



# Writing & Reporting: A Story of Collaboration

## The Troconis Trial

One of the best and most important ways to create engaging, leading edge, experiential education is through collaboration.

This was evident in a project for the News Writing and Reporting course Spring 2024. I had been working with Andy Thibault on some technology elements and Canvas pieces for his course.

We talked about how the students were studying the Troconis trial, a famous case not only in Connecticut, but worldwide. So we brainstormed some ideas and this is what we came up with.

## The Brainstorm:

The best way to create dynamic and engaging content is to collaborate and brainstorm. That is something we prioritize in Digital Learning.

The Digital Learning team works with every college and many of the faculty in the University. Because of this we have unique insight into helping foster cross-curricular collaboration. I had worked on previous projects with Richard Colangelo, who is was Chief State's Attorney of Connecticut and worked on the Troconis case.

Andy and I brainstormed and I put the two together to set up an online session for his students to Q&A an important figure in this trial.

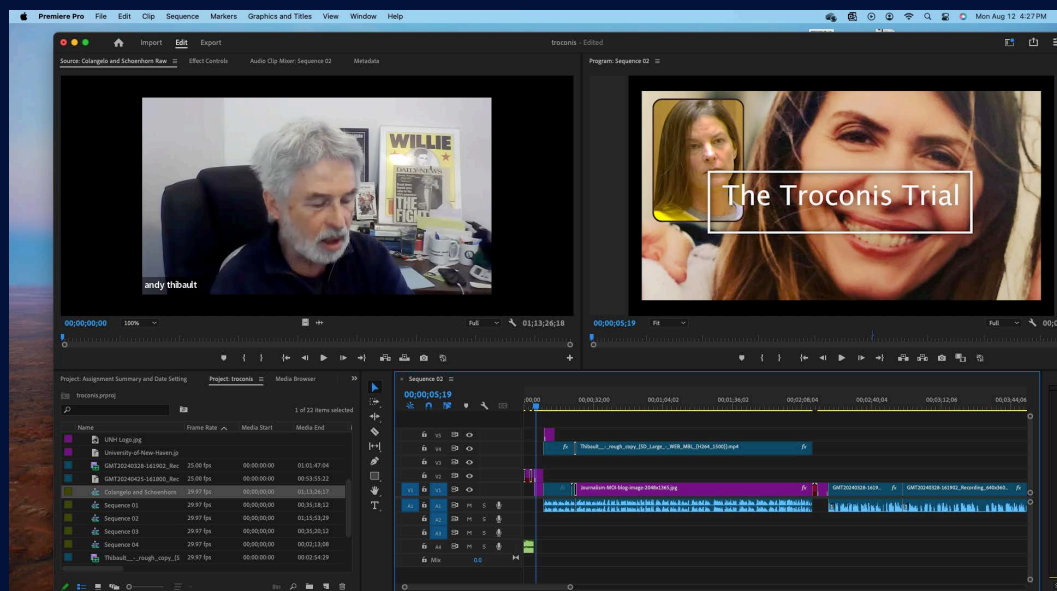
Andy also knew the defense's attorney Jon Schoenhorn, who after hearing Richard Colangelo was speaking also spoke on a separate occasion to the students.

Their differing viewpoints were enlightening.

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## The Outcome:

The students in this course gained unique experience and insight that no other students in journalism in the country have in one of the most famous trials in recent times. You can view the full video here: [Writing & Reporting-Troconis](#)





## Conclusion

While we pride ourselves on our abilities in technology and pedagogical design, one of our greatest assets is our ability to collaborate build relationships. This was a very exciting project to be a part of. If you want to collaborate, have an idea, or just want to throw some things against the wall to see what sticks - get in touch. Use our (Click Here) *"Idea Box."* We'd love to hear from you.