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Upcoming events

Duke Digital Initiatives events
http://cit.duke.edu/events/ddi.do

- Special "Getting started" iPod program workshop (Tue. 12/12/2006, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM, OR Tue. 12/19/2006, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM)
- iPod 101 (Wed. 12/13/2006, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
- What is iTunes U and how can I use it? (Wed. 12/13/2006, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM)
- Creating course materials: digital audio (Thu. 12/14/2006, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
- Creating course materials: digital video (Thu. 12/14/2006, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM)
- What can I do with my course iPod? (Fri. 12/15/2006, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
- Creating course materials: digital images (Tue. 12/19/2006, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

Exploring New Technologies events
http://cit.duke.edu/events/explore.do

- TODAY!! Online communities and the wisdom of crowds: Applying lessons from the social web toward research and learning (Thurs. 12/7/2006, 3-4 pm)
- New tools for data gathering and field research (Wed. 12/13/2006, 2-3 pm)

General Teaching and Learning events
http://cit.duke.edu/events/teaching.do
Distance Education Brown Bag--the second session (Fri. 12/15/2006, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM)

North Carolina Science Blogging Conference
http://wiki.blogtogether.org/blogtogether/show/HomePage
Saturday 1/20/2007
A free, open and public event for scientists, educators, students, journalists, bloggers and anyone interested in discussing science communication, education and literacy on the Web.

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Service or program spotlight
Faculty Learning Community about Teaching Interdisciplinary Courses at Duke
http://cit.duke.edu/help/funding/flc.do
Brief applications due 1/5/2007
Faculty Learning Communities (FLCs) are opportunities for a group of faculty to work together researching a teaching–related topic and building their knowledge and skills related to that topic. Interdisciplinary teaching is a strong theme in the new Duke strategic plan; therefore, the Spring 2007 FLC is focused on teaching interdisciplinary courses. The intent of the FLC is to provide a venue for faculty interested in and/or experienced in teaching these types of courses to develop best practices and recommendations for their colleagues at Duke, based on the literature and their own experience. The outcomes of the FLC should be useful to other faculty who are developing and teaching interdisciplinary courses in the future.

Materials Development Mini–Grants
http://cit.duke.edu/help/funding/funding.do
These small grants will provide help creating course materials. The application form will be available online soon, but in the meantime faculty wishing to request help should email cit@duke.edu with the subject line “Materials Development request.” Include in the email as much detail as possible about what needs to be developed, the timeline for completion, etc.
Teaching resource of the month

SWoRD
http://www.lrdc.pitt.edu/schunn/SWoRD/
Scaffolded Writing and Reviewing in the Discipline (SWoRD) uses web-based student peer review of writing to improve student writing and decrease faculty time spent grading writing projects.

New and cool

Gliffy
http://gliffy.com
Gliffy is a collaborative online diagramming tool, which requires just a web browser with Flash plugin. Gliffy allows users to easily create flowcharts, UI wireframes, floor plans, network diagrams, UML diagrams, or any other simple drawing or diagram, and share their diagrams with collaborators.

Breaking news

New film copyright ruling will benefit faculty
http://www.dukenews.duke.edu/2006/12/copyright.html
This Duke News article describes a recent exemption to the DMCA, which allows a slightly more broad use of digital video in teaching. For consulting on this and other aspects of copyright and scholarly communications, as they impact the teaching and research work of faculty, please contact the Libraries’ Scholarly Communications Officer Kevin Smith at cit@duke.edu or kevin.l.smith@duke.edu.