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SUMMER SESSION II 2002 CAROLINA COURSE EVALUATIONS REMINDER

Carolina Course Evaluations forms for Summer Session II 2002 scanning will be complete on August 20. Results will be available, and forms can be picked up at Room 06A Smith Building. For more information about the Carolina Course Evaluations program, go to <http://www.unc.edu/cit/cce/index.html>

BLACKBOARD DEMO ON JULY 31

Want an easy way to post course materials to the web? Easily make announcements to students? Consider using Blackboard (<http://blackboard.unc.edu/>). ATN Center for Instructional Technology will be conducting two Blackboard demonstrations on Wednesday, July 31.

Join us for one of the two demonstrations and learn how to locate your own Blackboard course websites, what needs Blackboard can easily meet for you, and where to go for training and support.

When: Wednesday, July 31

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

or

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: 308 Gardner

To give us an idea of our audience size, RSVP to blackboard_admin@unc.edu or 962-8256.

AUGUST BLACKBOARD CLASSES SCHEDULE

To register for any Center for Instructional Technology (CIT) courses, call the ATN Training Center at 962-1160 and give the registrar the following information: your complete name, department, affiliation (faculty, staff, or student), daytime phone number, and the course number.

The CIT is offering the following courses in August:

Options for Creating a Course Site

Monday, August 12; 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Course #CI05-012

Introduction to Blackboard

Tuesday, August 6; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Course #CI06-026

Wednesday, August 14; 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Course #CI06-027

Monday, August 19; 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Course #CI06-028

Thursday, August 22; 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Course #CI06-029

Blackboard Online Gradebook and Assessments

Wednesday, August 28; 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Course #CI07-010

EDTECH 2002 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

EdTech is NC State's exposition on educational and instructional technologies. The goal is to demonstrate and explore the ways that technology is shaped by the demands of the modern learner and the roles that technology plays in education. This year the exposition merges NC State's IT Expo and the UNC Workshop on Distance Education. EdTech 2002 will be held on Thursday, September 26 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.

The EdTech program committee invites you to submit proposals that highlight the integration of technology in teaching and learning. For the complete call for proposals, along with a list of topics and an easy-to-use electronic submission form, go to <http://www.ncsu.edu/edtech/>

This year's event has several new features:

- early-bird sessions from 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM dedicated to distance education
- presentations and panel discussions throughout the day
- exhibits
- hands-on sessions
- informal birds-of-a-feather sessions in the afternoon

Direct questions to Sarah Noell, (sarah@ncsu.edu) or Scott Cason (scott_cason@ncsu.edu), co-chairs for EdTech 2002.

SILS FACULTY GET NSF GRANT FOR NATIONAL STATISTICAL NETWORK

Professors Gary Marchionini and Stephanie Haas at UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Science (SILS) will lead a joint university/government effort to make government statistics available over the Internet more accessible and understandable by the general public. The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded Marchionini, Haas, and their team a three-year, \$1.3 million grant to lay the foundations for a national statistical knowledge network. UNC-Chapel Hill will be the lead institution on the project and will coordinate the nationwide effort to develop user interfaces and link state and federal statistical resources.

The project, formally titled "Integration of Data and Interfaces to Enhance Human Understanding of Government Statistics: Toward the National Statistical Knowledge Network," builds upon studies of how people seek and use statistical information. It also draws upon human-computer interface designs done in collaboration with agencies such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Census Bureau, the Energy Information Administration, the Social Security Administration, the National Agricultural Statistical Service, and the North Carolina Office of Information Technology Services. Based in the SILS Interaction Design Laboratory (IDL) in Manning Hall, the project's website can be found at <http://www.ils.unc.edu/govstat/>

MAY-JUNE ISSUE OF UNC LINKS NEWSLETTER

UNC Links, published by The University of North Carolina's Division of Information Resources, offers a monthly update on IT initiatives from the sixteen constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina campuses. The publication serves as a vehicle for information technology dialogue among IT colleagues, chancellors, and others. The May/June 2002 *UNC Links* is available at <http://www.northcarolina.edu/ir/newsletter/newsletter.cfm>

Headlines from this month's newsletter include:

- UNC-C Launches Institute for E-Business Technology
 - WSSU Plans Wireless Campus and Computer Admission Requirement
 - UNC-CH to Offer New Information Science Degree
 - Collaborative Procurement Scores Big Win on Computer Leasing Option
 - TLT Collaborative to Showcase Best Practices
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ITRC TIP: CREATING A WORKSPACE FILE IN EXCEL

If your work requires you to routinely open several workbooks at the same time, you can create a way in Excel to open this set of workbooks simultaneously. To accomplish this, create a Workspace file:

1. Open the workbooks you want to regularly open simultaneously. You can adjust each workbook's window size and position it to your liking because Excel will save your window settings.
2. Go to the File Menu, and click on Save Workspace.
3. Type a name that identifies your Workspace file, and click OK. (The file will be saved with an .xlw extension.)

Later, when you want to work on that set of workbooks, open the file with the .xlw extension, and Excel will arrange the screen to look exactly as it did when you created the Workspace file.

For more computing assistance, contact the Information Technology Response Center, Wilson Library, Suite 300.

Walk-in Hrs: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Phone: 962-HELP -- 24 hours/7 days a week

Email: help@unc.edu

Web: <http://www.unc.edu/atn/itrc/>

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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/>

2002 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

August 9 & 23

September 13 & 27

October 11 & 25

November 8 & 22

December 6 & 20

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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