
Game or Parallel Universe?™

Field Trip to Second Life

with guides *Randall Cornish* and *Carolyn O'Barr*

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Two Free Saturday Afternoon Classes, 1:30 to 4:30pm
North City New Media Center, 8401 Aero Drive, Room 150

Take the journey of a lifetime.

SECOND LIFE is a "massively multiplayer online game" that is growing in popularity. Around eleven million people have played the online game at least once.

SECOND LIFE is an imaginary 3D virtual world created by visitors and residents who interact with one another in real time via the Internet using the free **SECOND LIFE** software program. Each player takes on the unique persona of an animated character, or "avatar."

In class, students take a "field trip" to **SECOND LIFE** in order to explore this rich and fascinating "metaverse." Students learn how to register for free and log on to **SECOND LIFE**. Students learn how to determine the gender and appearance of their avatar and how to walk, fly and "teleport" from place to place in this 3D animated world.

Students discover how to communicate with others, make friends, join groups and find out about events, classes and exhibits in **SECOND LIFE**. Students learn how to participate in activities such as dancing, swimming, roller skating, skydiving and river rafting. Students learn "in-world" terminology, slang, customs and etiquette. Students discover how to buy land, make money and spend money. Students learn how to build objects and use textures and animation scripts in **SECOND LIFE**.

The class includes a discussion about role playing and anonymity, social norms and ways **SECOND LIFE** can affect our first life.



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Avatars for **Randall Cornish** and **Carolyn O'Barr** are shown above.

Randall has worked in the graphic design industry for more than 30 years. He's an award-winning educator, an Adobe Certified Expert and a member of the American Institute of Graphic Arts. Carolyn shows students how to use more than 20 software programs related to print, interactive media and Web design. She's a member of the National Association of Photoshop Professionals and the Media Communications Association Intl. For more information contact Randall Cornish at rcornish@RCOcreative.com or Carolyn O'Barr at cobarr@RCOcreative.com.