ASSETT UPDATES

Looking for quick tidbits of information to spark your technological imagination? Need a jumpstart for new teaching and learning ideas for your classes? Ever wonder what other folks are doing to get students excited about learning and actively participating in class?

If you catch yourself asking these questions, fret no more! At ASSETT, we know that it can be a bit overwhelming to navigate the sea of information on teaching with technology. So we're here to do that for you!

In these updates, you’ll find a brief rundown of timely teaching tips, latest research and new technologies of interest to Arts & Sciences faculty and students in a monthly newsletter. We’ll also keep you up-to-date about upcoming seminars, workshops and other important opportunities provided by ASSETT.

TIPS and TRICKS

Do you use D2L to teach your classes, and would like to learn something new and cool? Want to add a personal touch to your D2L courses? Check out this tutorial on automatically inserting student names in D2L items.

D2L - Replacement Strings

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ABOUT US

Teaching and Learning Consultants seek to inform, facilitate connections and encourage inspiration in those exploring new way of teaching with technology.

Our Creative Services Web team is comprised of talented experienced web and graphic designers committed to bringing fresh design ideas to your academic web site redesign.

ASSETT's Teaching Technology Assistants are familiar and comfortable with technology. Their primary goal is to help people in A&S learn to use and maintain
Also, don’t forget that OIT has a number of online tutorials that you can go through on your own time and pace. Follow this link to these tutorials.

D2L - Instructor Tutorial List

EDUTECH OF THE MONTH:

Each month ASSETT’s Teaching and Learning Consults (TLCs) select one technology and provide you with a number of ideas of how you can use it in your classroom. When choosing any particular technology, we make sure that it has been used, tested and recommended by various educators, is user friendly, and most importantly, pedagogically sound!

And, this month’s EduTech award goes to.....

PADLET.COM.

What is it? It is a virtual wall that allows people to express their thoughts on a common topic easily. It works like an online sheet of paper where people can put any content (e.g. images, videos, documents, text) anywhere on the page, together with anyone, from any device.

Why use it? To collaborate, collect ideas, brainstorm, solicit input, discuss, or get viewpoints from students, and more!

How can I learn more about it? Check out this brief (less than 5 min) video tutorial about Padlet.com to start using this interactive tool in your classroom!

Padlet.com Video Tutorial

WHAT'S NEW AT ASSETT?

Academics Online Week
Are you looking to explore new venues in networking, scholarship, publishing, teaching and learning? How is openness in academia creating new opportunities and challenges for you? Come find out more at sessions being held each day during the week of Sept. 15-19, from 3-4 p.m. in Norlin E113. Please join ASSETT and University Libraries for a week of exploring what it means to be an open scholar in the digital information age.
The use of digital technologies in scholarship and academia provides an opportunity to reexamine current models of scholarship, networking, publishing, and teaching and learning.

Sessions, outlined below, will be held each day. For more information and to RSVP, [http://assett.colorado.edu/academics-online-week-september-15th-19th/](http://assett.colorado.edu/academics-online-week-september-15th-19th/)

Sept. 15: What is Digital and Open Scholarship?
Sept. 16: 10 Steps to Becoming a Digital Scholar
Sept. 17: Understanding Open Access
Sept. 18: Technology Tools for Academics Online
Sept. 19: CU Academics Online: Where do we go from here

**Sceencasting Workshops**
Have you ever wanted an easy way to create instructional videos for your classes -- to answer frequently asked questions, cover concepts that often require more time than the allotted class session, or communicate with students in a different way? A popular method is called “screencasting,” and ASSETT is offering a workshop on how to create screencasts. Eligible participants are A&S faculty of any rank, GPTIs and TAs. Participants will receive a complimentary license for a screencasting software.

**Introduction to Screencasting**
September 24, 2014 1-2:30
September 25, 2014 2-3:30

**Advanced Screencasting**
October 29, 2014 12-1:00 pm
October 30, 2014 12-1:00 pm

For more information and registration, visit: [http://assett.colorado.edu/learn/workshopsbrown-bags/](http://assett.colorado.edu/learn/workshopsbrown-bags/)

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