**Making Effective Visual Presentations**

Making an engaging and effective visual presentation is somewhat of an art form. However, there are some principles that, when followed, can make most presentations accessible to an audience.

Below are a number of websites that would be useful to review as you begin to think about the oral portion of your scholarship project. You will note that some recommendations repeat, e.g. recommendations about font type and size, the importance of contrast between font color and background, use of graphics, etc.

It is important to organize your presentation ***before*** you begin to design your slide show. Create an outline of the points you plan to address. A visual slide show of your scholarship project does not have to include all of the material you cover in your written paper. Rather, it should illustrate and enhance your oral remarks. Therefore, it is essential that you decide what you want to include before you design your slide show.

Please see below for a list of websites on how to make an engaging slide show for your scholarship project presentation. This is by no means an exhaustive list and you may find other helpful sites.

<http://www.thinkoutsidetheslide.com/ten-secrets-for-using-powerpoint-effectively/>

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/10-tips-for-preparing-a-professional-presentation/>

http://thevisualcommunicationguy.com/2013/09/24/top-12-most-annoying-powerpoint-presentation-mistakes/

http://www.ncsl.org/legislators-staff/legislative-staff/legislative-staff-coordinating-committee/tips-for-making-effective-powerpoint-presentations.aspx

<http://www.garrreynolds.com/preso-tips/design/>

<http://www.lifehack.org/articles/featured/10-tips-for-more-effective-powerpoint-presentations.html>

<http://blog.ted.com/10-tips-for-better-slide-decks/>

www.Lynda.com

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