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Upcoming events and workshops

Back-to-school workshops

http://cit.duke.edu/events/

CIT is hosting a variety of faculty workshops in the weeks around the start of classes. Topics include:

- Enhancing your courses with audio & video
- Teaching with webcams
- Creating short videos of your computer screen
- Implementing student video projects
- Duke Digital Initiative: What’s in it For me?
- Using technology at Duke: Whom do I call for what?
- Your shareable web space: Webfiles
- Orientation to teaching spaces in the Link
- Introduction to Blackboard
- Wimba Voice: Fast, easy and built-In audio recording in Blackboard
- Using Blackboard for student interaction: Blogs & wikis
- The green classroom: Saving paper with Blackboard
- Blackboard tests and quizzes

See more and register from the link above.

Strategic Initiative Grants from CIT

CIT is offering grants to faculty to support instructional innovations with technology, tied to Duke’s strategic plan “Making a Difference.” In particular, Chapter 4 of the plan “Academic Goals and Strategies to Build Distinction” (pdf, html) focuses on academic and instructionally-related goals which CIT would like to support, such as interdisciplinarity, student engagement in real-world issues, providing engaging and challenging learning experiences for students, transforming the arts, supporting our graduate students, and innovation in creation and delivery of scholarly resources.
Part 1 of the grant application is due Monday, September 22, 2008.

Mapping Literature

The Chronicle of Higher Education features an article this week on literary scholarship that is using technology to investigate new questions with texts that are available online. New tools, such as Google Earth, are allowing professors to map and sort textual information in new ways and extend the scholarly process into the classroom.

The article takes an in-depth look at an online project, the Map of Early London, edited by Janelle Jenstad, an assistant professor of English at the University of Victoria. The map, using John Stow’s 1598 work A Survey of London, overlays place information contained in literary works produced during the era. Users at the site can explore proximity of authors to places mentioned in works, the cultural life of different parts of the city mentioned in literature, people mentioned in connection with specific places, and many other geographic aspects of the texts.

The Chronicle has assembled an audio slide show tour of the Map as part of the article.

Bb Tip: Easy Way to Access Library Resources Off-campus

EZProxy allows you to use your Duke NetID to access library resources, especially online articles and databases, from off-campus without having to download any software. Check out the link below for the general process used to link to library resources directly from Blackboard:


To explore and discover additional Blackboard features, see the Blackboard support website (http://blackboard.duke.edu/) If you need a tutorial for adding web links in Blackboard, request an office visit (http://blackboard.duke.edu/forms/officevisit_begin.do) and we will come to you.