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ASSETT Updates

Dear ASSETT Community,

Greetings! It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to ASSETT's founding director, Dr. Michele Jackson and welcome our new interim director, Dr. Phoebe Young.

Michele joined CU's Department of Communication in 1998. In 2008, she founded ASSETT with a vision to expand support for the teaching and learning needs and activities in the College of Arts and Sciences. Since its inception, guided by a pedagogy-centered perspective, ASSETT has been working to develop and maintain reliable, dedicated educational resources that support and advance the quality of teaching and learning across the College of Arts & Sciences.

While we are sad to see her go, we wish Michele well as she starts a new phase in her career as an Associate Provost for eLearning Initiatives at the College of William and Mary. At the same time, we are excited to welcome Phoebe Young, associate professor in Department of History, as she takes over as interim director. Having participated in many of ASSETT's programs; she is an avid advocate of undergraduate student learning and is looking forward to continuing to advance ASSETT's mission.

ASSETT Staff

From the Director

I am thrilled to join the ASSETT team this semester. Since coming to the CU Boulder History Department in 2009, I have been a fan and a beneficiary of the support and services ASSETT provides. Staff members have played crucial roles in advancing my own pedagogical practices – from developing an online course and using flipped classroom approaches to, most recently, supporting the introduction of an online exhibit building program into

one of my courses.

Some of the terrific work students did in my HIST 4546: Popular Culture in Modern America to research and mount these exhibits can be seen at: https://omeka.colorado.edu/hist4546/exhibits. This collaborative work has made a great impact on my teaching, as I know it has for many faculty in Arts & Sciences. I look forward to working with entire staff of ASSETT including the Teaching and Learning Consultants and Technical and Creative Services teams to support both faculty objectives in the classroom and positive learning outcomes for our students. I would love to hear from any of you about ASSETT's impact on your teaching as well as ways you think we might further advance your pedagogical and technology goals.

[Phoebe Young](#)

Tips & Tricks

Would you like to help students learn how to become better writers and resist the urge to copy and paste? Did you know that in D2L, you have an access to Turnitin which checks documents for unoriginal content? **Turnitin** compares submitted papers to other student papers, current and archived webpages, periodicals, journals and other publications. After the comparison has been made, it produces an originality report indicating what percentage of the student's paper matches documents in their database. Turnitin can best be used to help students learn how to improve their academic writing and maintain academic integrity.

To learn more about this tool and activate it via your Dropbox tool in D2L, follow this step-by-step tutorial: [D2L - Turnitin Plagiarism Protection Tool](#)

Also, Turnitin has a feature called **GradeMark**, which allows you to make comments on student papers, similar to Track Changes in Microsoft Word. [This tutorial](#) demonstrates how to access and use GradeMark from within a Desire2Learn course.

EduTech of the Month

What is it?
Trello is a free and easy to use organizational tool that can help you to manage projects. Trello organizes projects into boards that you can share with others. Within each board you can assign tasks to collaborators, establish deadlines, create checklists, attach documents, share links and images, and comment on the status of a task.

Why use it?
This versatile tool allows you to manage your personal projects, academic collaborations, or your students' work. It's especially convenient for those who work across multiple devices as Trello is available through the web and on iOS, Android, Amazon, and Windows 8 devices.

How can I learn more about it?
If you're intrigued and would like to get your hands on Trello, then sign up for an account at http://www.trello.com using an email and password.

What's New at ASSETT?

Development Awards:
Do you have a project in mind that would enhance undergraduate learning through technology? Does your department need equipment or software that may be used in

teaching and learning? If so, gather your ideas and keep an eye out for the Spring 2015 ASSETT Development Awards call which will be coming in March.

Faculty of any rank and GPTIs may apply. Unit chairs or directors must provide a brief supporting letter. The maximum award possible is $5000. For more information about the Development Awards, and the past award recipients follow this link:
http://assett.colorado.edu/opportunities/about-development-awards/

Save the Date! 3rd Annual Teaching with Technology Symposium
ASSETT will host our 3rd Annual Teaching with Technology Symposium on **April 23rd, 2015 at 3pm**. We're excited to announce that [Jim Groom](#), Director of the Division of Teaching and Learning Technologies at the University of Mary Washington, will be our keynote speaker. He will be discussing UMW's [Domain of One's Own Project,](#) the importance of digital fluency, online identity and its impact on campus culture, IT infrastructure, and the web more broadly.

We'll also have faculty from our Digital Learning Communities sharing the latest projects they've been working on. It's a fun opportunity to learn and share with colleagues from across disciplines. See you there!

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 familar and comfortable with technology. Their primary goal is to help people in A&S learn to use and maintain technology in an educational environment, rather than to fix broken technology.

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