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**Upcoming events**

Google Earth: CIT New Technologies Workshop  
**Wed, Mar 7, 2007**  
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Library Classroom (023 Bostock Library)  
Google Earth is a virtual globe program that offers interactive maps, satellite images and allows overlays of other types of data and files. In this session, participants will receive hands on experience with Google Earth, and several educational uses will be demonstrated and discussed. This session is part of a regular CIT series to foster dialogue on new technologies that can be used in teaching and learning.

Using Audio to Improve Student Writing  
**Thu, Apr 5, 2007**  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
Breedlove Room, Perkins Library  
Are you teaching a writing intensive course and seeking ways to improve student writing and facilitate more active student engagement in the revision process? In this round table discussion, faculty from the University Writing Program discuss how they use audio recordings to improve peer review and give audio feedback to students on writing assignments. Ideas for recording and exchanging audio files presented in the session can be used in Blackboard with iPods or with student and instructor laptops and desktops. Presenters include Vicki Russell, Cary Moskovitz, and Julie Reynolds. Lunch will be provided to pre-registrants.

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**Service or program spotlight**

New Blackboard menu item  
A new "Ask A Librarian" button is being added to the menu on the left side of most new Blackboard course sites, effective immediately. The button adds a link to http://library.duke.edu/services/ask/. The button will not appear on Bb pages for schools that have their own Blackboard template: Law, Nursing, and Divinity. If your school is interested in having its own Blackboard course template, contact cit@duke.edu.

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**Teaching resource of the month**

Google Earth  
Google Earth is a virtual globe browser that superimposes satellite imagery onto the earth. It facilitates placement and sharing of data that involves location. It is a free download and encourages investigation and contributions. Instructors can use it to display and compare data, or assign students to build a tour in Google Earth. It is continuously updated, so update and check back frequently.

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**New and cool**

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Pipes at Yahoo
http://pipes.yahoo.com/

Pipes is a new service that recently went online from Yahoo as a Beta. It allows users to create and share new RSS feeds by taking two or more existing feeds and combining them together in creative ways. For example, you might take the daily headlines from the New York Times and use that as a filter for keywords of RSS feeds of Flickr photos. Students could use the site to construct their own "pipes" of information to analyze current information on the Internet.

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Project profile

Scholarly Communications Office website
http://library.duke.edu/blogs/scholcomm/

Duke's Scholarly Communications Office now has a website and blog where faculty, staff and students can get advice about copyright issues and information on legislation and policy that impacts teaching and scholarly publishing. The site also features information aimed to help faculty and graduate student authors understand and manage their own copyright as they navigate the publication process.

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