



# Sandia Serious Gaming Consortium presents Stephen Jacobs

*Serious Games for Social Good: A Survey of Work in the MAGIC Center and RIT*

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**Sandia-NM:** 1000 -- 1100 MST, CSRI/90

**Sandia-CA:** 900 -- 1000 PST, Bldg 915 / W133

## Abstract

Over the past twenty years RIT has created industry leading degree programs in New Media and Game Development. Much of the interest of faculty and students have centered on so called "Serious Games" that have touched on informal education with Museums, Medical and Therapeutic games, Gamefication of formal and informal education and more. Professor Jacobs will be joining us to present a general overview of the work and then discuss projects that you find of interest in greater depth.

## Bio

Stephen Jacobs, MA Media Studies, designed and built exhibits for the [Capital Children's Museum](#) in the 70's, ran the [AmiEXPO](#) trade shows for the [Commodore Amiga](#) in the 80's, and began teaching at RIT in the 90's. In this century he's an Associate Director of RIT's new [MAGIC center](#) teaches game history, design, narrative and industry practices. Most recently he has worked on game and/or narrative design for [Just Press Play](#) (funded by Microsoft Research), [Martha Madison's Marvelous Machines](#) (funded by the NSF) and [MindGamers](#), (funded by RIT's office of Applied Research). He serves as a Visiting Scholar for the [International Center for the History of Electronic Games](#) at The Strong and Chair of the [IGDA Learning, Education and Game Special Interest Group](#). His Lab for Technological Literacy in the MAGIC center currently runs the [FOSS@RIT](#) initiative and its realted "FOSSBox" lab and RIT's new Mobile Zone lab. Both efforts provide mentorship for faculty, staff and students, run hackathons and promote FOSS and Mobile development practices locally, regionally and nationally.

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