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CAROLINA ITUNES U OPENS

This month the UNC-Chapel Hill iTunes U site opened to the public. The Carolina on iTunes U initiative is intended to provide a common platform and distribution method, with associated administrative tools, for a wide range of digital media content. This content will be largely instructional in nature, taking the form of lecture podcasts, audio or video tutorials, and other supplemental course material. From student organizations to professional schools to alumni activities, you will find a wide variety of interesting and engaging video and audio content. Go to http://itunes.unc.edu/ to learn more about the initiative and to explore the content.

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2008 UNC CAUSE CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

At each annual UNC CAUSE Conference attendees learn about UNC campus technology initiatives, enjoy networking with colleagues, and share technical knowledge and insights. The theme of 2008 conference is "The University of North Carolina Tomorrow: Striving for Excellence Through Technology and Collaboration." UNC-Chapel Hill is one of this year's conference hosts.

When: Monday-Wednesday, November 17-19, 2008

Where: Marriott Hotel, Greensboro, NC

Proposals for presentations are currently being accepted through the conference website at http://www.uncg.edu/cause08/. Proposals will be accepted through August 15, 2008, with notification of successful presenters by the end of August. Conference registration will be available on August 1, 2008.

REVIEWS OF LEARNING GAMES

A new feature has been added to the Games4Learning website. Reviews of eight free or low-cost games designed to be used as learning tools are now available at http://learnit.unc.edu/games4learning/resources/reviews/.

Games4Learning is an initiative to explore the use of computer games in the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill curriculum. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to join the conversation as we imagine new ways to engage our students in the teaching and learning process. For more about the Games4Learning initiative, see http://learnit.unc.edu/games4learning/.

AUGUST IAIG MEETING

The topic of the August Instructional Applications Interest Group (IAIG) meeting is "Toy Stories." Have you discovered a piece of technology that you just can't live without? Is there a device that you find makes your work life easier? Are there new gadgets that you are recommending to your colleagues and clients? Bring your "toys" to the meeting and share your experiences using them.

When: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Thursday, August 7, 2008

Where: Room 328, Health Sciences Library

The IAIG provides a professional networking venue for staff who work with instructional technologies. Membership in the group is open to all interested University staff. For more information go to the IAIG website at http://its.unc.edu/tl/aoe/iaig/.

WEB CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS DEMONSTRATIONS

The August UNC-Chapel Hill Webmasters meeting will feature demonstrations of three content management systems (CMS) for Web developers: Joomla!, WordPress, and Drupal. More details about the program are available at http://webmasters.unc.edu/blog/.

When: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., August 7, 2008

Where: Room 5102, ITS Manning

UNC-Chapel Hill Webmasters meets monthly to discuss issues that affect webmasters across campus. Any UNC-Chapel Hill faculty or staff member interested in participating can attend the meeting and/or join the listserv. For more information go to the Webmasters website at http://webmasters.unc.edu/.

To join the Webmasters mailing list go to http://mail.unc.edu/lists/read/subscribe?name=webmasters.

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ADOBE FLASH USERS GROUP MEETING

You can join others interested in all aspects of Adobe Flash at a Durham Adobe Flash Users Group meeting.

Gather to discuss development, standards, innovative uses, new web technology, graphic design, databases, corporate web, webmasters, and flash applications. The group is open to anyone interested in learning more about Adobe Flash. View meeting details and join the group at http://web.meetup.com/138/.

When: 4:00 p.m., Saturday, July 26, 2008

Where: Starbucks inside Barnes & Noble Booksellers, The Streets at Southpoint, 8030 Renaissance Parkway, Durham, NC

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IT WORK GROUPS LAUNCHED

The Departments of Medicine, Pediatrics and Surgery are launching the School of Medicine Information Technology Work Groups. Many topics and issues may be of interest to consultants outside of the School, so any interested Carolina staff member is invited to attend meetings as a full collaborator or to simply drop by as interesting items appear on the agenda.

The purpose of the Work Groups is to:

- share knowledge and experience on common technology issues;
- improve performance, efficiency and synergy by minimizing, where feasible, duplication of efforts and resources;
- encourage collaboration, communication and coverage between groups;
- sponsor targeted workshops to address particular issues or problems.

Regardless of skill level, anyone who supports information technologies at UNC-Chapel Hill is encouraged to attend. Our meetings will vary between presentation, roundtable discussion, and "college-style" study group, depending on the issues at hand.

For more information, please visit the website at http://itwg.med.unc.edu/.

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DRUPAL USERS GROUP LAUNCHED

A new user group has been formed in the RTP-area for Drupal users interested in meeting other users and in learning about Drupal projects. All levels of "Drupaler" -- from professional to new user -- are invited to join the Durham Drupal Meetup Group. For more details and to join the group, go to http://drupal.meetup.com/19/. The first meeting will be in August.

When: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 28, 2008

Where: Broad Street Cafe, 1116 Broad St., Durham, NC

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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.

Remedy Project Tracking System: Getting Started
August 6

Calendar (Oracle): Getting Started
August 13

Matlab: Introduction
August 20

Web Authoring with HTML
August 26

Web Authoring: Page Styling with CSS
September 9

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January 11 & 25
February 8 & 22
March 14 & 28
April 11 & 25
May 9 & 23
June 6 & 20
July 11 & 25
August 8 & 22
September 12 & 26
October 10 & 24
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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