

Summer 2010 Summer Semester News

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New faculty development events including a summer discussion series + teaching workshop. Learn more about the updates to our curricular technologies that are coming your way this summer.

Blackboard 9.0 and Chalk and Wire are being upgraded to better serve you and your students.

All newsletters are being distributed electronically. If you prefer to receive this newsletter in hard copy, please let us know and we can provide one for you.

Have an idea for a topic? Send your ideas to any Instructional Technology staff member.

<http://www.butler.edu/ir/it>

Program changes, Summer 2010

We wish all faculty, staff and students a safe and restful summer. Summer is a great time to reflect on pedagogy, brush up on your technology skills, or just chat with others about topics in teaching and learning. We have a number of opportunities for you to do just that!

Blackboard 9.1

This summer, you will have the opportunity to rethink how you use Blackboard—we migrate to Blackboard 9.1 on the weekend of May 8. We are offering stand-alone video introductions, training sessions and 1 on 1 consulting to help faculty get comfortable with Blackboard 9.1 before the start of the Fall semester. For more information see www.butler.edu/ir/it or contact Instructional Technology at bbadmin@butler.edu or by phone to x8575. For a short video introduction to the changes between the versions of Blackboard, visit this link: <http://tinyurl.com/26hy2em>



New Version of Chalk and Wire

Also this summer, Chalk and Wire releases some changes to the ePortfolio solution you will want to check out! The new version allows easy inclusion of surveys and forms. Stop by Instructional Technology for a test drive beginning May 17 or drop an email to epadmin@butler.edu to schedule a 1 on 1 introduction.

Faculty Discussion Sessions

This summer, Instructional Technology is offering a series of discussion sessions for faculty to explore ways in which technology could help address pedagogical challenges in the classroom. Each session will focus on a specific challenge that a Butler faculty member is facing in a course and will include a discussion of possible technological tools in use in classrooms around the country that could address that challenge, as well as drawing on ideas and suggestions from other faculty members attending the session. Let us know what topics



YOU would like to see discussed—submit your ideas using our [online form](#) or drop a note to imiranda@butler.edu. We will continue these discussions into the Fall Semester – the more ideas the better!

Blackboard Tip of the Month

Managing your course list:

Blackboard 9.1 makes it easy to manage the courses you wish to see in your course list on the home page. By giving each instructor the ability to see only the courses they wish to see at any given time, we will now be able to keep courses available to instructors beyond the semester in which the course is held.

To manage your course list, click the small gear icon in the upper right corner of your Course List. This will open a Personalize Course List page. Select the courses you wish to see in your course list in the Display Course Name column, and click on the Submit button. Your course list will now show only your selected options. If you ever wish to change these options, repeat the steps above to select different courses to view.

If you have any questions about this feature, please contact Kenetha Stanton Frisby at bbadmin@butler.edu.

Staff Changes

Blackboard Administrator Jeff McGregor leaves university on April 30 to relocate to the Boston, MA area. He is replaced by Kenetha Stanton Frisby who has been a part of the Instructional Technology team since June 1, 2009. Beverly Compton who primarily supported Chalk and Wire left Butler in mid-April to spend more time with her family. Her replacement is pending. We wish both her and Jeff every success in their new endeavors.

Faculty Development News

Transforming Teaching through Technology

Twelve faculty from across the university community have been selected for the inaugural Transforming Teaching Through Technology faculty workshop scheduled for August 2-4, 2010. Each participant submitted an application describing a pedagogical experience, problem or question they wished to explore. Over the summer, along with Instructional Technology staff and faculty colleagues, participants will engage in discussion about these topics, learn new technology skills and be ready to start the fall semester with a transformed course component. Selected participants include:

Vivian Deno – History & Anthropology
Panos Linos – Computer Science & Software Engineering
Priscilla Ryder – Pharmacy Practice
Robert Stapleton – English
Shelly Furuness – Middle and Secondary Education
Rocky Colavito – English/University Writing Programs
James F. McGrath – Philosophy & Religion
Elizabeth K. Mix – Art Program
Ann Savage – Media Arts, Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies
Allison Harthcock – Media Arts
Priscilla Arling – Management Information Systems
Laurence Kennedy – Pharmacy Practice

Tablet PC Tip

Is there more to writing than OneNote?

The stylus pen on your tablet PC is for a lot more than just writing on your screen in OneNote. You can also write out an e-mail in Outlook or a document in Word using your stylus pen.

If you are using Microsoft Word 2007 on your Tablet PC, click on the Review Tab and look for the **Start Inking** button. You can also use the same **Start Inking** button when you're using your Compose Message window in Outlook to give that personal, hand-written touch to anything you're writing.



For more information about tablet PCs, contact Jennifer Snoddy jsnoddy@butler.edu.

Portfolio 2 ePortfolio Tip of the Month

Did you know that you can download a copy of your portfolio as a fully functional website? Chalk and Wire provides a utility for saving an HTML version of the portfolio that can then be used on a computer hard drive, writable media disk or hosted by a web service.

On the My Portfolios tab, locate the portfolio you want to download, and under the Actions column, click the [Download] link.



Follow the prompts to save your archive file to a location on your computer. If you have audio or video, you will be asked to choose the format for the exported version. Chalk and Wire will then create a compressed folder that contains all of your information in the location you specified.

Using tools native to your computer, you can then uncompress the folder to access all of your materials. For more information contact epadmin@butler.edu or select Get Help from within Chalk and Wire.

Classroom Technology Tip

Unlike factory-pressed DVDs (those sold in retail stores), which use a precisely-stamped piece of metal foil for the readable surface and are covered under high standards of quality control at all points of manufacture, burned DVDs are subject to a wide number of variables in their creation. The media you use, the burner you use, the speed at which the disc is burned, and the DVD player you attempt playback on will all affect how your disc performs. IMS continues to upgrade campus mediation with this in mind, installing DVD players noted to be compatible with the widest range of media types.

Recordable DVDs are available in a variety of permutations. DVD-R is the format most compatible with consumer DVD players. -R media lacks the functionality of other recordable discs, which means there's less information to confuse a player trying to read it. It is a "write-once" format, so you have only one chance to burn a disc before it's permanently changed.

Other formats shown to be less compatible with consumer DVD players are DVD-RW, +R, +RW, +R DL, and -RAM. The -RW, +RW, and -RAM formats are primarily for backing up computer data, and can be written and re-written to over and over. The +R DL format holds twice as much data as any other recordable DVD (the "DL" stands for "dual layer," meaning it contains two writable surfaces capable of storing data instead of one) but is relatively new and currently not compatible with most consumer DVD players.



IT Lending Library Spotlight



The Apple iPad has built-in apps designed to take advantage of the 9.7 in (diagonal) Multi-Touch screen. Check your email, browse the web, watch a movie or flip through browse photos in any orientation that suits you. At 1.5 pounds and .5 inch thin, it's easy to carry anywhere. We currently have several iPads available for check-out in JH037. Come see for yourself what this latest technology can do for you!

A full list of electronics and books available for checkout can be found on the IT website on the Instructional Technology Commons page. <http://www.butler.edu/ir/?pg=2533>

Instructional Technology has equipment and books for you to experience the newest technology that students use every day and explore ways to integrate it into the classroom. For more information or to arrange a rental, please contact any member of the Instructional Technology team.

Book Review

Beyond Technology offers a challenging new analysis of the impact of new media on learning, drawing on a wide range of critical research. Buckingham argues that there is now a growing divide between the media-rich world of children's lives outside school and their experiences of technology in the classroom. Bridging this divide, he suggests, will require more than superficial attempts to import technology into schools, or to combine education with digital entertainment. While debunking such fantasies of technological change, Buckingham also provides a constructive alternative, arguing that young people need to be equipped with a new form of digital literacy that is both critical and creative. *Beyond Technology* is essential reading for all students of the media or education, as well as for teachers and other education professionals.



IT Staff Spotlight

Barry Rector, Supervisor of Media Services, has been with Butler for 15 years, starting out in A/V, pushing media carts with computers, as

there were no computer labs! There are now more than 60 mediated classrooms, which Barry and his staff support and maintain. In 2004, he was one of the first recipients of the Top Dawg award for outstanding service to Butler and the community. Barry has been responsible for all of the mediation in the classrooms, supporting faculty as well as staff and is always working behind the scenes. You may not know that in his free time, Barry is a Corvette buff! He is active in a national Corvette organization and provides cars for parades here at Butler from either local dealers or from the Corvette club in which he is an active member.

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Instructional Technology Summer Discussion Sessions



This summer Instructional Technology is offering faculty discussion sessions that focus on the linkages between pedagogy and technology. Each of these sessions will pose a specific pedagogical issue and then demonstrate a possible technological solution in use in classrooms around the country. As part of the discussion we will also draw on ideas from those present in the room. After the discussion session, you'll have the chance to schedule a one on one consultation with a member of the Instructional Technology team for more detailed discovery. Watch for an announcement of times and locations soon!

For example: Your chemistry students are having trouble grasping a particular concept you typically present visually, either on the board or via document camera. You seem to be getting the same questions about it over and over from numerous students. In addition to the suggestions raised by fellow faculty attending the session, you'll have a chance to see a demonstration of a recording technology or mobile device that will help students review the content outside of class. You'll leave with some fresh ideas from your colleagues, and a look at some fresh technology at Butler!

Summer Session Information

Two hour sessions
Focus on pedagogy
Established sustainable technology
Demonstration (not hands on)
One-on-one follow up support
Two sessions each month

If you are interested in attending or getting a copy of the schedule of sessions, drop a quick email to training@butler.edu with your name and department.



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Upcoming Training

Blackboard 9- Basics & Communication

05/07/2010	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	JH043
05/20/2010	3:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	JH043
06/02/2010	3:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	JH043
06/14/2010	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	JH041
06/29/2010	3:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	JH041
07/14/2010	3:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	JH048
07/29/2010	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	JH048
08/09/2010	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	JH048

Blackboard 9- Using the Tools

05/10/2010	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	JH043
05/25/2010	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	JH043
06/10/2010	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	JH043
06/25/2010	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	FB248
07/01/2010	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	JH048
07/15/2010	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	JH048
07/30/2010	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	JH048
08/10/2010	3:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	JH048

Blackboard 9- The Student Perspective

05/13/2010	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	JH043
06/16/2010	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	JH041
08/13/2010	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	JH048