



Thursday, March 12 12:30pm to 2:30pm
Location: PAHB Room 216
The Dresher Center for the Humanities
Digital Humanities Working Group
Lunch will be provided

Vega: Digital Publishing Platform For Scholarship

Dr. Cheryl E. Ball - West Virginia University



This presentation will highlight a new publishing project in the works: Vega, an academic publishing platform supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Building on 15 years as editor of *Kairos: A Journal of Rhetoric, Technology, and Pedagogy*, Dr. Ball will discuss how publishing multimedia scholarship requires different kinds of infrastructure than scholars, editors, and publishers are used to with print-based publishing. Vega incorporates newer publishing processes, such as collaborative authoring, open peer review, and design editing, as well as newer products, such as media-rich articles and data sets.

Ball will talk about the opportunities and challenges of composing, editing, publishing, and evaluating scholarship in the 21st century, primarily when it takes nontraditional, digital forms.

Cheryl E. Ball is Associate Professor of Digital Publishing Studies at West Virginia University and editor of *Kairos: A Journal of Rhetoric, Technology, and Pedagogy*. She teaches classes in editing, multimedia authoring, and digital publishing and teaches occasional seminars on academic literacies at the Oslo School of Architecture and Design.

Ball has published articles in *Classroom Discourse*, *Computers and Composition*, *C&C Online*, *Fibreculture*, *Convergence*, *Hybrid Pedagogy*, *Kairos*, *Programmatic Perspectives*, *Technical Communication Quarterly*, and *Writing & Pedagogy*.

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