May 11, 2007

Upcoming events: Teaching triangles orientation meeting
http://cit.duke.edu/events/graduate.do#425
Tuesday 5/15/2007
11:30 – 1 pm
Teaching Triangles are informal peer teaching observation and feedback groups for graduate student instructors. Participants in this program observe each others’ teaching, reflect on the observation experience, and share these reflections with their partners and other participants in the program. All graduate student instructors in the summer 07 terms (I, II and/or full) are invited to participate (please pre-register at the link above). More information: Hugh Crumley at crumley@duke.edu.

---> Interested in a similar program for faculty? contact CIT at cit@duke.edu to let us know!

Service or program spotlight
Blackboard Avisory Group
http://blackboard.duke.edu/about/advisory.do
The Blackboard Advisory Group is comprised of faculty and staff representatives from across Duke, and provides advice to CIT on issues related to Blackboard, including but not limited to potential new functionality, content retention policies, and timing of upgrades to the system. The monthly meeting agenda is published about a week before the meeting. The meetings are open to any Duke person (student, instructor, staff). If you are interested in hearing about upcoming meetings, email neal.caidin@duke.edu.

Teaching resource of the month
Resources in science and engineering education
http://www.ncsu.edu/felder-public/
Need evidence that changing your teaching will increase student learning? Want to know what works? Want guidance in using active learning? Richard Felder, Professor of Chemical Engineering at NCSU, provides resources to make teaching more effective, without compromising the syllabus. He also provides documentation that the techniques work.

New and cool
Google Maps added features
http://www.google.com/maps
Google Maps has added the ability to create, save and share your own maps. When you open Google Maps, click on the "My Maps" tab. Check out the examples from the history of Route 66, or the results of the 2004 Presidential Election. To create and share your own marked-up maps, click on "create new map." You will be asked for a name and description of your new map, and, at the upper right of the map, icons will appear that will allow you to add placemarks, paths and shapes. This is a great way to orient someone to an area, or trace a route.
Project profile

Comment on redesign of Library web site
http://library.duke.edu/blogs/web-redesign/

The Duke University Libraries are redesigning their website to improve service and access to online resources for the Duke campus and extended Duke community. The new home page will be published on August 1, 2007, in time for faculty and staff to acquaint themselves with the new design before the fall semester begins. In order to communicate redesign progress and solicit feedback from the greater Duke community and beyond, the library has created a website redesign blog (linked above). Please visit the blog to check out current screen designs and news about the progress, and to send comments and suggestions.

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