

Simulation and Game Design is one of William Peace University's newest majors, and newly hired Assistant Professor Justin Johnson is very excited to be a part of this innovative program.

Johnson first came to Peace in the Fall of 2013 as an adjunct professor and is now a full-time assistant professor for the Simulation and Game Design (SGD) program. Before coming to Peace, Johnson worked at Ubisoft Red Storm, a video game producing company in Cary. At WPU, Johnson develops the curriculum for new SGD classes. He also teaches many of the core SGD courses, including Simulation and Game Design, Simulation and Game Technology and 3D Modeling and Animation.

"I like the atmosphere at Peace," Johnson said. "There is a good sense of camaraderie, especially among the SGD majors."

In the SGD courses, students work with the same software used by major game developers and use techniques such as motion capture systems to create 3D graphics and animations.

"Peace has a great working space for aspiring developers," says Johnson. "There is a state of the art lab with up-to-date software and technology."

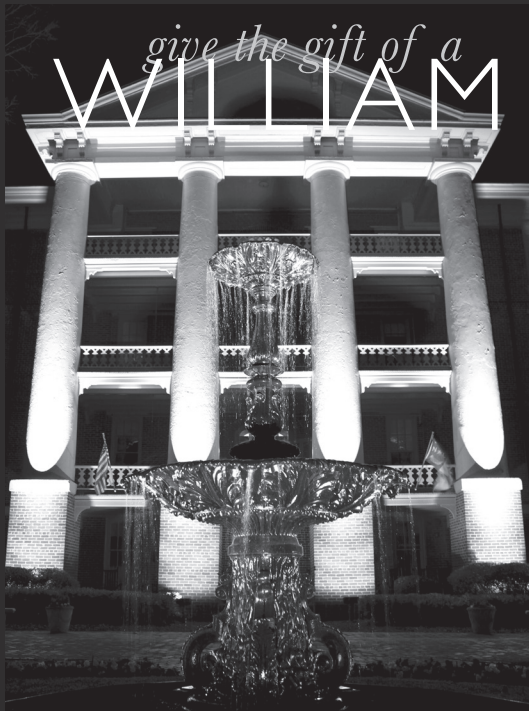
For students graduating with an SGD degree, the opportunities seem endless. Students can use their degree to go in many different directions, from 3D modeling and animation, to working on gameplay and production, to even starting their own company.

"There are a lot of game development companies in the triangle," says Johnson. "Using gaming technology for education, training, and simulation is growing and our students are ready to take advantage of the new opportunities."



JUSTIN JOHNSON | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR FOR SIMULATION AND GAME DESIGN

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