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TEACH ACT WEBCAST

The Technology, Education, and Copyright Harmonization (TEACH) Act was enacted in late 2002. It has changed the application of copyright law to digital materials used in the online learning environment. The TEACH Act has generated many questions that highlight the need for implementation strategies in order to take advantage of the rights this Act offers. To help faculty and support staff understand how the Act affects them, the Association of Research Libraries and EDUCAUSE are sponsoring "The TEACH Act and Distance Learning: Doing the Digital," a live, interactive webcast. Panelists include: Peggy Hoon, Scholarly Communication Librarian at North Carolina State University; Donna L. Ferullo, Director, University Copyright Office at Purdue University; and Rodney Petersen, Policy Analyst and Security Task Force Coordinator for EDUCAUSE. The webcast on our campus is sponsored by University Libraries.

When: Thursday, October 30, 2003; 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. EST
Where: Instructional Lab, Room 247, Davis Library

All are welcome to attend, although seating in the lab is limited to about 30 people.

For more information about the event, see http://www.arl.org/training/webcast/teach.html.

BIOINFORMATICS TOOLS FORUM

The first Basic Bioinformatics Tools Forum will address the topic of the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Global Search Portal. The Portal allows searching all 19 NCBI databases, including PubMed, GenBank, OMIM, and other specialized databases related to bioinformatics. If you bring a laptop equipped with a School of Medicine-compatible wireless card, you can follow along with the demonstration.

When: Wednesday, October 29, 2003, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Where: 107 Berryhill

The forum is sponsored by the Health Sciences Library. If you have questions, contact Robert Ladd, Health Sciences Library Education Media Specialist, at bob_ladd@unc.edu. For more information about NCBI, see http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/.

FACILITATING ORAL COMMUNICATION FOR ONLINE LEARNERS

ConsiderIT with Colleagues, the ITS Center for Instructional Technology's Series on Teaching with Technology, presents: "Talk is Cheap? Facilitating Oral Communication for Online Learners."

Who: Elizabeth Tolman, Instructor, A su salud! Project, and Bob Henshaw, Instructional Applications Consultant, Center for Instructional Technology

When: Friday, November 7, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
Where: R. B. House Undergraduate Library, Room 205

Description: A su salud! is an intermediate-level Spanish program designed to help students and practicing health professionals develop oral proficiency skills-listening and speaking-as well as cultural awareness. It uses a complementary mix of technologies, including DVD-based video, telephone, web and print materials.

One of the biggest challenges facing the UNC-based team behind the project has been how to promote oral proficiency in a distance learning environment, while at the same time adopting technologies that are affordable to as many health and education institutions and students as possible.

Stay tuned for the next ConsiderIT: "How MERLOT Can Help You Find and Make Use of Online Learning Resources" with Hilarie Nickerson, Program Coordinator for the UNC Teaching and Learning with Technology Collaborative (Friday, November 21, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. in Room 205, R. B. House Undergraduate Library).

"ConsiderIT with Colleagues -- Teaching with Technology at UNC-Chapel Hill" is a series sponsored by the Center for Instructional Technology. Faculty, TAs, and staff are invited to share and discuss selected teaching and learning issues related to technology. For descriptions of previous talks in the series, see http://www.unc.edu/cit/considerit/.

TALK ON MUSIC INFORMATION RETRIEVAL AND DIGITAL LIBRARY SYSTEMS

The School of Information and Library Science will host "Evaluation Methods for Music Information Retrieval (MIR) and Music Digital Library (MDL) Systems," a talk by Dr. Stephen Downie, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Downie specializes in music information retrieval and will be talking about his project of creating a test-bed system for the evaluation of music information retrieval and digital library systems. This multi-disciplinary project brings together experts in fields of supercomputing, music audio, music notation, and music metadata.

When: Friday, November 14; 12:00 Noon
Where: Manning Hall, Room 208

For more information about the talk, contact Megan Winget at winget@unc.edu.

For more information about Downie's project, see "Music Information Retrieval" (*Annual Review of Information Science and Technology* 37 (2003): 295-340 at http://music-ir.org/downie_mir_arist37.pdf).

IMPORTANT DATES FOR CAROLINA COURSE EVALUATIONS PARTICIPANTS

Friday, October 31 is the last day for course evaluations subject coordinators to select the courses their department wants to have evaluated for the Fall 2003 Carolina Course Evaluations. For more information, see http://www.unc.edu/cit/cce/. Subject coordinators can pick up the evaluation forms on Friday, November 21.

INTERNET IMPACT GROUP TO HOST IDENTITY ABUSE SYMPOSIUM

Internet and the Social Sciences Working Group (aka Internet Impact) is sponsoring a symposium on Identity Abuse on Friday, January 23, 2004 in Dey Hall's Toy Lounge. To receive announcements about the speakers and agenda, subscribe to the symposium mailing list at http://mail.unc.edu/lists/read/subscribe?name=ii_symposium.

Internet Impact serves as a forum for interdisciplinary investigations on two fronts: how the Internet and associated technologies are applied in social science research and what impact the Internet is having on institutions and the lives of individuals. For more information, see http://www.unc.edu/internetimpact/.

CITations Tips Archive

The ITRC, CBT, and Listserv tips published in *CITations* are archived on the Web, so you can locate tips without having to search through all the back issues. The tips archive is at http://www.unc.edu/cit/citations/tips.html.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed about technology conferences with the CIT's "Education Technology and Computer-Related Conferences" at http://www.unc.edu/cit/guides/irg-37.html and "Calendar of World-Wide Educational Technology-Related Conferences, Seminars, and Other Events." The calendar is at http://confcal.unc.edu:8086/.

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November 7 & 21
December 5 & 19

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