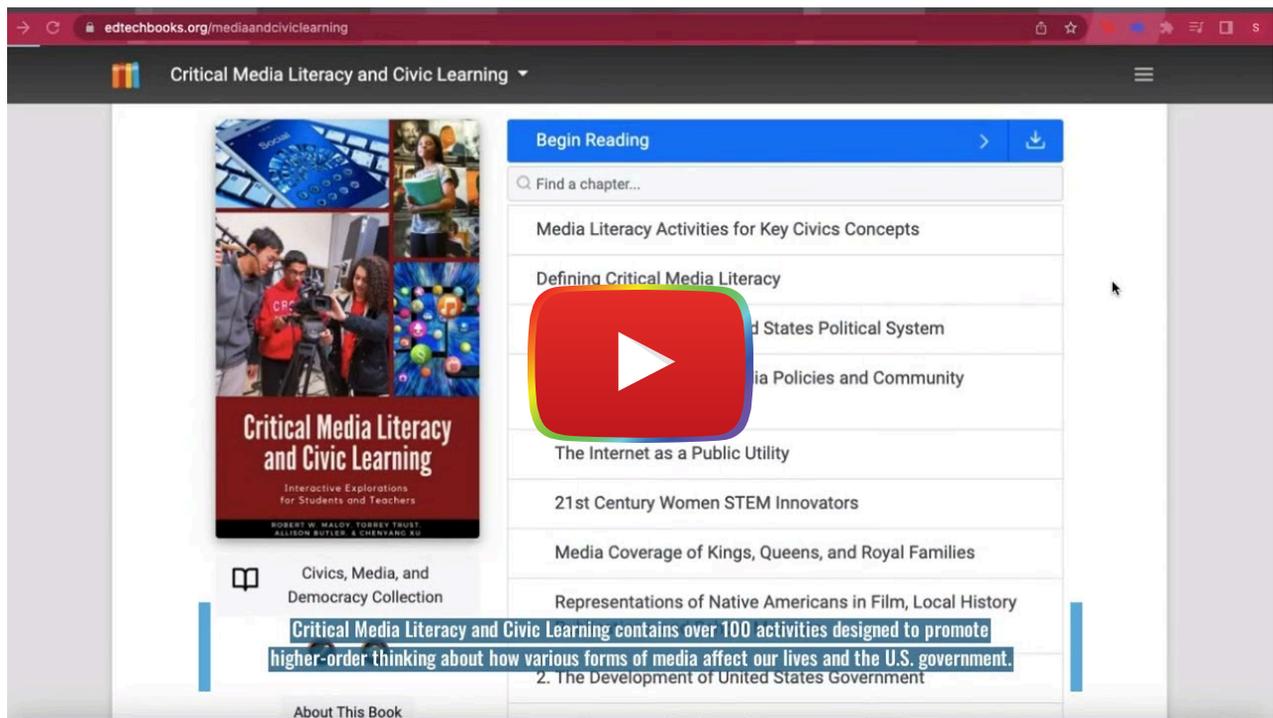


Introduction and Awards

Welcome to **Critical Media Literacy and Civic Learning** - an interactive, multimodal, multicultural, open access eBook for teaching and learning key topics in United States Government and Civic Life.

Open access means these materials are online, digital, and free of charge (Billings, 2019). This book is available online to anyone with an internet connection. The eBook can also be viewed and printed as a PDF file for offline viewing.



A companion text to our [Building Democracy for All eBook](#) (2020), **Critical Media Literacy and Civic Learning** (2021) features more than 100 interactive media literacy learning activities for students organized around key topics in civics, government, and history education derived from the Massachusetts 8th Grade Civics and Government curriculum framework.

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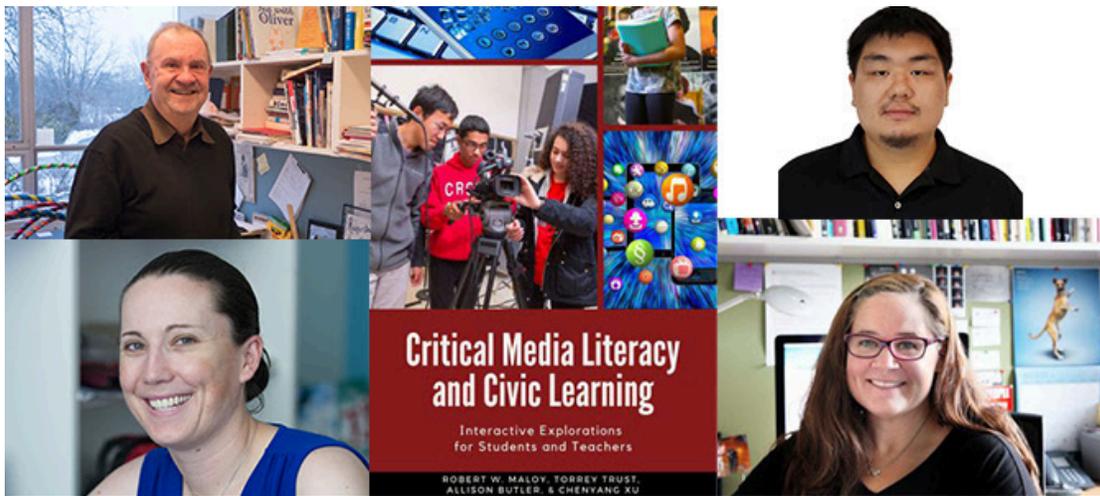
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Awards & Recognition

The Critical Media Literacy and Civic Learning eBook was recently recognized by the **Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** as a [high quality civics curriculum resource for media literacy](#).

According to the site "In total, 100+ materials were reviewed across these three phases of work. This guide highlights those that teacher reviewers found to be worthy of districts' consideration" ([para. 4](#)).

Additional Awards



Maloy, Trust, Butler, and Xu win 2023 MERLOT Classics Award

Hats off to EDUC faculty Bob Maloy and Torrey Trust, senior lecturer Allison Butler (Communications) and EDUC doctoral student Chenyang Xu. Their book "Critical Media Literacy and Civic Learning" (EdTech Books) was awarded a 2023 MERLOT Classics Award by the Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT) initiative.

Bob Maloy, Torrey Trust, Allison Butler, and Chenyang Xu were awarded the [2023 MERLOT Exemplary Classics Award](#)



Bob Maloy, Torrey Trust, Allison Butler, and Chenyang Xu were honored for their collaborative work on this eBook project with the [2021 Learning Technologies Team Award](#).



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