



**Really Cool Title with
“Regenerating” or
“Re-Imagining” or
“(Re)Something” in It**

Podcasting in the Theatre Classroom



3 “Real World” Examples



iTunes U

“based on the iTunes Store . . . but is devoted entirely to education. Colleges and universities build their own iTunes U sites. Faculty post content they create for their classes. Students download what they need . . . [to] a Mac, a PC, or an iPod.”

<http://www.apple.com/education/itunesu>



Audacity

“is free, open source software for recording and editing sounds. It is available for Mac OS X, Microsoft Windows, GNU/Linux, and other operating systems.”

<http://audacity.sourceforge.net>



Irish Theatre and Drama

Dublin Tourism “iWalks”

Georgian Dublin

Castles & Cathedrals

Viking & Medieval Dublin

In the Steps of Ulysses

**[http://www.visitdublin.com/multimedia/
DublinPodcast.aspx?id=275](http://www.visitdublin.com/multimedia/DublinPodcast.aspx?id=275)**



Voice and Diction

International Phonetic Alphabet-based course that meets CMU's Oral Competency requirement

Female colleague and I recorded keywords and sentences associated with vowel and diphthongal sounds/symbols which were then posted to iTunes U



History of Theatre & Drama II

(1) introductory lectures on the authors of each of the plays read for class

(2) class discussions of those plays

(both posted to iTunes U)



Summary - Pros

(1) iTunes U is not OS dependent - works as well on a Windows PC as a Mac;

(2) iTunes U does not require students to own their own iPod - they can listen to the podcasts through any MP3 player or computer;

(3) Audacity is really quite simple to learn - it does not require previous experience with editing software;

(4) Students can review the material as much as they choose and on their own schedule.



Summary - Cons

- (1) requires a little time to edit and upload;**
- (2) requires experimenting with classroom configuration to find optimal placement of recording device (Note: Audacity is quite adept at creating digital files from audio tapes so a digital recorder like an iPod is not required)**