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Upcoming events

CIT June sessions

**Digital Media Writing as Academic Authorship**

Wed, Jun 4, 2008 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

**Google Earth**

Thu, Jun 5, 2008 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**Blackboard Advisory Group Meeting**

Tue, Jun 17, 2008 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Elon University's Innovation in Instruction Conference, Aug. 21, 2008

http://idd.elon.edu/catl/conference/index.html

Kansas State University cultural anthropologist and "media ecologist" Michael Wesch will keynote this year's conference, which will explore the role of higher education in the 21st Century. Our students come to us from vastly different peoples, cultures, and perspectives. They leave us to face ever-changing challenges and the opportunities of a new global age. As twenty-first century educators, we must not only help our students to read, write and calculate, but set their skills into larger frameworks of teaching and learning. Within the widening horizons of the "real world," our work must be engaging, interactive, contextual. We must learn to think globally, while we teach locally.

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Service or program spotlight

Last call for Jump Start Grants this academic year

http://cit.duke.edu/help/grants/jumpstart.html

CIT's "Jump Start Grants" are intended to allow implementation of a new activity in a course, development of a "proof-of-concept," or exploration of a new tool, specialized hardware device, or software to determine usefulness in teaching. If you have an idea to enhance or change your teaching with technology and just need a small "boost" (funding or consulting) to get started, consider our Jump Start Grants. Apply by Wednesday 6/4/2008 for consideration this academic year. If you have questions about whether your project idea fits this grant program, email cit@duke.edu.

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Teaching resource of the month

50 tips and tricks to create a learning space in Second Life


This site describes the educational possibilities of Second Life for reaching out beyond traditional classrooms and school districts, connecting with people around the world, having interactive discussions, practicing real-world skills and keeping students engaged in a technologically-driven society. The list offers examples of educational uses of Second Life in a...
variety of subject areas. You also can find tips and tools for getting started and then making the most of using Second Life. For those who do not want to do development work, there are examples of already-created spaces useful in teaching.

**New and cool**

**Jing screen capture and sharing**
http://www.jingproject.com/

Jing is an always-ready program that instantly captures and shares images and video from your computer to share anywhere. You can make recordings (screencasts) of anything on your computer screen (PowerPoint, how-tos for using software, explanations of data or text, tours of websites). Your video is hosted by the Jing service, and you are provided with a URL to email, use in a chat or blog, or post to Blackboard. You can also save your video as a Flash file your own computer. Jing is from TechSmith (the makers of Camtasia) and is available for Mac and Windows machines. Please note that Jing is available on an experimental basis, and that the product may change, based on user feedback.

**Project profile**

**Learning science with team-based learning and a tablet PC**
http://cit.duke.edu/ideas/projects/2008/05/30/tbltabletpc/

Alyssa Perz-Edwards (Biology) teaches cell biology in a six-week summer academic enrichment program at Duke. Students use class time to concentrate on critical thinking and problem solving skills, while learning relevant facts and terminology outside of class. Alyssa uses team based learning (http://www.ou.edu/p2i/teamlearning/) to motivate students to learn outside of class, and uses her tablet PC for just in time teaching.

**Blackboard tip of the month**

**Fast, easy and built-in audio recording in Blackboard**
http://cit.duke.edu/tools/digital_media/wimba.html

Wimba Voice Tools provide toolbars (called "applets") that can be embedded in a Blackboard page to offer seven different ways of including live voice recording in the page, most notably as a small recording toolbar to allow one to record short audio clips that can be immediately saved and played back.

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