# MOOCS and Health Sciences Education: Hype or disruption?







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# Massive Open Online Courses

# Overview

- History of MOOCs
- Disruption or Hype?
- Do MOOCs offer us anything new?
- Potential for innovation

#### Emergence of MOOCs

2008

CCK09 - Connectivism & Connected Knowledge Siemens & Downes - 2,300 participants

2011

**Artificial Intelligence MOOC** Stanford University - 150,000 participants

2012 Year of the MOOC - Udacity, Coursera, edX

2013

FutureLearn -Growing numbers of health MOOCs **Anti-MOOC** 

### Disrupting Higher Education



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wired magazine

The Stanford Education Experiment Could Change Higher Learning Forever

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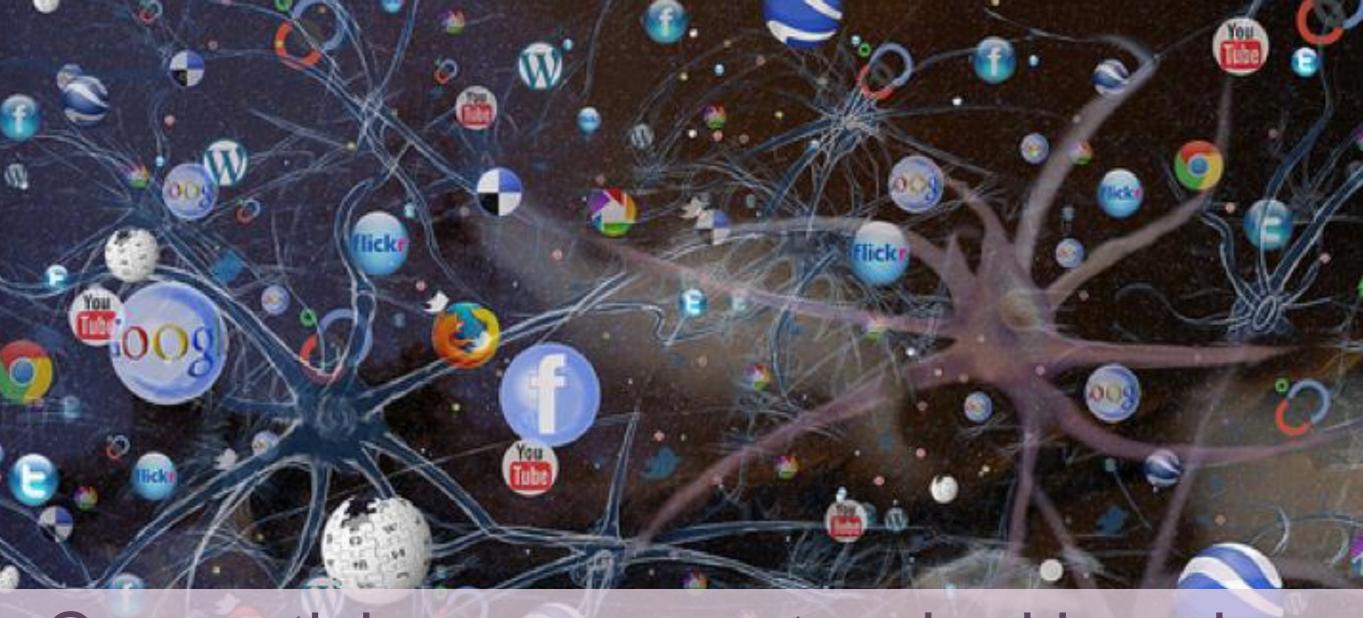


2012: Sebastian Thrun

In 50 years, he says, there will be only 10 institutions in the world delivering higher education and Udacity has a shot at being one of them.

# cMOCS Connectivist

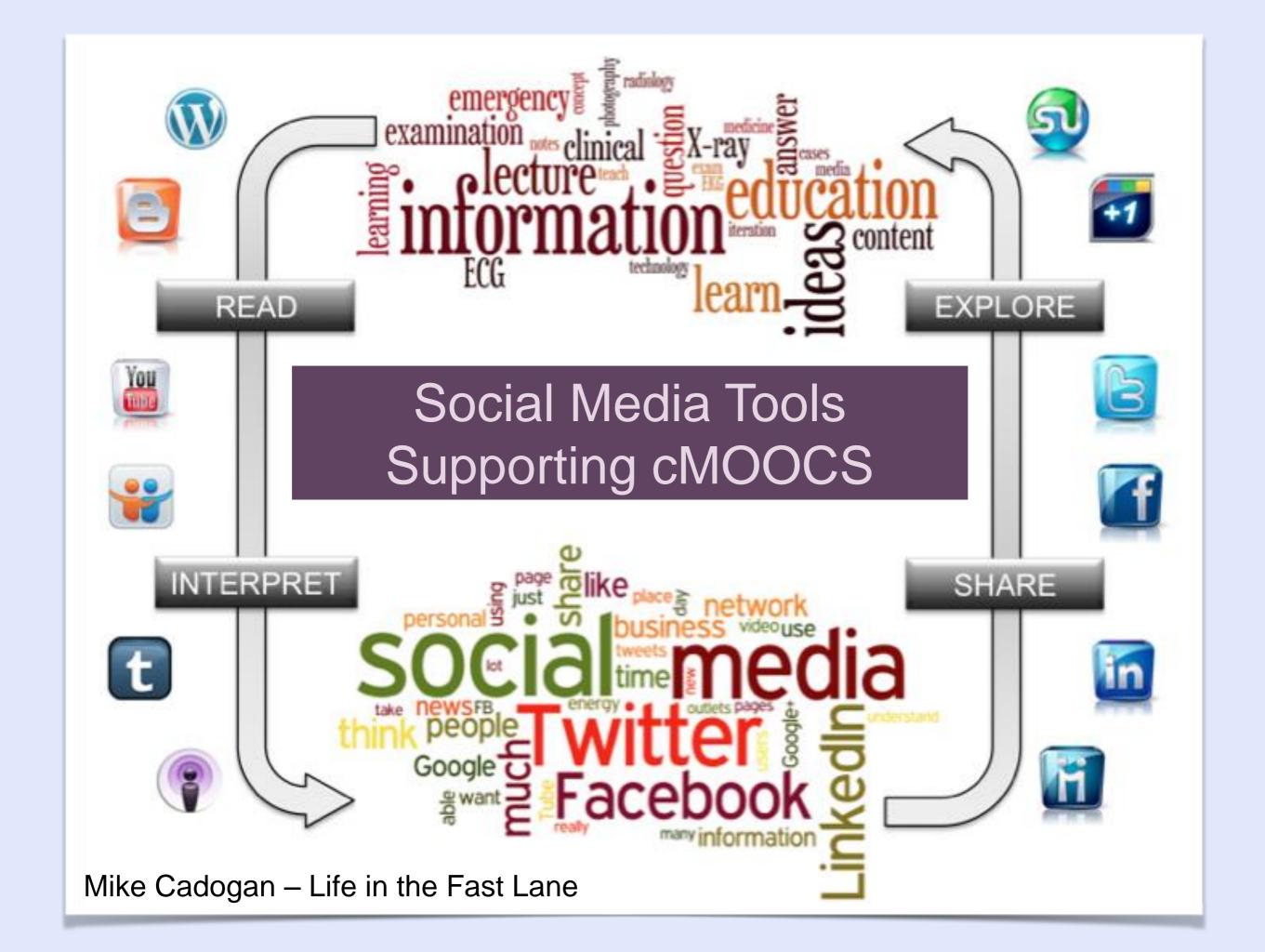
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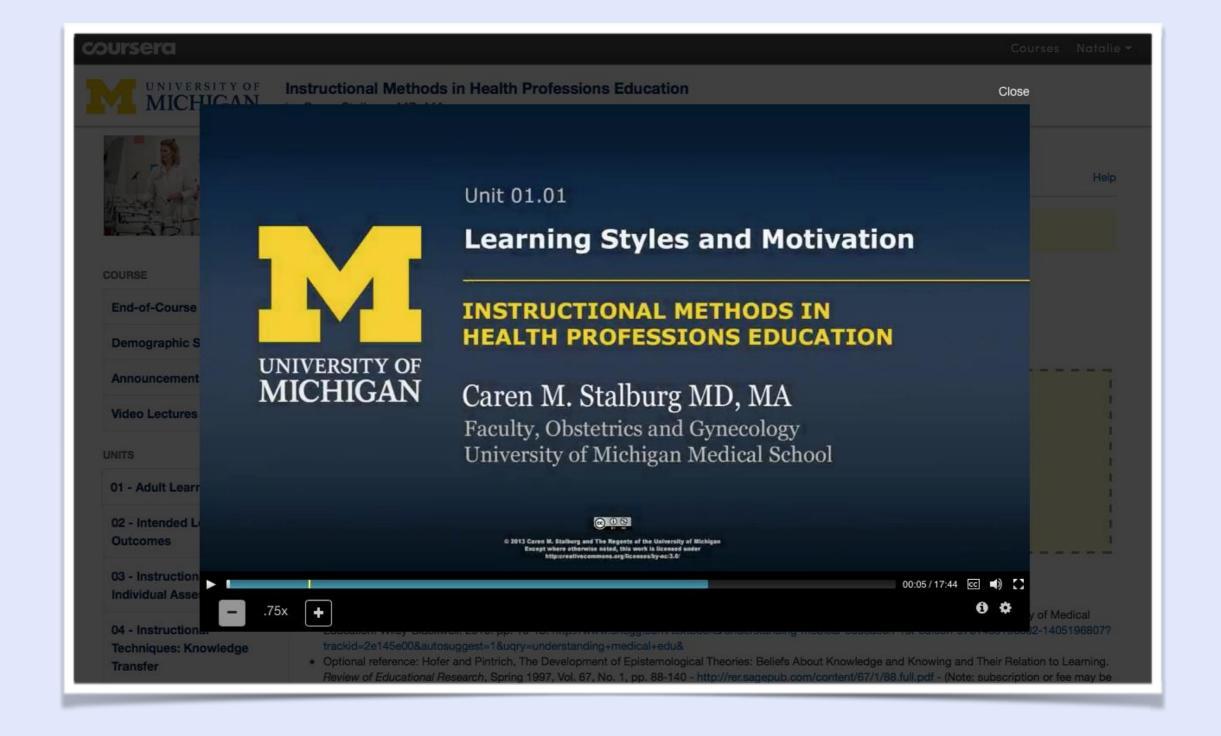


## Connectivism - open networked learning

http://www.connectivism.ca/about.html







xMOOCs typically involve video lectures, quizzes, discussion boards – Viewed by many as didactic

### By October 2013 Coursera had ...

- Enrolled over 5 million students
- Attracted students from 190 countries
- 107 partner universities
- Course videos viewed over 300 million times

# We're all going to lose our jobs!

#### coursera

✓ Health & Society	74
Humanities	110
Information, Tech & Design	61
Law	15
<ul> <li>Mathematics</li> </ul>	46
✓ Medicine	63

#### Courses



The University of Edinburgh
Critical Thinking in Global Challenges
with Mayank Dutia & Celine Caquineau

Jan 20th 2014 5 weeks long

Verified Certificate



Wesleyan University

How to Change the World
with Michael S. Roth

Jan 20th 2014 6 weeks long

Verified Certificate



Johns Hopkins University

Statistical Reasoning for Public Health: Estimation, Inference, & Interpretation with John McGready 8 weeks long

Jan 21st 2014

Verified Certificate



Columbia University

The Age of Sustainable Development with Jeffrey Sachs

Jan 21st 2014

14 weeks long



The Ohio State University
Introduction to Pharmacy
with Kenneth M. Hale

Jan 23rd 2014 7 weeks long



Duke University
Introductory Human Physiology
with Jennifer Carbrey & Emma Jakoi

Jan 27th 2014 12 weeks long

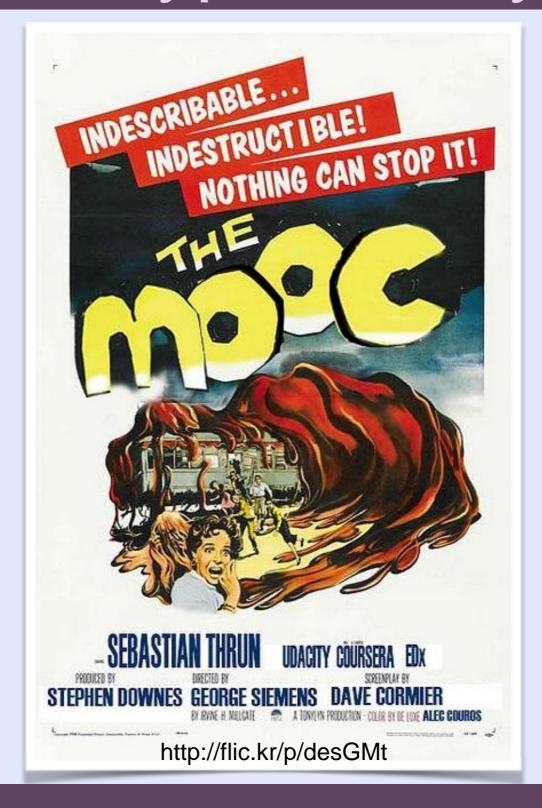
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Johns Hopkins University

An Introduction to the U.S. Food System: Perspectives from Public Health Jan 27th 2014 6 weeks long

## MOOC hype and hysteria



Can anything stop it ...?



## PRESS ROOM

Sunday, Feb 2, 2014 | Welcome to the Penn GSE Press Room!

# PENN GSE STUDY SHOWS MOOCS HAVE RELATIVELY FEW ACTIVE USERS, WITH ONLY A FEW PERSISTING TO COURSE END

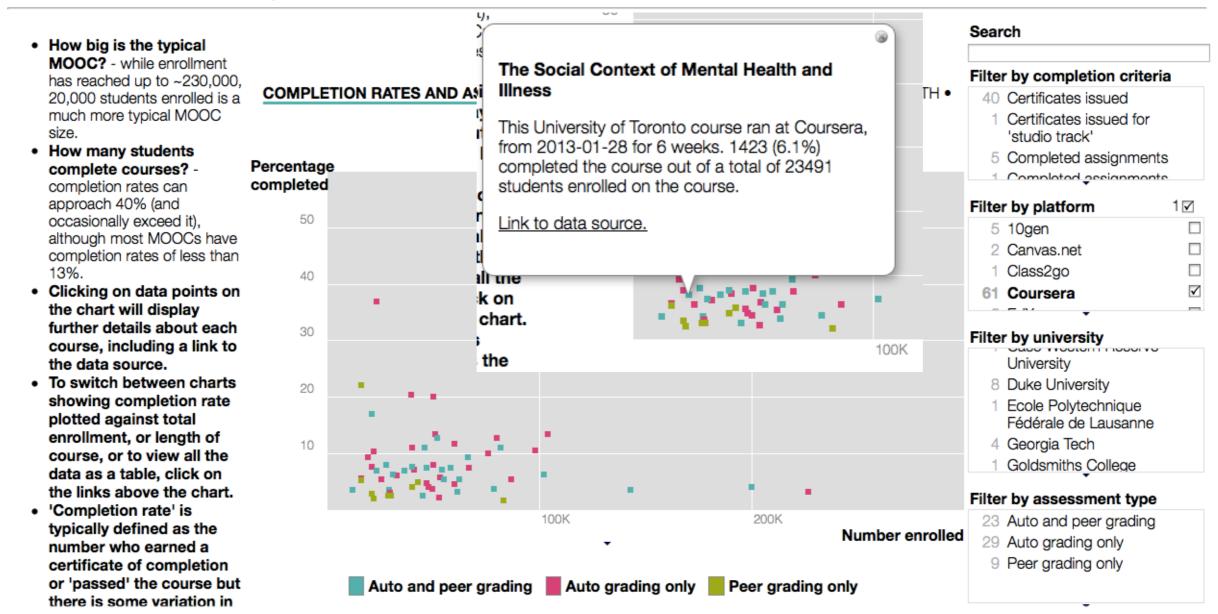
December 5, 2013

Contact: Kat Stein, Exec. Director of Communications katstein@gse.upenn.edu / (215) 898-9642

"Course completion rates are very low, averaging 4% across all courses and ranging from 2% to 14% depending on the course and measurement of completion."

#### **MOOC Completion Rates: The Data**

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) have the potential to enable free university-level education on an enormous scale. A concern often raised about MOOCs is that although thousands enrol for courses, a very small proportion actually complete the course. The release of information about enrollment and completion rates from MOOCs appears to be ad hoc at the moment - that is, official statistics are not published for every course. This data visualisation draws together information about enrollment numbers and completion rates from across online news stories and blogs.



http://www.katyjordan.com/MOOCproject.html

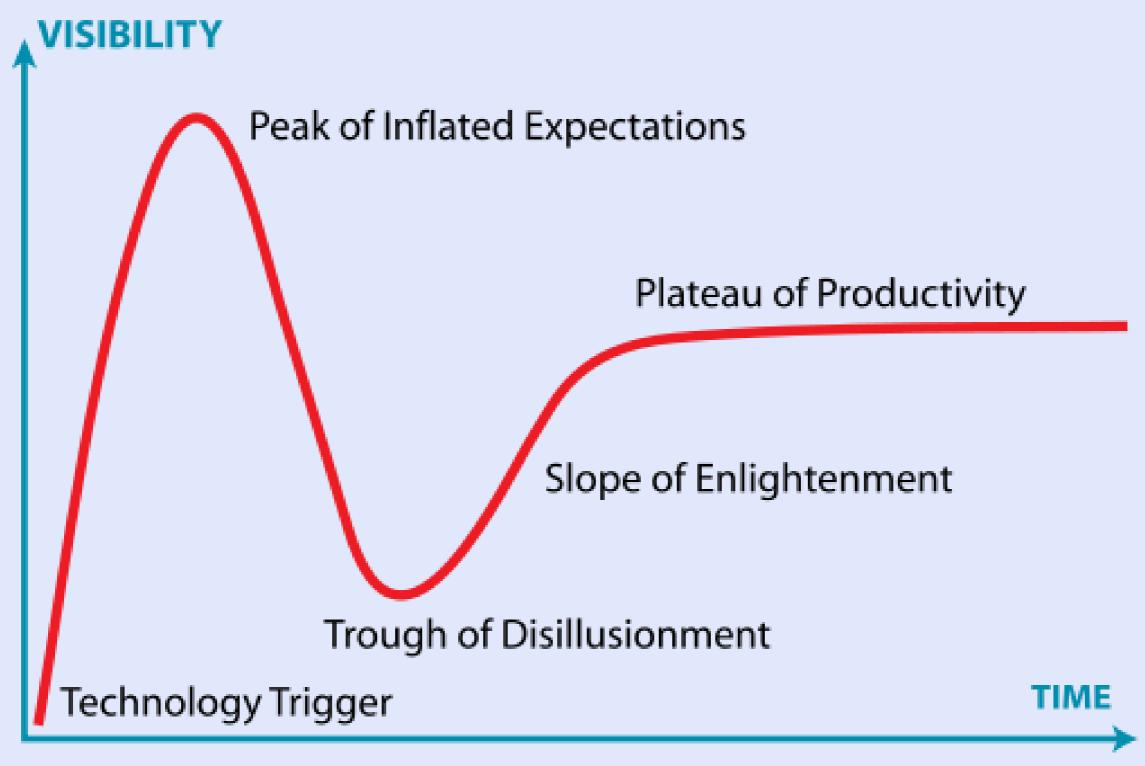
#### TECH FORECAST

# UDACITY'S SEBASTIAN THRUN, GODFATHER OF FREE ONLINE EDUCATION, CHANGES COURSE

HE CAPTIVATED THE WORLD WITH VISIONS OF SELF-DRIVING CARS AND GOOGLE GLASS AND HAS SIGNED UP 1.6 MILLION STUDENTS FOR ONLINE CLASSES. SO WHY IS HE PIVOTING AWAY FROM MOOCS? "WE DON'T EDUCATE PEOPLE AS OTHERS WISHED, OR AS I WISHED," THRUN SAYS.

"We were on the front pages of newspapers and magazines, and at the same time, I was realizing, we don't educate people as others wished, or as I wished. We have a lousy product," Thrun tells me. "It was a painful moment." Turns out he doesn't even like the term MOOC.

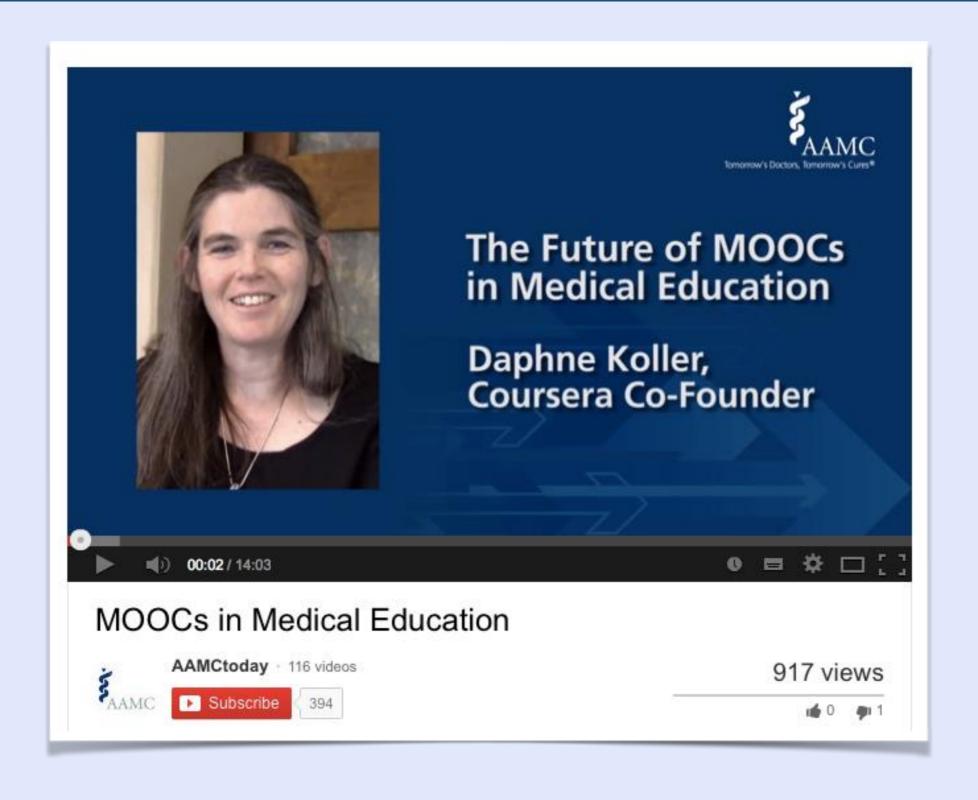
http://www.fastcompany.com/3021473/udacity-sebastian-thrun-uphill-climb



Gartner Hype Cycle

By the end of 2013 the hype begins to dip

# But ... is the hype just building up in health care professions education?



#### Koller's case for MOOCs

- Blended learning flipped classroom
- MOOCs are inherently social
- Learning analytics
- Lifelong learning



Table 3.13: Subject areas that make more extensive use of technology enhanced learning tools than the institutional norm

	No.	Total	Pre-92	Post-92	Coll	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI
Medicine, Nursing, Health	64	81%	81%	89%	43%	83%	67%	75%	100%
Management, Accountancy, Finance, Business etc.	30	38%	43%	34%	29%	41%	17%	25%	100%
Education	20	25%	24%	26%	29%	25%	0%	50%	0%
Social Sciences, Psychology, Law, Teaching etc.	19	24%	30%	20%	14%	23%	33%	25%	0%
Engineering	14	18%	24%	11%	14%	13%	33%	50%	0%
Art, Music, Drama	14	18%	14%	23%	14%	19%	17%	13%	0%
Science(s), not specified	12	15%	19%	11%	14%	13%	33%	25%	0%

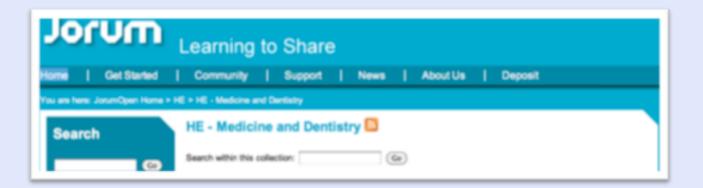
# Are we already ahead of the game? Medicine, Nursing & Health make the most use of TEL in UK Higher Education

2008) when they were both singled out as extensive users of TEL. The key development from the 2010 Survey is the rise of Education up the list to 3rd position from 5th in 2010.

81% of respondents identified Medicine, Nursing and Health as making extensive use of TEL; of this number 100% of the Russell Group and Million+ universities and 93% of University Alliance institutions affirmed extensive use of TEL in this area. Responses indicated that this subject area attracted extensive mobile device support, collaborative learning via Web 2.0 tools and a higher TEL culture amongst its staff than other subject areas.

Source: UCISA 2012 Survey of Technology Enhanced Learning for Higher Education in the UK









HCPs already sharing open educational resources YouTube, Vimeo, iTunes + +



#### Video lectures are nothing new ...

Lectures are only a small piece of the learning experience in health care professions education ... we're already flipping & using TBL

#### Have we got a problem with attention span?



The optimal video length is 6 minutes or shorter -- students watched most of the way through these short videos.

#### Changing emphasis in HCP education

# Surface learning Teacher-centred

- Knowledge retention
- Acquisition of knowledge

# Active learning Student-centred

- Knowledge creation & curation
- Selection & evaluation of information





# Relationships between conceptions of teaching, approaches to teaching & approaches to teaching & learning with technology

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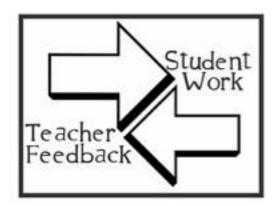


Are xMOOCS really social?

Students want face-to-face teaching

#### Assessment & Feedback

#### MOCCs, getting my first open badge, feedback & the NSS



One of the articles that caught my attention on Zite this morning was 'Four Good Reasons Why Students Need Instructor Feedback in Online Courses' by Debbie Morrison. In her post Debbie spells out why she doesn't think MOOCs cut it for students entering higher education straight from school and particularly in relation to feedback. This got me thinking about the National Student Survey and the fact that feedback is the criteria that universities typically score the lowest on. If there was an NSS equivalent for MOOCs how

# Issues with quality, plagiarism, machine marking,

#### Do students have the appropriate skills?

#### **Enquiry**

Gather, evaluate, collate & manage information to support decision making

#### Creativity

Producers, editors & publishers of digital content

21st Century Learning Skills

#### **Participation**

Communicating, sharing information, contributing to networks & collaborative working

#### Digital literacy

Understand online safety, privacy, personal responsibility & respect copyright

# SUSTAINABILITY?

## What about the ...

# POTENTIAL?

# New models to widen access? Pre-med MOCs?

Alternative Track: Some students study MOOC modules

Established Programme: Other students study a traditional programme Established Medical School Programme

0 Years 2/3 Years 4/5

Issues around accreditation?

## Basic Science Teaching

#### Reply to a Tweet



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#iamse13 anatomy has been going through a major decline and now as older anatomists retire there's a shallow gene pool able to replace them

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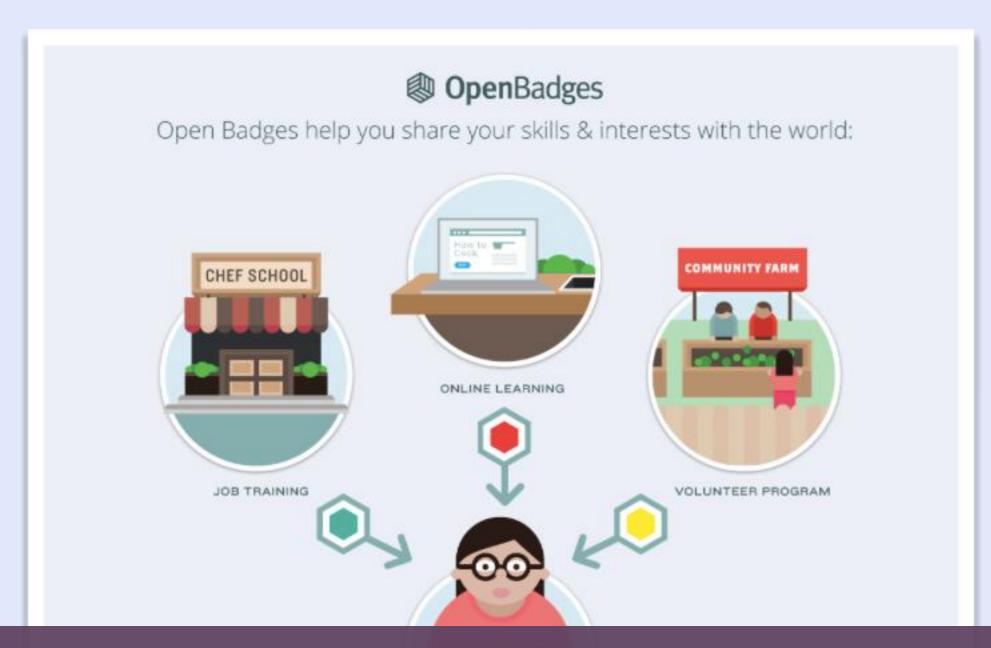
### Can we collaborate to compete?

# Open Online Courses to support interprofessional learning



### Community Open Online Courses

- Ethics
- Global health
- Public health



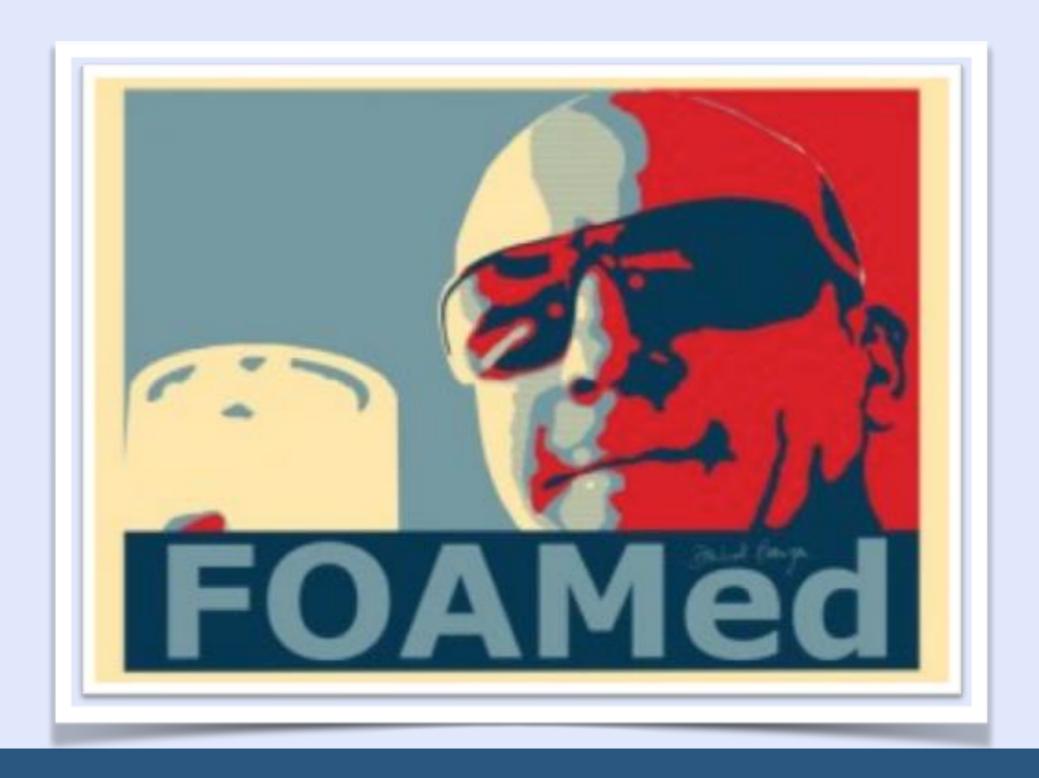
## Open badges to accredit learning



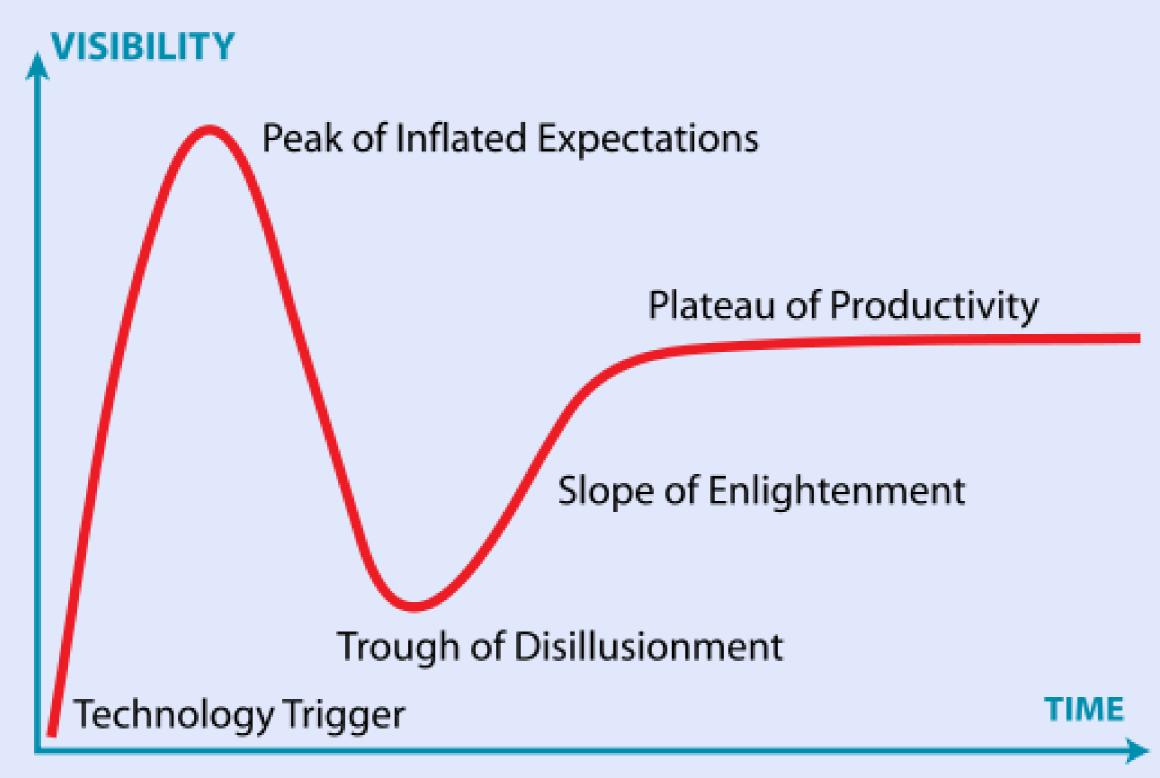
Undergraduate Education

Postgraduate Education Continuing Professional Development

MOOCs supporting CME/CPD & a marketing tool

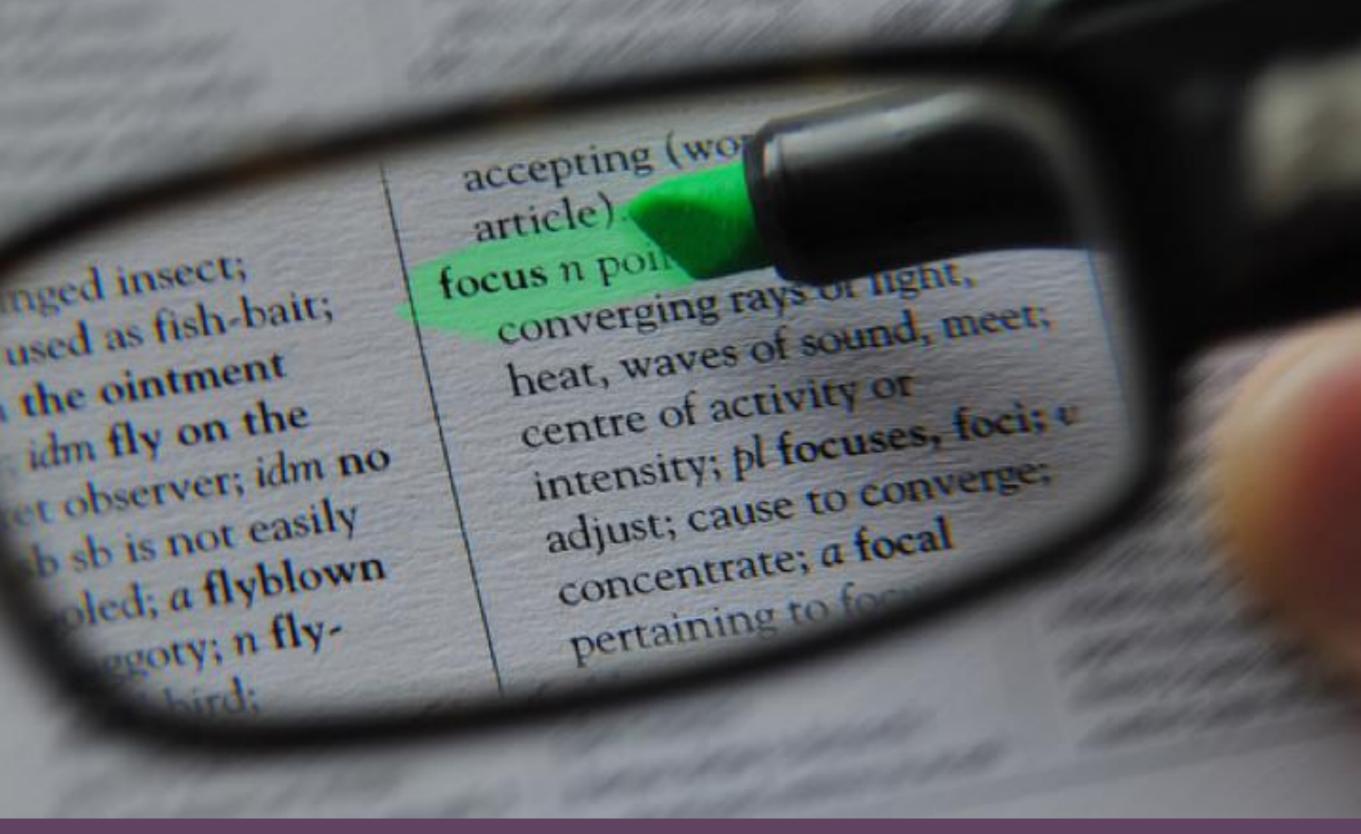


Free open access medical education communities of practice – rhizomatic learning



Gartner Hype Cycle

#### What will MOOCs look like in 5 years?



Keep our focus on enhancing learning & teaching and being agents of change

## What do you think?

#### Questions?

#### Thank you



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