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Projects & Publications

Classroom Management Simulation

Technology Integration
Professional
Development

A.I. Prompt Engineering Assignement

Public Speaking Course Job Aid

The Oregon Trail is a Loop

ClassDojo and the Digitization of Old-School Discrimination

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Skills

Articulate Storyline |
Vyond | UDL | A.I.
Prompt Engineering |
Culturally Responsive
Pedagogy | Inclusive
Pedagogy | SocialEmotional Learning |
Verbal and Written
Communication | Al and
LLM Ed-Tech Integration

Sam Pietsch

Experience

2025 - present

Senior AI Evaluation Specialist | Scale AI

- Developed PhD-level adversarial evaluation tasks that resist surface-level
 pattern matching by integrating subtle semantic distractors, contradictory
 logic, and nuanced concept masking while requiring LLMs to engage in
 abstract reasoning, synthesis, complex problem-solving, and conceptual
 mapping.
- Engineered prompts that melded abstract critical and pedagogical theories and concrete learning scenarios with objectively verifiable, unique, and automatically gradable ground-truth final answers to ensure scalable, automated evaluation of AI reasoning across educational domains.

2020 - 2025

Teaching Associate | The University of Texas at Dallas

- Incorporated students' backgrounds, career and academic goals, and prior knowledge into instruction and curriculum design, integrating backward design and inclusive pedagogical principles to enhance learning outcomes.
- Cultivated trusting relationships with diverse student populations through culturally responsive communication and active listening, resulting in a 25% increase in student participation rates.
- Implemented an anonymous student feedback system, leading to curriculum adjustments and a perfect student course evaluation score.
- Developed assignments that effectively incorporated <u>artificial intelligence</u>, large-language models, multimodal composition, and other new technologies and media to bridge the gap between students' interests and skills and course learning objectives.

2018 - 2019

Instructional Design and Delivery Intern | 24/7 Education

- Collaborated in designing K-12 online curricula focused on <u>communication</u> and life skills, incorporating UDL and instructional design best practices.
- Authored modular lesson plans, facilitator guides, and student-facing materials aligned with learning and accessibility standards.

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May 2025

PhD in Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication | The University of Texas at Dallas

- Dissertation: Education, Technology, and White Supremacy: The Maintenance of Structural Racism in the Post-Integration Era
- Graduate Student Organizer Public Interactives Research Lab
- Created pilot introductory courses and major pathways for Public Interactives bachelor's and master's degrees

May 2019

M.S. in Learning Technologies | The University of North Texas

 Created an online professional development <u>course</u> for technology integration for Celina I.S.D.