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GDC Panel: U.S. National Investment in the Future of Games?

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Who am I?

Elaine M. Raybourn, Ph.D.

Just a kid from Panama with a penchant for high adventure.

- Social scientist with a background in Fine Art and Human-Computer Interaction from Sandia National Labs on assignment to Advanced Distributed Learning Initiative (ADL)
- Working in transmedia learning since 2010, serious games, virtual worlds, social simulations, and intelligent community systems since 2000
- GDC Serious Games Advisory Board, 2005-2007
- GameTech Program Chair, 2011
- Greatest passions: communication, culture, technology, art, & science
- Favorite question: *Why not?*



Investment in the future of games...

DoD invests in people, methods, technology

- **Cognitive agility**
 - How can we train people to adapt, and think on their feet?
- **Scaling up quickly**
 - How can we leverage crowdsourcing, peer learning?
- **More realistic characters and personalized avatars**
 - How can we improve AI for patterns of life and personalization
- **Transmedia Learning**
 - How can we create more immersive, connected experiences?
- **Assessment**
 - How can big data and game analytics help DoD understand the effectiveness of training?



Real people with real stories



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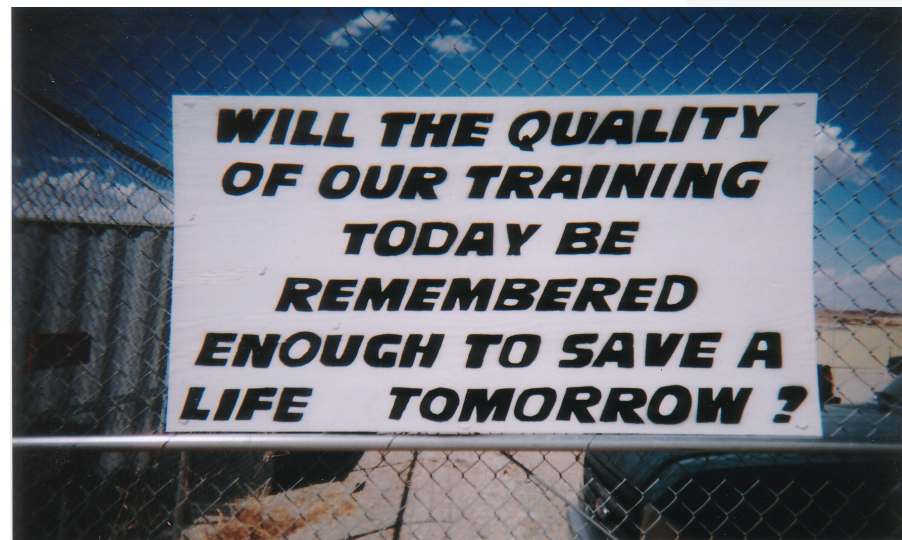
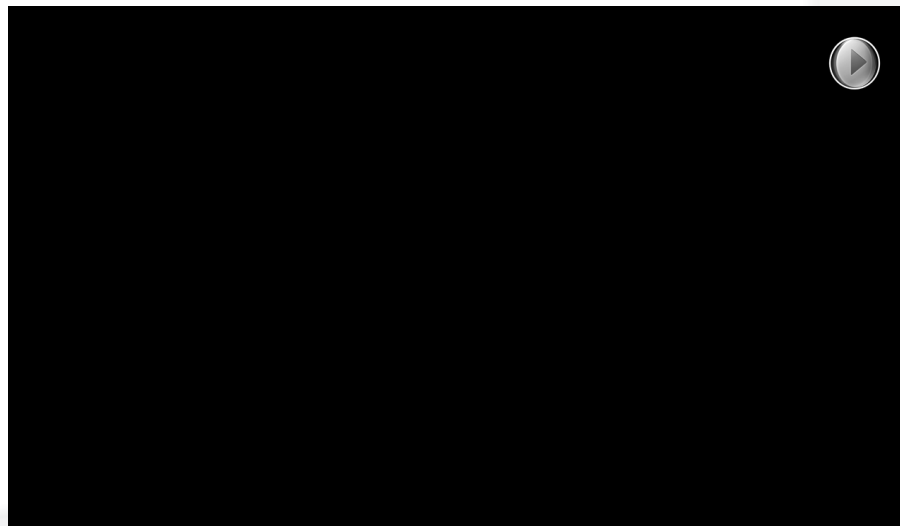


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Mark Long, GameTech keynote, 2011

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Branch (TOB)

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Present work at scientific meetings, in science journals, technical reports
A bachelor's degree in computer science, electrical engineering, physics
Familiarity with game development engines such as Unity
Understanding of the basic concepts in a 3D rendering pipeline

Familiarity with Java or C#

Experience in software design and development

Excellent problem-solving skills and logical thinking ability


Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills

Takeaways

- National investments by DoD in games depend on the ability of the community to help meet challenges and solve complex interdisciplinary problems
- You are not alone, there is a path forward and a community you can reach out to

Share your story

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