Bio Statement

Joan M. Mazur, Ph.D. is professor of Instructional Systems Design in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction at the University of Kentucky College of Education where she also serves as a director of the Digital Design & Learning P-20 Innovation Lab. Her research is primarily interdisciplinary and has focused on narrative forms of instruction, mediating technologies and inquiry, and recently on teacher professional development and coaching as part of the P-20 Innovation Initiative. She is fully committed to the land grant mission of UK and has an extensive record of grant getting and has been funded by NSF, NIOSH, DoDEA and several private foundations to support research to practice efforts.

Joan began at UK in 1993 after receiving her doctoral degree from Cornell University in Education. Since that time she has served on virtually every college committee and been involved as chair of faculty council, on promotion and tenure, courses and curriculum, as well as the DGS in her department. At the university level she has represented the college at University Senate and college review panels. She currently chairs the IT Coodinating Committee, serves on the distance learning advisory standing committee. She is active in graduate and faculty mentoring. She currently chairs six doctoral committees and serves as a member on ten in various colleges at UK and has served as a faculty mentor in her department.

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