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SPRING 2005 CONSIDERIT SERIES

Join us for the first ConsiderIT for Spring 2005:

"Enhancing Online Presentations and Discussions with Macromedia Breeze"

Who: Nick Moss, School of Dentistry; Steve Amendum, School of Education; and Todd Nicolet, School of Public Health

When: Friday, February 25, 12:00 noon - 1:00

Where: 404 Hanes Hall

Macromedia Breeze provides tools for delivering multimedia presentations and engaging in synchronous conferences via the web. In this session, after a brief overview the technology, two instructors from different fields will discuss how they are using Breeze to enhance their courses, one web-enhanced and one online. Breeze is currently supported and used by a partnership among the Schools of Dentistry, Education, Pharmacy, and Public Health.

Mark your calendars for other Spring ConsiderITs as well:

"Capturing, Transferring, and Evaluating Student Voice: The PALs Project"

Who: Jamie Bishop, OASIS

When: Friday, March 18, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Where: 404 Hanes Hall

"Adaptive Online Tutoring Teaches Flexibly & Improves Reading Comprehension"

Who: Prof. David Eckerman, Psychology; and Prof. Roger Ray, Psychology at Rollins College, Winter Park, FL

When: Friday, April 1, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Where: 404 Hanes Hall

"On Class Response Systems"

Who: Prof. Duane Deardorff, Physics; and other instructors to be announced

When: Friday, April 15, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Where: 404 Hanes Hall

"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/>.

-- Lori Mathis, Instructional Applications Manager

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HSL ONLINE TUTORIALS REVISED

The Health Sciences Library's "Introduction to Photoshop" and "Using Dreamweaver" online tutorials have been completely revised and are available on the HSL website. These tutorials are designed to help newcomers and those with limited experience to get a solid grounding in the basic concepts and features of these programs.

Introduction to Photoshop

<http://www.hsl.unc.edu/Services/Tutorials/Photoshop/index.htm>

Using Dreamweaver

<http://www.hsl.unc.edu/Services/Tutorials/DW/index.htm>

HSL Guides and Tutorials page

<http://www.hsl.unc.edu/Services/Guides/guides.cfm>

-- Robert Ladd, Education Media Specialist

Health Sciences Library

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ITS IT WORKSHOPS

You can view and enroll in upcoming IT workshops sponsored by ITS by pointing your Web browser to

<http://help.unc.edu/tracs/>.

Calendar (Oracle) for Students

February 23

Learn how to use this online calendaring system to keep up with your personal schedule and maintain your to-do lists, as well as schedule meetings with colleagues and students. This workshop will focus on student use of the calendar. (Please encourage your students to attend this and other ITS workshops.)

PowerPoint XP/2003: Give PowerPoint that Tar Heel Look

February 24

Participants will learn how to take an existing PowerPoint presentation and apply logos, texts, and other elements to create a consistent organizational look with UNC-Chapel Hill branding elements. The session also reviews how to take your presentation and create other presentations using the same template. Each participant will be provided with a PowerPoint tip sheet and information about UNC-Chapel Hill branding from UNC-Chapel Hill Design Services.

Email: Ten Ways to Fight Spam

March 1

Spam has grown from being a problem that first only affected small groups of individuals to one that plagues every one of us as we go about our daily tasks. This hands-on workshop will take a brief look at the origin of spam and current methods employed both by spammers and anti-spammers. We'll also talk about why spam is a real problem and why you should care. Finally, we'll look at what ITS is doing to combat spam and go over measures you can take yourself to help reduce and control the amount of junk email that gets delivered to your inbox.

Questions and comments about these workshops can be sent to learnit@unc.edu.

-- Elizabeth A. Evans, Manager

ITS-TL Training and Education

ENABLING COLLABORATION ACROSS THE UNC SYSTEM

A UNC system-wide committee is considering the development or acquisition of technology tools that would enable teaching, research, and training-related materials developed by UNC faculty and staff to be easily shared among groups across the UNC system. In addition, these tools could provide a space for ongoing collaboration among UNC faculty and staff developing such materials.

As a first step, we are gathering focus groups to find out the types of collaboration faculty, administrators, and staff are already engaged in on their campuses, what types of materials or resources they already share with colleagues, and what technical obstacles limit these collaborative processes.

The focus group will be on Wednesday, March 2, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in 404 Hanes Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP to Lori Mathis at mathis@email.unc.edu.

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CONNECTED CLASSROOMS AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL

ITS Teaching and Learning's Multimedia Classroom Design announces the Connected Classroom project. In collaboration with AMX Controls, Multimedia Classroom Design plans to deploy an application for campus-wide management of classroom systems.

Phase One deploys remote control and troubleshooting to classrooms. This enables instructors to obtain immediate assistance with instructional technology without having to wait for a technician to arrive. "From their desktop computers, our support staff can connect to the instructor's presentation system to resolve most difficulties in real-time," says Jeremiah Joyner, Manager of Classroom Hotline. "This will significantly improve customer service and reduce class-time interruptions."

Phase Two adds real-time data acquisition of instructional technology usage statistics to guide long-range planning.

Since 1998, Multimedia Classroom Design has designed and built more than 200 high-tech teaching and learning environments for UNC. "Standardizing on a common control platform enables departments to achieve greater efficiencies through a common user interface," says Mark Hurt, Project Lead and facilitator for the AMX user group on campus. "When you factor in the benefit of UNC's support network and the opportunity to capture campus-wide user data, it becomes an easy decision for departments." For more information, contact Joe Schuch.

-- Joe Schuch, Manager, Multimedia Classroom Design
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E-RESERVES PANEL DISCUSSION

The Scholarly Communication Working Group's March brown bag lunch meeting will feature a panel discussion on "Current Trends in Course Readings and Electronic Reserves." Our universities have seen explosive growth in the number of electronic journals and the electronic access to academic information. Courseware like Blackboard is now in wide use by faculty. Have Electronic Reserve services kept pace with the myriad of alternatives available to faculty in making course readings easily accessible to their students? Are faculty and students satisfied with these services? What does the future hold?

Who: Leah McGinnis, R. B. House Undergraduate Library; Tripp Reade, D. H. Hill Library, NCSU; and Margaret O'Shaughnessey, UNC-Chapel Hill English Department

When: Tuesday, March 8, 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Where: 2nd Floor Conference Rooms, Davis Library

All area faculty, staff, and students are invited. Please invite your colleagues to the meeting.

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/>.

EVALUATING ACCESSIBILITY

There are some excellent tools available to aid in the task of evaluating your Web pages for accessibility. A new

Evaluation section has been added to the Center for Instructional Technology's "Accessible Electronic Content" website. Go to <http://www.unc.edu/webaccess/evaluation.html> to see it.

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2005 UNC TLT CONFERENCE

Registration is now open for the 2005 UNC TLT (Teaching and Learning with Technology) Conference. This annual event provides professional development for faculty, staff, librarians, and administrators throughout the UNC system who are interested in the effective use of technology for teaching and learning. The conference is known for its emphasis on timely topics of particular interest to UNC campuses, from effective current practices to emerging technologies. Many sessions feature examples of technology-supported instruction and address issues such as teaching innovations, active learning, and collaborative relationships.

When: Thursday, March 30 - Friday, April 1, 2005

Where: North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC

Information about conference registration and hotel reservations is now available at <http://conference.unctlt.org/>.

The University of North Carolina Teaching and Learning with Technology Collaborative (TLTC) is a consortium that provides vision and shared resources in support of teaching and learning with technology programs and initiatives on the sixteen UNC campuses. For more information, go to <http://www.unctlt.org/>.

VIDEOCONFERENCING CONFERENCE

The 7th annual SURA/ViDe Conference, "Facing Tomorrow's Problems Today: Best Practices and New Techniques for Internet-Based Video," will take place on March 28-31, 2005, at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA. For more information, go to <http://www.vide.net/conferences/spr2005/>.

UNC-Chapel Hill participates in ViDe (Video Development Initiative) videoconferencing and is a member of SURA (Southeastern Universities Research Association). For more information about ViDe on campus, contact Tim Poe at tel: 260-5556 or email: timpoe@email.unc.edu.

CONVOCATION KEYNOTE ADDRESS ONLINE

On January 27-28, the Faculty Council sponsored a convocation, "Scholarly Communications in a Digital World." Attendees at the convocation met to consider key issues affecting the changing nature of scholarship, publication, and access to scholarly resources in the digital age and to identify possible broad-based strategies for UNC-Chapel Hill and other distinguished research universities. Clifford Lynch, Executive Director of the Coalition for Networked Information, gave the keynote address. Thanks to Paul Jones and [ibiblio.org](http://www.ibiblio.org), Lynch's speech is available online at <http://www.ibiblio.org/lynch/>.

For more Convocation materials go to the website at <http://www.unc.edu/scholcomdig/>.

JANUARY 2005 ISSUE OF CIT INFOBITS

CIT Infobits is an electronic service of ITS CIT. Each month the CIT's Information Resources Consultant monitors and selects from a number of information and instructional technology sources that come to her attention and provides brief notes for electronic dissemination to educators. To subscribe link to <http://mail.unc.edu/lists/read/subscribe?name=infobits>.

Articles in the January 2005 issue (<http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/bitjan05.html>) include:

Turning Learning Over to Students
Student Perceptions in Web-Based Courses
Copyright and Learning
Will the Web Change Standards for Literature Reviews?
Technology and Postsecondary Education Access Report

All back issues of *CIT Infobits* are available on the Web at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/index.html>.

MAC USERS GROUP MEDIA FESTIVAL

The Tar Heel Mac Users Group (THEMUG) at UNC-Chapel Hill presents its second annual MiLife Carolina media festival. The main theme for MiLife Carolina is "Life at UNC Chapel Hill." THEMUG welcomes digital life projects from faculty, staff, and students using the entire Apple iLife suite of applications, which includes iMovie, iDVD, iPhoto, iTunes, and GarageBand. Projects can involve sports, student organizations, or life as a student, teacher, or staff member. There are three categories in this year's MiLife Festival: Photo Slide Shows, Movies, and Digital Music Compositions. You can read more about MiLife Carolina, look over rules, view last year's entries, and register at <http://milife.unc.edu/>.

All projects must be submitted by Monday, March 28 2005, in order to be considered and reviewed by a panel of faculty, staff, and student judges. Winning projects will be announced and prizes awarded at the MiLife Premiere Night on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 121, Hanes Art Center Theater.

THEMUG and the festival are open to all campus faculty, staff, and students. The main objective of the organization is to help develop improved teaching, learning, and communication on campus through the utilization of technology. For more information about THEMUG, go to <http://www.themug.org/>.

-- Matt Davis, THEMUG President
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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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January 7 & 21
February 4 & 18
March 4 & 18
April 8 & 22
May 13 & 27
June 10 & 24
July 15 & 29
August 12 & 26
September 9 & 23
October 7 & 21
November 4 & 18
December 2 & 16

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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