Upcoming Events

Moodle Basic Training 4/17 11:00-12:30 3:00-4:00 Online

Provost’s Colloquium 4/18 1:00-3:00 LIB 4th Floor RSVP

Dept. Chair Leadership Webinar: Fostering Excellent Teaching 4/19 10:30-12:00 Faculty Tech Lounge RSVP

Moodle Basic Training 4/19 3:00-4:00 LIB 144

“Best Practices in Moodle: Course Design, Pedagogy, Delivery, and Technology” Workshop 4/20 12:00-2:00 LIB 301 RSVP

CAFDN Annual Conference at CSU

On Friday, April 27, CSU will host the Chicago Area Faculty Development Network’s (CAFDN) annual conference. This year, the keynote speaker will be Barry Dahl, an online learning consultant and former university instructor, who will be delivering an address titled, “e-Learning Alphabet: From Atheists to Zealots.” He will discuss the divide between enthusiastic adopters of online learning, and those who remain staunchly skeptical. The CAFDN conference is primarily open to members, but the CTRE has been able to reserve 30 seats for interested members of the CSU community.

The CAFDN Annual Conference will take place on Friday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Library Sun Room. If you are interested in attending, RSVP to James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

Want Video in the Classroom? Look No Further.

For many instructors, finding quality multimedia to share with their classes is an exercise in futility. To be sure, the internet is full of free video clips, but many of them are of poor quality, questionable authorship, and less than excellent content, leaving the instructor empty-handed.

If you count yourself in that frustrated camp, this article is for you. Listed below are four video resources that any instructor wishing to incorporate multimedia effectively in their teaching would do well to put in their bookmarks bar.

PBS Video video.pbs.org

With hundreds of full-length videos from 49 different programs, like NOVA; Women, War, & Peace; and The American Experience, PBS Video should be one of your first stops in finding (Continued on back)
Looking Forward

Friday Faculty Fest

What: Best Practices in Moodle: Course Design, Pedagogy, Delivery, and Technology
When: Friday, April 20 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Where: LIB 301

What makes an online course effective? What are the components of good course design? How do pedagogical best practices get translated into Moodle?

These are just some of the questions that will be explored in this week’s Friday Faculty Fest. By employing some simple techniques and approaches, you can transform your Moodle courses into the envy of the distance learning community.

Course design, pedagogy, delivery, and technology are four basic components that must be exercised effectively for both student and instructor to get the most out of a Moodle course. Spend some time with this Friday’s workshop to learn how you can do just that.

Click here to RSVP.

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quality programming for education. There is something for virtually every discipline here.

NBC Learn
www.nbclearn.com

If short, well-done videos are what you’re looking for, be sure to visit this website. It contains dozens of videos, like the “Finishing the Dream” series on African-American civil rights, and “Chemistry Now.” Also, be sure to check out the “Science Behind the News” features.

TED
www.ted.com

Probably the most widely known on this list, the TED website contains a wealth of speakers presenting on topics like “How Can Technology Transform the Human Body?” and “Unlock the Intelligence, Passion, and Greatness of Girls.” Engaging, inspiring, and worth watching, the speakers featured in TEDTalks will keep your students in rapt attention during the video, and in wonder afterwards.

Science360
www.science360.gov/files/

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Science 360 contains videos on ten topics, including physics, life sciences, medical sciences, and engineering. Perfect for any science junky, and a great way to bring to life many of the theories and models that are discussed in class.

This list was adapted from “Got Video? Great Video Resources for Your Class!” by Jim Forde at Digital Learning Environments.