Library Introduces New Multi-Database Search and Simplifies Home Page

The new Multi-Database Search is a powerful tool that allows you to locate a wide variety of research materials using just one search box. From the library's home page you can search ten different research databases simultaneously, including Gale Academic OneFile, EBSCO Academic Search Premier, ProQuest, JSTOR, and more. Your search results will display in a single page, with duplicate items removed. You can also use the links at the bottom of this box to “Search by Subject” or “Search by Database” to focus on more specialized collections of resources. To learn more about using Multi-Database Search, review the new Quick Start tutorial at www.esc.edu/multidatabasetutorial.

Ask IVA for “Integrity Verification Assistance”

Concerned about a possible case of student plagiarism? Use Ask IVA. This mediated service allows faculty to submit excerpts of problematic student writing to Turnitin.com. Turnitin uses text comparison software to identify direct matches between student texts and the company’s proprietary database of student papers and other Internet content. To learn more, go to www.esc.edu/askiva.

New Instructional Technologist to Support Downstate Faculty

The Instructional Services team is pleased to welcome Joseph Garner, who joins the college as an instructional technologist supporting the faculty at the Metro, Long Island, and Hudson Valley Centers, and the Harry Van Arsdale and Verizon Corporate College programs. Joe earned his MA in Mathematics Education and Applied Statistics from Teachers College at Columbia University. He has extensive experience as an instructional designer and technologist at Educate LLC and at New York University as an online mathematics instructor. Prior to entering the education field, Joe held positions at IBM and several other technology firms.

A search is underway to fill the remaining position in the Instructional Services team supporting the Northeast Center and International Programs. The committee expects to identify a successful candidate by the end of January.
TECH Tip: How to Print Threaded Discussions in ANGEL

To print a discussion forum:

1. Locate your Discussion Forum in your course module.
2. Point to the Utilities hyperlink underneath the name of the discussion forum (see Figure 1).
3. Click the Print Discussion Forum Hyperlink. The print discussion forum page appears (see Figure 2).
4. In the print discussion forum page, you can select all the checkboxes next to the discussion forum posts (see Figure 3).
5. Click the Print Threads button (see Figure 3).
6. An HTML page is created displaying all the selected posts and threads. To print select File>Print from your browser toolbar.

Note: Attachments and/or uploaded pictures are not included in the print view.

Technology Development Grants Awarded to Faculty at GVC and LIC; December 15, 2007 is Application Deadline

The Office of Educational Technology (OET) is accepting applications for the next round of Technology Development Fund (TDF) grants. This program, which is funded by the Empire State College Foundation, supports faculty projects involving the use of technology or technology-based resources to support learning. Applications are considered four times a year. The deadline for the upcoming review period is December 15, 2007. To learn more about this program and to complete an online application, go to: www.esc.edu/TechDevFund.

Two new TDF grants were awarded to Anne Cobb (NFC) and Michael Stone (GVC) to support the development and incorporation of multimedia resources, images, and audio podcasts into their FORUM courses for the January term. The grant included funds for podcasting equipment and conference participation. Ivan Ivanov and K. D. Eaglefeathers (LIC) received a grant funding to purchase equipment and software to continue a project in progress. The goal of their project is to facilitate faculty-developed video clips for inclusion in blended learning and web sites, and to support special courses in computer video-graphic applications.

*NOTE: Hardware and software purchased with funds is owned by OET and purchased for use by grantees.
EndNote X1 Management Software Now Available For Free To Faculty

EndNote software can save you time researching and writing papers and can help you streamline collecting and organizing citations from books and articles. It also inserts formatted footnotes and bibliographies into Word documents with only a few clicks of the mouse. It can also be used to import references from databases offered by the Empire State College Library.

You can request a free copy by:
- Completing a request form at College Helpdesk at www.esc.edu/tech911
- Indicating whether you need the Windows or Macintosh version.

For additional information about EndNote X1, go to the CLT Endnote website at www.esc.edu/endnote

There you will find installation instructions and tutorials for using it with Microsoft Word and with the Library’s collection of databases.

Web-Conferencing: For Meetings and Student Interactions

Now that the VOIP roll-out (Voice over internet protocol, our new telephone system) is complete, the college is now ready to expand use of web-conferencing tools for internal meetings and work with students. A web-conferencing system allows you to support two-way voice conversations with display of PowerPoint slides, shared whiteboard, and text chat. Many systems also permit polling and have additional features.

You can attend workshops on Conducting Online Meetings or Working With Students Online to learn more. To register, visit the OET technology workshop calendar at www.esc.edu/techcalendar.

A selection committee to evaluate new tools for this function includes Kevin Barhydt (OET), Bidhan Chandra (Educational Technology Committee [ETC] & CDL), Stephanie Cunningham (ETC & CNYC), Gary Faber (Computer Services), and John Hughes (CLT, Chair). If you have suggestions or needs, please contact any member with your input.

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