January 7, 2008

Upcoming events:
Setting priorities for instructional technology support (CIT focus groups for faculty)
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Digital media 101: introduction to instructional projects using digital audio and video
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Science Blogging Conference (Jan 2008)

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Upcoming events
---> CIT sessions in January:
Setting priorities for instructional technology support: Let us hear from you!
   Tues, Jan 8, 2008                       11:45 AM - 1:00 PM
   OR Fri, Jan 11, 2008                11:45 AM - 1:00 PM
   http://cit.duke.edu/help/events/event.do?eventid=531

Introduction to Blackboard
   Tues, Jan 8, 2008                       2:00 - 4:00 PM
   OR Fri, Jan 11, 2008                9:00 - 11:00 AM
   http://cit.duke.edu/help/events/event.do?eventid=581

Introduction to Wimba: Fast, easy and built-in audio recording in Blackboard
   Fri, Jan 11, 2008                        3:00 - 4:30 PM
   OR Thur, Jan 17, 2008                3:00 - 4:30 PM
   OR Thur, Jan 31, 2008                10:00 - 11:30 AM
   http://cit.duke.edu/help/events/event.do?eventid=514

Digital media 101: introduction to instructional projects using digital audio and video
   Thur, Jan 17, 2008                10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
   http://cit.duke.edu/help/events/event.do?eventid=490

Electronically submitted dissertations
   Thur, Jan 24, 2008                    1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
   http://cit.duke.edu/help/events/event.do?eventid=406&occurid=1161

Avoiding "Death by PowerPoint"
   Tues, Jan 29, 2008                    1:00 - 2:30 PM
   http://cit.duke.edu/help/events/event.do?eventid=423&occurid=1181

Conquering information overload: Managing course communication and resources
   Wed, Jan 30, 2008                        2:00 - 3:00 PM
   http://cit.duke.edu/help/events/event.do?eventid=571&occurid=1241

What are my students thinking?
   Fri, Feb 1, 2008                        1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Is there a workshop topic you would like, but don't see? We can custom design any session for you – just ask us! cit@duke.edu.

http://scienceblogging.com/
Register now to reserve your place to discuss the future of science communication. The conference addresses a variety of issues and perspectives on science communication, including science literacy, the popularization of science, science in classrooms and in homes, debunking pseudoscience, using blogs as tools for presenting scientific research, writing about science, and health and medicine.

Service or program spotlight

CIT announces new faculty grants
http://cit.duke.edu/help/grants
CIT has just announced new grant opportunities for Duke faculty and instructors.

Strategic Initiative Grants support instructional innovations with technology, tied to Duke's strategic plan "Making a Difference" (http://stratplan.duke.edu/plan.html). In particular, Chapter 4 of the plan "Academic Goals and Strategies to Build Distinction" 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. Information about the grant and examples of potential projects are linked above.
Due date: January 31, 2008.

Blackboard Great Ideas Mini--grant seeks submissions of Bb uses which work well from all disciplines, in order to create examples and models for other Duke faculty. If you use one or more Blackboard tools in a way which works for you and your course, your colleagues would like to know!
Due date: January 31, 2008.

In addition, CIT continues to offer Jump Start Mini--grants and Faculty Fellowships, as well as non--funding support such as consulting, help with materials development and training. Visit our website for more information.

Blackboard Course Retention policy announced
http://blackboard.duke.edu/about/retention.html
After getting significant feedback from Duke faculty, students, and administrators, a new Blackboard Course Retention Policy is now in effect. Course sites will be retained for four years and then deleted. Instructors will have an option to retain older courses if they wish. This policy is effective starting with Fall 2007 Blackboard course sites and later. Blackboard course sites created Summer 2007 and earlier will be retained until further notice. For example, a Blackboard course site created Fall 2007 term will be deleted after Fall 2011.

Teaching resource of the month

Suggestions for using Web 2.0 tools in teaching
CIT has created several pages with tips and case studies on using Web 2.0 tools like Flickr and Second Life in teaching. If you plan to use such tools in your class, you may find valuable suggestions in our guide.

New and cool

Zoho online office productivity suite
http://zoho.com
Zoho is an online Web service that lets you do almost anything online that you can do on a desktop computer— from creating documents to building a spreadsheet to managing a database, plus conferencing, project--management, chat, and more.
Project profile

Wimba Voice Tools pilot underway
http://cit.duke.edu/help/ddi/0708_wimba.html

Wimba Voice Tools allow instructors to integrate live audio recording and playback functionality into almost all areas of their Blackboard course, including announcements, quizzes or surveys, and content items. Instructors can request to have the Voice Tools enabled in their Spring 2008 Blackboard sites at the site above.

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