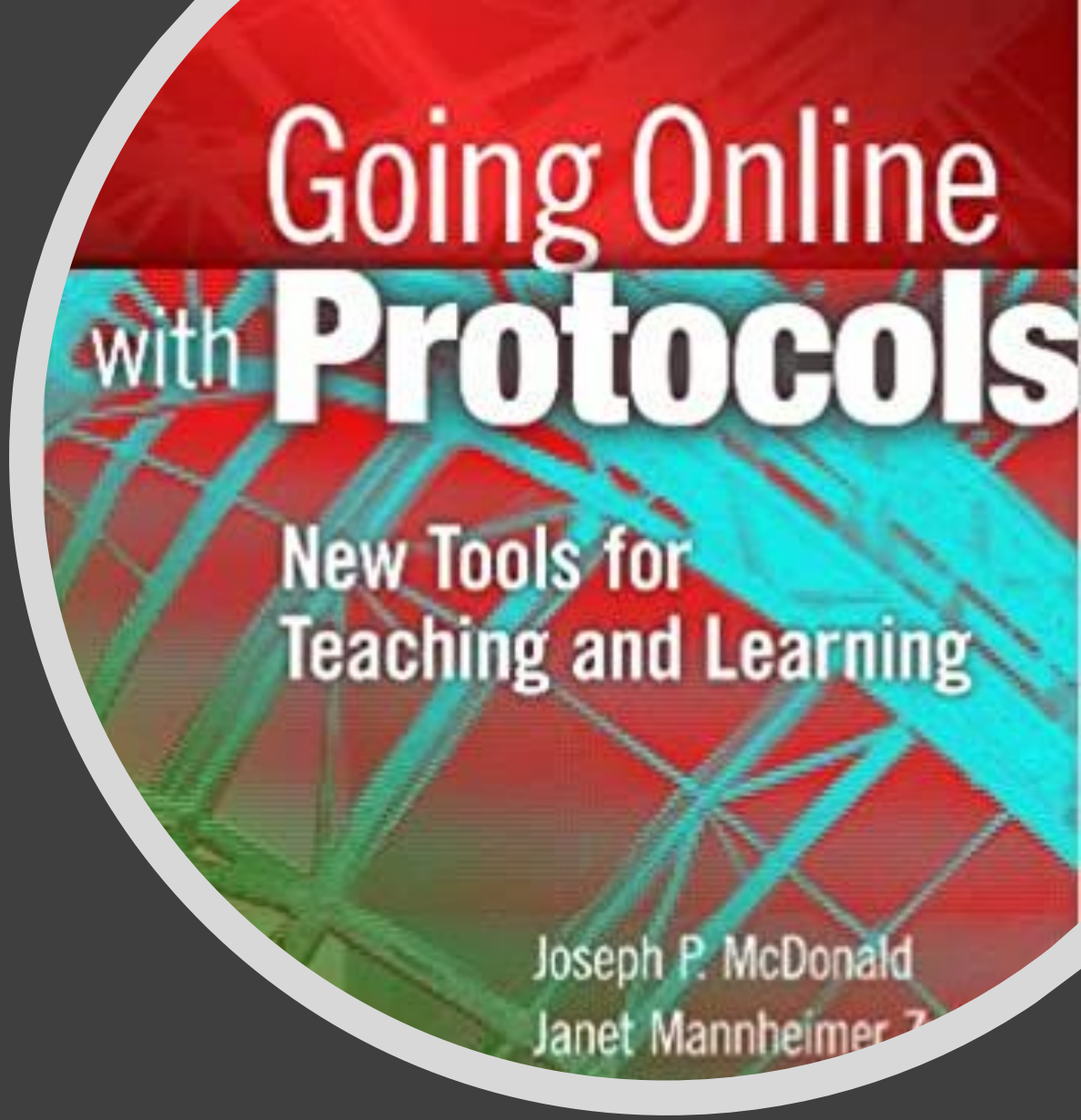
Faculty to Student

Discussion Boards

- You don’t have to have discussion boards every week.
- If you respond to discussion board posts, consider (after the intro board) responding to 15% every week.
- Many faculty use letters to respond rather than responding directly to posts.
- Make sure you have a purpose for each discussion board.
- Make sure discussion boards are graded and help students achieve course goals.

Discussion Boards

- Consider smaller discussion groups—or even alternating discussion groups.
- Make sure discussion board prompts are open ended—appropriate for discussions.
- Be creative and promote agency.
- *Going Online with Protocols: New Tools for Teaching and Learning* by Joseph P. McDonald, Janet Mannheimer Zydney, Alan Dichter, and Elizabeth McDonald



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Cool Tools

- Classtools.net
- Pixton
- Kahoot/Quizizz

https://tinyurl.com/2sr2czvf

- Learningapps

https://tinyurl.com/yy86php2

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- ❑ VoiceThread group presentations
- ❑ Wiki assignments
- ❑ Blogs by students (randomly graded)
- ❑ Reflection assignments/Quickwrites

Intelligent Agents

Bitmojis!

https://tinyurl.com/xzbxezx4

Thank you for your kind attention.

- Email questions to us at tpowel25@kennesaw.edu and sbartlet@kennesaw.edu
- Future research? Wherever the technology takes us!
- We invite you to join us for future workshops: https://tinyurl.com/ydsajwyb