

A Collection of gifts



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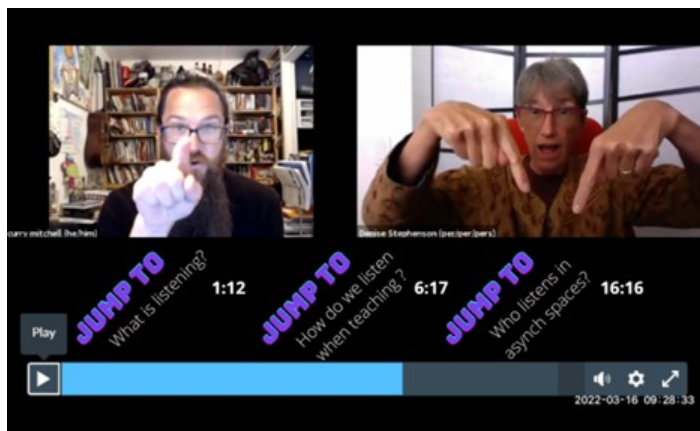
Great Ideas For Teaching

21.2 Listening, Learning, and Agency in Asynchronous Space: A GIFT

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My favorite, *favorite*, moments in the classroom happen in the gaps. Those "between" moments, you know?! Between the lecture and the project. Between the content on a page and the decision to annotate the page. Between one student whispering a question and their classmate deciding to raise their hand to take over the discussion. The moment when a student isn't saying anything or producing anything because they're *too* engaged. Call it listening. Call it learning. Call it agency. Their minds are on fire. They're deep in the process of value-making: constructing knowledge, building relationships, and honing skills.

If there is a GIFT here, on this Canvas page, it's in the gaps. You may find a few teacherly models (from me and hopefully you). Models are part of the form of this professional development content but not the goal or ambition of this GIFT. The ambition is in the gaps: I hope [the margins](#) lead to engagement "[for the sake of the aesthetic quality of the struggle](#)"; I hope [the margins](#) remind us we have "[ears, eyes, and fingers](#)" for enacting our agency; and I hope [the margins](#) afford meaning-making we make [together](#) as learners and listeners. ■■



Here's the link to the GIFT where you can engage with video, text, interaction.

<https://miracosta.instructure.com/courses/7495/pages/listening-learning-and-agency-in-asynchronous-space-a-gift>