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Upcoming events

General Teaching and Learning events
http://cit.duke.edu/events/teaching.do
Check the URL above for notice of our second Distance Education Brown Bag, coming in early December.

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

- TOMORROW: Collaborative spaces for teaching and learning (Wed. 11/8/2006, 2–3 pm)
- 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)

Service or program spotlight
CIT mini grants available
http://cit.duke.edu/help/funding/funding.do
CIT offers a variety of "mini-grants" to support faculty exploration of instructional technologies. Applications for these grants are accepted on a rolling basis:

- Jump Start Grants are intended to help faculty initially investigate a teaching technology, do a portion of a larger project as a "proof-of-concept" or pilot a technology activity in their teaching.
- Conference Travel Grants provide an opportunity for faculty to present their work implementing and evaluating instructional technology activities in a scholarly, peer-reviewed conference.
- Invited Speaker Grants can support faculty or departments in bringing speakers to campus to talk about innovative instructional technology uses in disciplines.

Teaching resource of the month
Columbia University's Center for New Media in Teaching and Learning
http://ccnmtl.columbia.edu/web/index.html
The Center offers a project portfolio showing how faculty are using technology in different disciplines. The examples can be searched by discipline, or by educational approach, such as simulations or laboratory experiences. Some projects can only be viewed by individuals at Columbia, but others are open to anyone. One of the open examples is a wiki developed in Professor Robin Kelley's spring 2005 undergraduate course "Black Movements in the U.S." Students in the course developed the content of a collaborative Web site about key social justice movements in the United States (http://socialjustice.ccnmtl.columbia.edu/index.php/Main_Page). To find projects, use the search tool in the top of the website linked above.

New and cool
H20 Playlist
http://h2obeta.law.harvard.edu/
This site, currently in "beta", allows users to share "playlists" of books, journal articles and other materials and to find individuals with common research interests in academia.
Project profile

Tablet PCs
http://www.duke.edu/ddi/projects/tabletpc.html

As part of the Duke Digital Initiative several Duke classes are experimenting with tablet PCs, either as presentation tools for faculty, or as devices allowing interaction between students and faculty in class (when both students and faculty use tablets). A recent Chronicle article (http://www.dukechronicle.com/media/storage/paper884/news/2006/10/05/News/Tablet.Pc.Classes.Thriving2333761.shtml?norewrite200610311358&sourcedomain=www.dukechronicle.com) describes how some Duke professors are using tablet PCs in teaching.