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NEW BLACKBOARD WORKSHOP

ITS Teaching & Learning's Center for Instructional Technology is offering a new workshop, "Blackboard: Maximizing its Capability, a 1-on-1, Hands-on Workshop." These are walk-in workshops that focus on giving faculty and staff the opportunity to get answers to their specific questions and exchange ideas on the pedagogical application of Blackboard. Walk in any time during the workshop! Because of the 1-on-1, hands-on nature of the workshop, capacity is limited to 8 attendees. Details on the workshop are available at <https://help.unc.edu/tracs/course-item/5753>.

There are no prerequisites; however, so that you and we will be ready for an effective session:

-- Before the workshop send your questions or list of topics you would like us to respond to during the workshop. Send email tl@unc.edu with the subject line "Maximizing Bb's Capability."

-- Bring your digital materials (MS Word, presentation, audio, video files) with you.

LEARNIT IN YOUR CLASSROOM

LearnIT's guest instructors for undergraduate and graduate classes are available, as resources allow, to teach sessions on Web authoring, the Oracle calendar, and Web accessibility. If you are interested in this service from ITS Teaching and Learning, contact LearnIT@unc.edu.

Your students are also eligible for access to the central computer-based training (CBT) service. Through CBT, the campus community has free access to approximately 500 courses in productivity tools (such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint) and media and Web design (such as Acrobat, InDesign, and Web authoring). More information about CBT is available from <http://cbt.unc.edu/>.

2006 IT AWARDS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

You are invited to recognize someone who has given you outstanding technical support by nominating an individual or team for a 2006 Information Technology (IT) Award. This award honors any type of information technology support on campus, from individuals who provide PC support, write code, or administrate a network; to teams that work together to provide specific technology services for a department or the University. This is an excellent way to let your IT support staff know you appreciate what they do. Any UNC-Chapel Hill permanent employee serving the University in the area of information technology is eligible for this award.

Please submit your nomination by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. Details are available on the IT Awards website at <http://itawards.unc.edu>. Winners will be announced at the IT Awards Banquet on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at the Carolina Club in the Alumni Center.

Please provide specific information that will tell this year's committee how the nominee stands out. This may involve an important project they have been working on or specific challenges they have overcome to get the job done. It should be clear to the committee that this individual or team is making a strong effort to improve the technology environment in their department or the campus.

If you have questions, contact the committee at itawards@unc.edu.

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GOOGLE EARTH TALK

The UNC-Chapel Hill Scholarly Communication Working Group is sponsoring a talk on Google Earth.

What is Google Earth? How can it be used by researchers? What are its limitations? Amanda Henley, GIS Librarian at Davis Library, will talk about Google Earth from several perspectives. She will demonstrate many of its features, as well as point out some of its bugs. Henley will also contrast the use of Google Earth with many of the other proprietary GIS products that are available at the UNC-Chapel Hill libraries.

When: 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.; Tuesday; March 14, 2005

Where: Davis Library Conference Rooms, 2nd Floor, Davis Library

All area faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend this talk. Please invite your colleagues.

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/>.

UNC PROJECT MANAGEMENT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MARCH MEETING

The March UNC Project Management Special Interest Group (UNCPMSIG) meeting will follow last month's discussions about the state's project management office (PMO) and UNC-Greensboro's PMO with a brainstorming session for what a PMO on our campus might look like if we had one. What would we see as the benefits? Disadvantages? Where would it live organizationally? What kinds of projects would it manage?

When: 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Where: 404 Hanes Hall

Anyone who leads or serves on project teams is welcome to join this peer support group. To subscribe to UNCPMSIG's mailing list, link to <http://mail.unc.edu/lists/read/subscribe?name=uncpmsig>. If you have questions about the group, contact Elizabeth A. Evans, tel: 843-0132; email: evans@unc.edu.

MARCH CTC MEETING

Members of the Carolina Technology Consultants (CTC) are invited to attend an update scheduled for next week featuring key members of the ITS management team. The associate and assistant vice chancellors (AVCs) for ITS will make brief presentations on their divisions, followed by a question and answer session.

When: 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Where: Room 08, Gardner Hall

The CTC is a voluntary, cooperative effort aimed at professional computer support providers at UNC-Chapel Hill. Any permanent EPA/SPA member who provides computer support to a University school, department, or center is eligible to become a full member of the CTC program. For more information about the CTC, go to the CTC website at <http://www.unc.edu/ctc/>.

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MARCH MONTHLY INFORMAL LUNCH FOR CAMPUS COMPUTER STAFF

The next informal lunch for anyone on campus who supports, manages, or otherwise supports the use of computers will be Tuesday, March 21. Meet at Chinese 35 in University Square at 11:45 a.m. The restaurant has an all-you-can-eat buffet and will let each person pay separately. If you arrive after 11:45, ask for the "computer group." These lunches have no agenda or speaker; they are just opportunities to network with others. Newcomers and oldtimers alike are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Elizabeth A. Evans; email: evans@unc.edu; tel: 843-0132.

HSL HOSTS SERIES ON LIBRARY SERVICES

Beginning on Monday, April 3, the UNC Health Sciences Library is hosting a week-long series of events called "Partners in Education: Putting the Health Sciences Library to Work for You." This series highlights how librarians work with faculty and students to provide high-quality educational materials and instruction through a combination of expertise and technology. The program series also demonstrates how the Health Sciences Library plays a role in educating the public about health information.

A full schedule of events will be posted on the HSL website soon: <http://www.hsl.unc.edu/>. For more information, send email to hslfriends@unc.edu or call 966-1047.

TLT GROUP WORKSHOPS

The TLT Group is a non-profit organization that helps educational institutions, associations, and corporations around the world to improve teaching and learning by making more appropriate and cost-effective use of information technology. The TLT Group offers workshops at a discounted rate to subscribing institutions; UNC-Chapel Hill is a subscribing TLT Group institution.

Here are two upcoming TLT Group online workshops. The cost to UNC-Chapel Hill faculty or staff for either workshop is \$160 per person.

"Blogs, Wikis, Newsfeeds, & Aggregators: Web Communication Trends"

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., March 14, 21, and 28, 2006

Presenters: Lisa Star, formerly South Dakota State; Melba Tomeo, Slippery Rock University; Steve Gilbert, TLT Group; and additional featured speakers

For more information link to <http://www.tltgroup.org/Registration/DescriptionPage/blogswikis.htm>.

"Enhance Teaching with Technology: Using MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching)"

Three-Session Workshop: 3:00 p.m., on April 5, 12, and 19, 2006

Presenters: Ray Purdom, Director, University Teaching and Learning Center, UNC-Greensboro; John Prush, SUNY Learning Network; Steve Gilbert, President, The TLT Group; and other featured presenters

For more information link to <http://www.tltgroup.org/Registration/DescriptionPage/MERLOTWebcast.htm>.

For more information about the TLT Group and a schedule of all workshops, go to <http://www.tltgroup.org/>.

2006 SURA/VIDE DIGITAL VIDEO CONFERENCE

The Eighth Annual SURA/ViDe Digital Video Conference will be held March 27-30, 2006, in Atlanta, GA. This year's conference includes sessions on the following:

- The Informedia Project
- Facetop
- H.264, ePresence interactive media, and innovative streaming of online course content
- Technology in the medical community
- Collaborative solutions for large-scale world-wide research
- Search engines and video searchability
- Videoconferencing and VoIP applications

For more information and to register now, go to the conference website at <http://www.vide.net/conferences/spr2006/>.

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NCSU ADOPTS WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

Website developers on our campus may be interested in a new policy that NC State University adopted this week on their campus. The policy, which they have been working on for several years, provides the procedures that developers of official NCSU web pages must follow so that NC State will meet its obligations to provide accessible Web content.. The policy is available online at http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/campus_environ/non-discrimination/REG04.25.5.php.

ACCESSIBILITY TIP: MULTIMEDIA MATERIALS

Audio and video are fantastic tools for teaching and learning, and I don't want to discourage their use. But I'd be lying if I didn't agree that making them accessible can present a serious challenge. The bottom line is that if you are using multimedia, you have to provide captions. Many students will take advantage of them -- just ask the School of Public Health! See <http://www.unc.edu/webaccess/guidelines.html#mmedia> for some pointers for making multimedia materials accessible.

The ITS Teaching & Learning's Center for Instructional Technology offers in-office and telephone consultations to help UNC-Chapel Hill faculty and staff make their instructional web pages accessible. Contact Jason Morningstar to schedule a consultation session.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE IT CONFERENCE

The League for Innovation in the Community College is calling for proposals for its annual Conference on IT (CIT). The conference will be held October 22-25, 2006, in Charlotte. The submission deadline is March 24. Proposals will be accepted for presentations in any of the following seven tracks: emerging and future educational technology; teaching and learning; student and community services; leadership and organizational development; enterprise-wide systems and infrastructures; workforce partnerships and collaborations; and math, science, allied health, and vocational education.

Presenters are required to register and pay for the conference, although registration may be deferred until September. For more information, go to the Conference website at <http://www.league.org/2006cit/index.html>.

FEBRUARY 2006 ISSUE OF CIT INFOBITS

CIT Infobits is an electronic service of the ITS Center for Instructional Technology. Each month the Center'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 February 2006 issue (<http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/bitfeb06.html>) include:

The Evolution of an Online Course
Tips for Using Laptops in the Classroom
Scholarly Journal on Plagiarism
Some Non-English-Language Resources
Open Access and Libraries

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

NEW GROUP FOR USABILITY PROFESSIONALS

There is a new Triangle chapter of the Usability Professionals Association. Visit <http://www.triux.org/> for more information.

SOCIAL NETWORKING TALK AT DUKE

The Duke Computer Science Department is sponsoring a talk, "The Other Kind of Networking: Social Networks on the Web." Social Networks on the Web have become tremendously popular, with hundreds of millions of users participating. One result is a large set of publicly-accessible social data, often annotated with relationship information, that can be used for analysis and developing applications. The talk will present an introduction to web-based social networks (WBSNs), review some of the major WBSNs, consider the types and categories of networks, and examine the relationship features present in many sites. The speaker will also describe some of the interesting computational issues that arise in WBSNs, including network analysis techniques, Semantic Web representations and data integration, and the use of social networks in developing intelligent user interfaces.

Who: Jennifer Golbeck, Computer Science Department, University of Maryland

When: 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 20, 2006

Where: Room B101, Levine Science Research Center, Duke University

Map and directions: <http://map.duke.edu/building.php?bid=7776>

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PUBLIC SECTOR PROJECT MANAGERS LOCAL INTEREST GROUP FORMED

The North Carolina Chapter of the Project Management Institute (NCPMI) announces the formation of a new public sector local interest group (LIG). The mission of the Public Sector LIG is to serve the members of NCPMI by providing an interactive forum for NCPMI members and non-members who are interested in public service project management to gather and share real world experiences, lessons learned, and best practices.

Beginning in April, the Public Sector LIG will meet on the first Thursday of each month. The April program will be a panel discussion on "Managing Projects in the Public Sector."

When: 5:30 p.m. (networking); 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (program) Thursday, April 6, 2006

Where: East Entrance, Department of Transportation, 4101 Capital Blvd., Raleigh, NC

If you plan to attend, notify one of the program chairs by April 3rd:

Cheryl Ritter, tel: 707-2215; email: clitter@dot.state.nc.us

or

Shanon Byer, tel: 981-5575; email: sbyers@ncosc.net

For more information about NCPMI, go to <http://www.ncpmi.org/ncpmi.php>.

NHC ANNOUNCES LYMAN AWARD WINNER

The National Humanities Center is pleased to announce that Willard McCarty, Reader in Humanities Computing at the Centre for Computing in the Humanities, King's College London, is the recipient of the 2006 Richard W. Lyman Award.

Professor McCarty will accept the award in a ceremony at the New York Public Library on Wednesday, May 17, at 5 p.m. The Center is grateful to everyone who has made nominations for the award over the past five years and to each of the nominees for taking part in the process that honors the individuals and teams who are making contributions to humanities scholarship and teaching through innovative work in information technology.

For more on Willard McCarty, visit: <http://www.cch.kcl.ac.uk/legacy/staff/wlm/index.html>.

For more on the Lyman Award and previous recipients, visit: <http://www.nhc.rtp.nc.us/lymanaward/lymanaward.htm>.

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SPAM TIP: CONCEALING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

If your email address is displayed on a Web site, you almost certainly receive more spam than your friends and colleagues whose addresses are not on the Web. You can help reduce your spam by concealing your address from automated programs that seek to harvest them. Want to know more? Point your Web browser to <http://help.unc.edu/?id=5369> to read a document about obfuscating addresses on the Web.

For more computing assistance, contact the Information Technology Response Center, Undergraduate Library.

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

Submit a help request on the Web: <https://www.unc.edu/ar-bin/remedy.pl>

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

ITRC website: <http://help.unc.edu/>

CBT SPOTLIGHT: ADOBE PHOTOSHOP

If you subscribe to the computer-based training (CBT) service (<http://cvt.unc.edu/>), you will have access to a number of Adobe Photoshop courses, including topics such as exploring color management, designing Web page layouts, and enhancing images with text and color. Courses for both the Macintosh and Windows computers are available. If you want to know more about how to use Photoshop effectively, try CBT!

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://help.unc.edu/tracs/>. For a list of other workshops, point your Web browser to <http://LearnIT.unc.edu/> and select the link to "Current Schedule of Workshops."

If multiple dates are listed, the workshop is offered on each of those dates.

Remedy Project Tracking System: Getting Started

March 14

March 16

March 20

March 22

March 23

March 29

Web Authoring with Mozilla

March 15

March 24

Remedy Request for Service: Getting Started

March 21

Calendar (Oracle): Access and Designate Rights

March 23

Remedy Request for Service: Advanced Searching and Reporting

March 28

Email: Ten Ways to Fight Spam

March 28

Blackboard: Maximizing its Capability, A 1-on-1 Hands-On Workshop

March 29

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/>.

2006 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

January 13 & 27

February 10 & 24

March 10 & 24

April 7 & 21

May 12 & 26

June 9 & 23

July 14 & 28

August 11 & 25

September 8 & 22

October 6 & 20

November 3 & 17

December 1 & 15

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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