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2008 Innovations in Online Learning Conference Program Now Online

If you've been waiting to register until you see the full conference program, it is now available on the [IOL website](#). We have scheduled 40 fascinating presentations across five tracks: Administration and Policy; Course Development; Student and Faculty Services; Teaching and Learning; and Technology. Whether you are new to online learning, or have been in the field for years, you are sure to find sessions of interest.

In addition, the pre-conference workshops are filling up quickly. If you are interested in attending one – act soon. The early-bird registration ends April 4th. Please remember that everyone attending IOL, including presenters, needs to register.

Your registration fee will also get you into our evening receptions. Kick off this year's conference on Wednesday, May 21 with your colleagues at a welcome reception at [Buffalo Billiard's](#) on Sixth Street. A DJ will play some tunes while you make free use of their Wii, Xbox 360, and PS3 video games. Old school games are also available, as well as appetizers and a cash bar. Come challenge the skills of other attendees and earn conference bragging rights.

On Thursday evening, registrants will meet up at [Dona Emilia's](#), across the street from the Radisson, for a tantalizing appetizer spread of New Latin cuisine and South American fare, a cash bar, and live Latin music. This backdrop is the perfect opportunity to enjoy great food and atmosphere amongst new and old friends. See you in May!

Call for Nominations for the 2008 Library Directors' Award

Reminder: The UT System Library Directors will confer an award to a UT System faculty member during this year's IOL conference to recognize the efforts of integrating library resources into course curriculum. Get details about how to nominate a course at http://telecampus.utsystem.edu/exterior/iol_2008/library.aspx. Deadline for accepting nominations is April 4, 2008.

IOL Basket Giveaway

As the 2008 IOL Conference nears, we welcome interested parties to send in gift baskets to be given to attendees during the conference. These themed baskets generally reflect your institution, school or college, or department. If you and your colleagues are interested in providing a basket this year, please email Michelle Leija at mleija@utsystem.edu. More information may also be found at the conference website.

Summer Course TIS Registration

TIS (TeleCampus Information System) registration for summer courses will begin the first week in April. Campus staff who manage registration requests will receive an email notification prior to the start date.

Course Completion for Fall 2007 Courses

The overall course completion rate for Fall 2007 was 91%; this is the percentage of students enrolled in a course on census day who received a grade at the end of the semester. The successful course completion rate was 81%; successful completion is a grade of "C" or better for graduate courses and "D" or better for undergraduate courses. When looking at the completion rate for graduate courses, the course completion rate was 92% and the successful course completion rate was 87%. For undergraduate courses, the course completion rate was 90% and successful course completion rate was 77%.

Employment Opportunities at UTTC – Join our Team!

We regret to announce that Laura Steffen has accepted the position of Online Instructional Design Manager at The Academy of Art in New York City; and that Jeremy Gordon will be moving to a local advertising agency, Kolar Advertising, prior to his New York City relocation next Fall when he plans to offer his Flash design talents to Madison Avenue. We expect to see great things from both folks in the near future; in the meantime, the TeleCampus has openings for two course developers. If you know of individuals with strong Web development skills and a passion for designing learning applications, please direct them to the UT System website Job Postings at <http://www.utsystem.edu/ohr/employment.htm>; the listing is under Professional Non-faculty positions.

The TeleCampus has a third position open at this time: *Project Coordinator*. The purposes of this position are to provide oversight to the UT TeleCampus Professional Development Online (PDO) program, oversee all UT TeleCampus vendor contracts and assist the TeleCampus Director with other duties, as assigned. For more information or to apply, please see the job posting at <http://www.utsystem.edu/ohr/employment.htm>.

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