Accessibility of Electronic and Information Technology (EIT)

- **The law hasn't changed but lawsuits and settlements are beginning to define to us what is expected.**

- **EIT is essentially anything computer or web based….**
    - **Computers of any kind: desktops, laptops, tablets**
    - **Computer-like devices: e-readers, etc.**
    - **Learning Management Systems**
    - **Software, including operating systems**
    - **Educational programs, simulators, etc.**
    - **Record management systems (registration, HR, bursar, etc.)**
    - **Apps**
    - **ATMs**
    - **Clickers**

- **EIT must be accessible to everyone, regardless of disability <u>and in an equally effective way</u>**
    - **Can students access and use the digital content who have learning disabilities and limitations with hearing, vision, and mobility?**
    - **One in eleven entering college freshmen have a disability**
    - **Largest, fastest growing historically excluded group on college campuses.**

- **Strong models for consideration:**
    - **George Mason University**
    - **Temple University, https://accessibility.temple.edu/**

- **Benchmark institutions: (two most significant DOJ settlements)**
    - **Louisiana Tech**
    - **University of Montana, http://www.umt.edu/accessibility/**
        - **Task force established**
        - **Policy developed**
        - **Information Technology Access Office was created (2 full time staff)**
        - **Reviewing products and categorizing as: approved, not approved, and conditional use products**
        - **Vetted regularly by DOJ**

Brief List of Significant Suits and Settlements

2009	Multiple Universities, e-readers need to be accessible.
2009	Law School Admissions Council, web content, services, & test prep materials need to be accessible.
2010	DCL FAQ clarifies institutional obligations and responsibilities.
2010	Penn State, all EIT needs to be accessible.
2011	NY Univ, Google Apps need to be accessible.
2011	Northwestern Univ, Google Apps need to be accessible.
2012	Fla State Univ, make online courses accessible.
2012	Univ Montana, make websites and online content/services accessible.
2013	S Carolina Tech College Sys, make websites accessible.
2013	Louisiana Tech, make course materials and websites accessible.
2013	Univ California Berkeley, make course materials and library materials accessible in a timely manner.
2014	Youngstown State U, had policies and procedures but no education or enforcement.
2015	In process - Harvard/MIT accusations of lack of effective communication (captions).