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IOL – Call for Proposals Opens and Keynote Speakers Selected!

Share your innovation and expertise with colleagues System-wide by presenting at the third annual Innovations in Online Learning Conference in Austin, May 23 – 25th. The Call for Proposals has been posted to the IOL web pages, and we invite you to participate. Feel free to share the invitation with colleagues System-wide.

This year's conference presentation tracks include:

- Teaching and Learning
- Faculty and Student Services
- Course Development
- Administration and Policies
- Technology

Please review the criteria closely and submit your presentation proposal by January 31 to be considered. Need ideas? Check out presentations from IOL 2006 or email Marta Hubbard (mhubbard@utsystem.edu) with questions.

IOL overview: <http://www.iolconference.org>

IOL Call for Proposals: <http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/index.cfm/4,1570,82,32.html>

IOL 2006 presentations: <http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/index.cfm/4,1366,82,32.html>

Mark your calendars now (registration opens in January) and plan to hear our informative and engaging keynote speakers Mark Milliron and Kenneth Sweeney.

Milliron is the Suanne Davis Roueche Endowed Fellow, Senior Lecturer, and Director of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) in the College of Education at UT Austin.

Founded in 1978, NISOD is dedicated to the professional development of faculty, administrators, and staff, and to catalyzing innovation and excellence in teaching and learning. NISOD serves more than 700 institutional members nationally and internationally, providing conferences, research, web resources, publications, award programs, projects with corporate partners, and more.

Sweeney is the University Librarian at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). He is also a member of the Teaching, Learning and Technology Committee for NJIT. Nationally, he has conducted more than 35 panels of the Millennial generation studying its impact upon colleges, universities and libraries.

Read about the keynote topics at <http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/index.cfm/4,1600,82,32.html>

Fall Semester Wrap-Up

End-of-semester course evaluations are underway. The academic calendars page on the UTTC website includes the evaluation schedule for each campus. Students access course evaluations through the TIS (TeleCampus Information System). Faculty and administrators receive evaluation results from a staff person designated at each campus. If you would like the contact information for the evaluations liaison at your campus, please contact UTTC Student and Faculty Services at <mailto:telecampus@utsystem.edu>.

When grades have been posted to the host campus SIS, students are automatically removed from Blackboard courses. Students can check final grades on their unofficial record in the TIS or in the host campus SIS. Host campuses will send student transcripts to home campuses within 30 days of the grade being posted.

Faculty will have access to Fall 2006 courses until January 2008, at which time courses will be archived. Archives can typically be made available with a one week notice.

If you are teaching this semester and need to communicate with students after they've lost course access, send an email to Student and Faculty Services at <mailto:telecampus@utsystem.edu> to receive an Excel spreadsheet of students' names and email addresses. If there are students who need to stay in a course to finish an incomplete, please contact Student and Faculty Services with the course number and name, the student's name, and the date on which course access should close.

UTTC Digital Library – Library Assignments Best Practices Review, Continued...

This month, we continue a review of best practices for instructors to consider when designing information literacy (aka library) assignments in their online courses as presented at the IOL Pre-Conference Library Workshop. These best practices work in any course, whether fully online, hybrid, or face to face. So whether you are interested in adding a new information literacy assignment to your course, or you want to enhance an existing assignment, these tips will be useful. If you have questions, please contact Terry Barksdale, UTTC Librarian, <mailto:tbarksdale@utsystem.edu> or 512.499.4261.

Best Practices for Effective Library Assignments, Number 7: Before suggesting a resource, check with a librarian to be sure it is still available. There may also be new resources better suited to your assignment. *Best Practices courtesy of Michele Ostrow, UT Austin.*

To see a complete list of these recommendations, visit <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/services/instruction/faculty/creatassignment.html>.

UTTC Staffs Chilly Booth at TAHPERD

Communication Services staff fought freezing temperatures in Ft. Worth on November 29th – December 1st for the 83rd annual TAHPERD (Texas Association of Health Professionals Exercise Recreation and Dance). Despite winter weather, hundreds of people stopped by the booth for more information on the UT TeleCampus and the Master's in Kinesiology degrees, as well as other online offerings.

Advertising Update

UTTC programs are advertised in the following locations during the month of December. **Please note that some placements are booked year round and will appear each month. For example, we index once for the year with searchable databases.** To make a suggestion, please email Jennifer Rees at jrees@utsystem.edu.

- AAHPERD.org Graduate Bulletin
- Ameriforce Texas Military Relocation Guide
- Association of Texas Professional Educators News
- ASTD Links e-newsletter
- AWPWriter.org
- AWP (Association of Writers and Writing Programs) conference program
- Degree.net
- Distance-Educator.com
- EIPasoTimes.com
- GetEducated.com
- Google Adwords
- GradSchools.com
- GraduateSchoolGuide.com
- HoustonChronicle.com

- JustColleges.com
- NewsweekDistanceLearning.com
- Peterson's Distance Learning Guide
- Petersons.com
- Policetraining.net
- SanAngeloStandardTimes.com
- Sloan-C.org
- Stars and Stripes
- TAHPERD Journal
- TexasMonthly.com
- TexasSports.com
- UCEADirectory.org
- USDLA.org
- Wichita Falls – TimesRecordNews.com

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