

Dear Colleagues:

I am very excited to introduce myself in a new role at Villanova, Associate Director for Digital Learning Pedagogy in VITAL. I consider it a great privilege to have taught at Villanova for the last 10 years in the Department of Public Administration where many of my courses were fully online. I spent considerable time in my role as faculty working out how to use the available technology tools to facilitate student learning and help provide the distinctive Villanova experience in virtual courses.

In addition to my teaching experience, I will be building upon my previous experience as a Faculty Fellow for eLearning Pedagogy in VITAL. I look forward to continuing my work with faculty in their intentional selection and use of technology to support student learning and help foster their contributions to the teaching mission of Villanova.

I also welcome the opportunity to exercise collaborative leadership to help faculty and administration judge the selection and use of technology tools on the criterion of its advancement of an Augustinian community of higher education committed to excellence and distinction.

I am available for consultation for any course design or pedagogical inquiry at the college, program, or course level, including the selection and intentional use of technology to support teaching and learning. This includes, helping faculty determine what available technologies best support student learning in their disciplinary contexts; (re)designing elements of courses that incorporate technology to engage students and strengthen learning outcomes; troubleshooting and resolving pedagogical challenges surrounding the use of technology; and exploring how technology might be used to enhance course design and pedagogy.

My desire to serve in this role is driven by my scholarship and classroom experience, which has taught me that teaching well with technology is fundamentally a matter of enacting good pedagogy, and the tools—simply, or sometimes complicatedly—serve as the means to that end. I am looking forward to pursuing this end with you.

Please let me know how I can be of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stefan Perun', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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