

## **NYSGISA Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Aug 17, 2020**

**Attendance:** Paula Lazrus (Chair), Chris Badurek, Susan Hoskins, Mike Jabot.

### **Review July 2020 Minutes**

General Updates:

This was a meeting limited for the most part to discussing teaching plans and challenges for Fall 2020.

Seems that most folks were taking a well needed break, or couldn't log on. This is a work in progress.

Susan shared that her labs can only hold 3 people at a time so faculty are working each class multiple times.

We talked about using class time for coaching whether you are in a synchronous or asynchronous mode and what kinds of hands on thing you can have students do like annotate maps or texts or images.

Paula and Chris seem to each have mostly online classes with 1 f2f.

Paula and Chris discussed Role playing activities both in person and online using Reacting to the Past pedagogy [Http://reacting.barnard.edu](http://reacting.barnard.edu)

As well as using something like Slack or Discord so that students have a different platform to help each other while sharing screens.

### **New Repository for files/ideas**

We now have a new online repository for projects and record keeping. It is a folder called NY GIS Ed Committee. Within it are two folders presently and 1 file. A folder for meeting Minutes, a folder for Agendas and for now a file with links to useful resources. Feel free to add to that file or to upload materials for people to share.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Vr7kmCNNmnJuYfQzodk8W1fPCgTelZ61?usp=sharing>

Eventually we could put together some best practices materials that we can share with the wider community.

### **Projects: Sharing Experiences Teaching GIS Online**

We didn't get to this, but Paula and Chris wondered if perhaps at the next meeting we break these up and different groups can work on them and then report back to the committee.

1. How was your experience in teaching GIS online last semester?
2. What concerns do you have about teaching GIS online?
3. What 1-2 tips do you have to share with others on teaching GIS online?
4. What other thoughts do you have on the future of teaching GIS online?
5. Getting some webinars going (ask Shane Bradt, Eileen's friend and Joe K to do some short specific webinars).

We are aiming for our next meeting in late September. Good luck with the start of the term everyone