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VOICETHREAD PILOT LAUNCHED

VoiceThread is a Web-based application that allows users to post media files and then invite others to provide comments with text, voice, or video. The ITS Teaching and Learning VoiceThread pilot launched this week; faculty and staff are invited to participate. Pilot participants will get a free VoiceThread Pro account (which normally costs $59.95/year). All that is required of participants is that they agree to use the tool, whether for teaching, research, service or other University activities.

To learn more about VoiceThread and to sign up for a pilot account, visit http://voicethread.unc.edu/.

ITUNES U UPDATE

The June meeting of the Carolina Technology Consultants (CTC) will feature an update on the launch of iTunes U at Carolina. Doug Edmunds, the School of Law's assistant dean for information technology, and Brian Payst, Student Affair's director of technology and systems support, will speak on the project. All interested faculty and staff are invited to attend.

When: 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Where: Mandela Auditorium, Global Education Center, UNC-Chapel Hill campus

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://ctc.unc.edu/.

VIDEOS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

The program for the July Instructional Applications Interest Group (IAIG) will be a discussion the Prelinger Collection, how its materials could be used for teaching and learning, and how videos from it can be incorporated into a VoiceThread (http://voicethread.unc.edu/).

The Prelinger Collection is an archive of ephemeral films produced between the 1920s and the late 1980s. Over 2000 advertising, education, industrial, and amateur films are included in this public domain video collection. For more about the collection, see http://www.archive.org/details/prelinger/.

When: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Thursday, July 10, 2008

Where: Room 329, 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/.

RESEARCH COMPUTING SUPPORT RETURNS TO ITS

Effective June 1, 2008, support for campus research computing returned to Information Technology Services (ITS). This service had previously been under the purview of the Renaissance Computing Institute (RENCI).

According to Larry Conrad, vice chancellor for information technology and CIO, new leadership for the research computing support function in ITS will be recruited quickly and ITS, the Research Computing Advisory Committee, and a task force headed by Dr. Terry Magnuson will work closely to achieve this goal.

For more information about the ITS Research Computing division, see http://its.unc.edu/research-computing.html.

CCI WEBSITE: NEW LOOK, BETTER USABILITY

The Carolina Computing Initiative (CCI) website has a new look and focus, courtesy of ITS Web Services. One of the major components of the redesign project was to highlight the benefits of the CCI program, which include 24/7 tech support, on-campus repair, premium software, and an optional four-year insurance policy and warranty. The new website also targets information to specific user groups and provides a gateway to other ITS referral resources. You can view the new CCI website at http://cci.unc.edu/.

MAY 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 May 2008 issue (http://its.unc.edu/tl/infobits/bitmay08.php) include:

Considering the Future of Learning
Openness and Learning in Today's World
Critiquing the Claims of E-Learning
Assessing the Future of Scholarly Communication
Google Book Search Bibliography

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

NC SOTL MATERIALS ONLINE

The first UNC system-wide North Carolina Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Day was held in May at UNC-Greensboro. Faculty and support staff from campuses around the state attended to address the leadership theme "System-Wide Collaboration Supporting Scholarship of Teaching and Learning." Many of the materials from the meeting are now available online at http://www.uncg.edu/tlc/atcd/castl/.

There is also a mailing list for people interested in this topic. To join, send email to Ray Purdom at rcpurdom@uncg.edu and ask to join the SoTL list.

INNOVATE-LIVE JUNE/JULY WEBCAST SERIES

Innovate-Live webcasts offer an opportunity to synchronously interact with authors of selected articles in issues of *Innovate* (http://www.innovateonline.info/), an open access e-journal published by the Fischler School of Education and Human Services at Nova Southeastern University. If you wish to participate in the webcasts, please register at http://www.uliveandlearn.com/PortalInnovate/. If you cannot attend them, webcasts will be archived and available in the webcast section of the article and in the Innovate-Live portal archive shortly after the webcast.

June/July webcasts include:

"Rhizomatic Education: Community as Curriculum"
Author: David Cormier
June 17, 2008
http://innovateonline.info/index.php?view=article&id=550

"Out of the Classroom and Beyond"
Authors: Gary Brown, Nils Peterson, Adrian Wilson, and James Ptaszyski
June 18, 2008
http://innovateonline.info/index.php?view=article&id=559

"A Singular Vision for a Disparate Future: Technology Adoption Patterns in Higher Learning Through 2035"
Author: Robert G. Henshaw
June 18, 2008
http://innovateonline.info/index.php?view=article&id=553

"Worlds in Collision: Copyright, Technology, and Education"
Author: Stephen Marshall
July 14, 2008
http://innovateonline.info/index.php?view=article&id=528

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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.

Sakai: Train the Trainer
June 25
July 9

Calendar (Oracle): Getting Started
June 26

Introduction to Emerald, a Research Computing Server
June 27

Stata: Introduction
July 8

Introduction to Emerald, a Research Computing Server
July 16

Sakai: Build Your Sakai Site
July 18
July 25

Linux: Introduction
August 5

Matlab: Introduction
August 20

2008 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

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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