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UPDATE ON UNC SAKAI PILOT ACTIVITIES

The April meeting of the Carolina Technology Consultants (CTC) will feature an update on UNC Sakai pilot activities over the past year. Kim Eke and Aurora Collado, ITS Teaching and Learning, will provide an overview of Sakai, share early UNC pilot experiences and feedback, and show UNC's Sakai pilot instance.

When: 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Where: Room 201, Coker Hall

For more information about Sakai, see:
-- http://sakaiproject.org/
-- http://osportfolio.org/
-- http://openedpractices.org/

Carolina Technology Consultants (CTC) is a cooperative organization of professional computer support providers at UNC-Chapel Hill. The CTC is a grassroots based organization formed as a forum for IT professionals at Carolina. For more information about the CTC, go to http://its.unc.edu/ctc/.

ITS HELP DESK HIGHLIGHTED IN NATIONAL STUDY

The ITS Help Desk is highlighted in an in-depth case study, "The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Integrating IT Support Institution-Wide," published by the EDUCAUSE Center for Applied Research (ECAR). The case study was created to complement a core study titled "Service on the Front Line: The IT Help Desk in Higher Education." For more details and to access documents from the study, go to http://its.unc.edu/news/blog/2008/04/02/ecar-study/.

OPENCOLLECTION SOFTWARE TALK MATERIALS ONLINE

Seth van Hooland, Universitat Libre de Bruxelles, spoke on "The OpenCollection Software for Cultural Heritage Resources" at the April meeting of the UNC Scholarly Communication Working Group. Slides from his presentation are available at http://homepages.ulb.ac.be/~svhoolan/MRC.pdf and the audio portion of his talk (in mp3 format) is available at http://www.unc.edu/schol-com/apr08audio.mp3.

The Scholarly Communication Working Group is sponsored by the Odum Institute. For more information about the group, go to http://www.unc.edu/schol-com/.

INNOVATION IN INSTRUCTION CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The 5th Annual Innovation in Instruction Conference, "Exploring the Role of Higher Education in the 21st Century: Thinking Globally, Teaching Locally," is soliciting proposals for interactive 75-minute sessions and for posters/demonstrations that highlight best practices and that offer insight into one of four conference tracks:

-- Bridging the Gap: Application of Skills and Content
-- Applying Research to Teaching
-- Assessing Student Learning
-- Keep Your Mojo Working: Inspiring Yourself and Your Students

The conference will take place on August 21, 2008, at Elon University.

Proposal submissions are due by April 30, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. The proposal submission form and further details about the conference are available at http://idd.elon.edu/catl/conference/index.html.

NORTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING DAY

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is hosting the first system-wide Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Day in May.

When: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 30, 2008

Where: UNC-Greensboro campus

Some of the session topics include:

-- An Introduction to SoTL
-- An Overview of the UNC CASTL Leadership Initiative
-- Getting Started with a SoTL project
-- Publishing SoTL research
-- SoTL research activities such as conducting surveys and focus groups, interviewing, and student projects.
-- Working with Institutional Research Boards (IRB)
-- Examples of successful SoTL projects
-- Strategies for having SoTL efforts recognized for promotion and tenure

More details will soon be available at https://utlc.uncg.edu/workshops/list_by_category.jsp?cat_id=77000233.

DIGITAL DURHAM PROJECT

The Digital Durham project at Duke University provides a fascinating look at changes in Durham, NC over time. The collection includes maps, letters, business records, photographs, and public records from the 1870s through the 1920s. According to the April 2008 issue of the Duke Center for Instructional Technology newsletter, Trudi Abel, the project director and History Department Scholar-in-Residence, "continues to expand the Digital Durham project/website through a collaboration between Duke students and Durham high-school students. By matching archival data and maps with GPS data and digital photos, students use Google Earth to integrate several historical maps of Durham into a set of Google Earth files that will increase the integration of real-world research into her courses."

You can check out Digital Durham at http://digitaldurham.duke.edu/.

NEW CCI COMPUTER SPECS AVAILABLE

Information about the 2008-2009 CCI computer models is now available on the CCI site

(http://cci.unc.edu/index/ccishop/announce.html). All new models feature several software and hardware upgrades. These CCI models are the first to feature the Windows Vista operating system. To make connecting to the campus wireless network faster and easier, they incorporate 802.11N in addition to the 802.11A/B/G wireless protocols. They have additional memory, faster processors, and larger hard drives. The desktop model is now more energy efficient.

Orders for the new CCI models will be taken beginning April 28, and deliveries will begin the week of May 19. To use funds designated for this fiscal year, faculty and staff must place an order by May 15. To place an order, go to http://cci.unc.edu/ and follow the navigation on the right.

MARCH 2008 ISSUE OF TL INFOBITS

TL Infobits is an electronic service of the ITS Teaching and Learning division. Each month TL Infobits provides educators with brief notes on new and useful instructional technology resources. To subscribe go to http://mail.unc.edu/lists/read/subscribe?name=infobits.

Articles in the March 2008 issue (http://its.unc.edu/tl/infobits/bitmar08.php) include:

The Exploding Digital Universe
Emerging Technologies for Learning
Assessing Effectiveness of New Technologies
Do Students Prefer Intensive Courses?
Biological Research "YouTube"
WikiEducator

All back issues of Infobits are available on the Web and are searchable at http://its.unc.edu/tl/infobits/index.php.

APRIL/MAY 2008 ISSUE OF INNOVATE

Innovate, edited by James Morrison, UNC-Chapel Hill Professor Emeritus, is a peer-reviewed e-journal that began publication with the October/November 2004 issue. The journal covers cutting-edge research and practice in the field of using information technology tools to enhance teaching and learning. Readers can also comment on articles, share material with colleagues and friends, and participate in open forums.

The April/May issue of *Innovate* includes articles that describe courses that use David Kolb's experiential learning cycle to shape a combination of e-learning technologies and experiential learning pedagogy in "ee-learning." The issue is available at http://www.innovateonline.info/.

-- James L. Morrison, Editor-in-Chief, *Innovate*
Professor Emeritus of Educational Leadership
UNC-Chapel Hill
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EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN A CAMPUS LICENSE FOR TRIMBLE PATHFINDER

The ITS Software Acquisition office has been asked to investigate a volume license for Trimble Pathfinder.

"The Trimble GPS Pathfinder Office software adds value to your GIS data collection and data maintenance projects. It supports all aspects of GIS data collection and data maintenance for Trimble GPS Pathfinder receivers and GeoExplorer series handhelds. . . . With GPS Pathfinder Office, files can be imported from a number of GIS and database formats so your GIS data can be taken back to the field for verification and update. You can review your data in map form to confirm it is exactly what you require before transferring it to your enterprise GIS." For more details, go to http://www.trimble.com/.

If you are interested in the purchase of Trimble Pathfinder, send email to software@unc.edu by April 21, 2008. Include the number of licenses that you are interested in purchasing. Price will be based on the number of inquiries.

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Web: http://software.unc.edu/

HSL SPRING CLASSES

The Health Sciences Library (HSL) is offering the following classes during the spring semester:

RefWorks: What is RefWorks and How Can it Help Me?
April 21

EndNote Basic Class
April 23

EndNote Advanced Class
April 30

For class details and to register for one of the sessions, go to http://www.hsl.unc.edu/classes/.

ITS LEARNIT WORKSHOPS

There are still spaces available in the following LearnIT workshops. To read a workshop description or to register for any of these workshops, go to http://learnit.unc.edu/workshops. For links to other campus training opportunities, go to the LearnIT website.

If multiple dates are listed, the workshop is offered on each of those dates.

Augmented Reality: New Strategies in Location-Based Mobile Learning Games and Simulations
April 14

Introduction to Emerald, a Research Computing Server
April 16
April 17
April 23
April 24

Stata: A SAS User's Guide to Learning Stata
April 17

Web Authoring with HTML
April 22

Calendar (Oracle): Getting Started
April 30

Class Response Systems: Introduction to Clickers
April 30

Web Authoring: Page Styling with CSS
April 30

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March 14 & 28
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July 11 & 25
August 8 & 22
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November 7 & 21
December 5 & 19

CITations welcomes announcements from all UNC-Chapel Hill campus organizations involved in instructional and research technology. To have an announcement considered for publication in *CITations*, send email to Carolyn Kotlas, kotlas@email.unc.edu, or call 962-9287. The deadline for submissions is 11:00 a.m. the day before the publication date.

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