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Dina M. Yagodich* (dyagodich@frederick.edu). *Baby steps for introducing Modeling First with teaching Differential Equations.*

Changing a teaching style is often a daunting task, especially for a course such as Differential Equations. With so much subject matter to cover, trying to move to a modeling-first method all at once can dissuade instructors from the attempt.

Dina Yagodich will discuss how she added the Modeling First method, starting from a single first-day-of-class M&M modeling activity to integrating modeling more consistently through the course over four semesters, from traditional face-to-face classes to online courses. In addition to modeling, Dina also switched to OER textbooks, which allowed for more flexibility in content. (Received September 01, 2016)