

## New Faculty Learning Community Forums

This semester, members of the New Faculty Learning Community, sponsored by CTLT, are participating in six forums that focus on issues related to teaching and learning. Each of the two-hour forums includes interactive sessions with guest presenters and a question/answer period during an informal dinner. Alice Calderonello (Master Teaching Award/English) is the facilitator of the NFLC and primary organizer of the forums. Alice also works with each NFLC member to enhance instruction for a select course that the member is teaching this semester. What follows is a glimpse into three of the forums that have already taken place:

*Managing Your Classroom:* January 27, featured presenters were Donna Nelson-Beene (English), Ron Lancaster (Computer Sciences), and Charlene Waggoner (Biology), who talked about how to manage course workloads, and who gave examples and tips on how to manage the classroom using tools such as rubrics, technology, and strategies for cooperative learning.



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*Risk Taking for New Faculty:* February 10, featured presenters John Farver (Geology), Mark Gromko (Office of Provost), Joyce Gromko (College of Music), Roz Hammond (College of Education), and Oppo Zongo (Romance Languages). The topic of risk taking is of particular importance to new faculty and the presenters in this forum gave a variety of perspectives about the positive and negative aspects of risk taking in relation to promotion and tenure goals.

*Participatory Learning:* February 24, featured presenters Alice Calderonello (English), Paul Haas (Economics), and Dan Madigan (CTLT) who presented ideas about how to promote critical thinking and better student learning through cooperative learning, good questioning techniques, creative dramatics, and just in time teaching strategies.

### What participants have said about the forums.

*“Great practical hands-on ideas, solutions, some of which I want to share with my students”*  
*“Great discussions”*

### Upcoming NFLC forums for this semester are as follows:

*Reflective Learning:* March 17, feature presenters Bill Armalene (CITE/Education) and Kathy Farber (PCA/Education).

*Balancing Teaching/Scholarship:* April 7, feature presenters Dick Kennel (College of Music), John Laird (Physics), Mark Gromko (Office of Provost), and Radhika Gajjala (IPC).

*Alternative Forms of Assessment:* April 14, feature presenters Kris Blair (English), Bob Midden (Chemistry), and Meredith Flynn (English).

### Featured Staff Member Brad Muckenthaler

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At the CTLT  
Brad assists with  
the following:



- Digital Video Production
- Video Editing
- Use of video cameras and lighting
- Currenty involved with Student Learning Showcase

### Learning Community Workshops

#### Graduate Learning Community

<i>Performance: Teaching As Communication</i>	March 25
<i>How People Learn And How to Teach Them</i>	April 8
<i>Structures Of Cooperative Learning</i>	April 22

#### Mid-Career Learning Community

<i>Improve Your Teaching: Speech Communication Enhancement</i>	April 25
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**WebCT to Blackboard online course transition project.**

The Center for Teaching, Learning & Technology has been working with faculty on moving online courses created using WebCT to the Blackboard course management platform since August, 2002. At this time, 406 course conversions have been completed; however, there are still many courses which have not yet been transitioned.

**The WebCT course management server will be shut down permanently on July 30th, 2003.** After that date, WebCT courses and any materials stored in WebCT courses will no longer be available.

If you have a WebCT course and need assistance in moving your materials to Blackboard, please contact the CTLT at (419) 372-6898. We encourage you to call as soon as possible to make an appointment to meet with a CTLT staff member to ensure that your online course materials are migrated to the Blackboard platform prior to the WebCT server shutdown.

In addition to assisting faculty with the WebCT to Blackboard transition, the CTLT provides support, through workshops, seminars and consultations to faculty and graduate student instructors on general Blackboard topics regarding the development and delivery of course content over the web. CTLT also supports these groups of BGSU community members in all areas of instructional development and delivery of course content through electronic mediums, including the web, CD's and DVD's. Contact the CTLT at (419) 372-6898 if you need assistance with your Blackboard course.

A list of CTLT seminars is included in this newsletter and can be viewed online at <http://ctl.t.bgsu.edu/workshops>. To register for a seminar, use the online form found on the "Workshops" page or call (419) 372-6898.

**March/April Workshops**

All workshops will be held on site at 201 University Hall. Register for workshops online at: <http://ctl.t.bgsu.edu/workshops/registration.php> call the CTLT at (419) 372-6898, or email a request to Kris Sautter at [ksautte@bgnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:ksautte@bgnet.bgsu.edu).

<b>Online Tools</b>			<b>Video</b>		
Using Blackboard to Develop Online Courses			Introduction to Videography		
Th	March 27	10:00-12:00	T	March 20	12:00-2:30
T	April 8	10:00-12:00	W	April 9	1:00-3:30
W	April 23	10:00-12:00	iMovie		
Effective Use of Online Communication Tools			F	March 21	1:30-4:00
T	April 29	9:00-11:00	<b>Mini workshops</b>		
Enhancing Classroom Presentation Using PowerPoint, level 1			Shared Document Editing		
T	March 18	9:00-11:00	W	March 19	2:00-2:45
T	April 22	9:00-11:00	T	April 1	11:00-11:45
Enhancing Classroom Presentation Using PowerPoint, level 2			M	April 7	11:00-11:45
T	March 25	9:00-11:00	Easy CD Burning		
Th	May 1	9:00-11:00	W	March 19	11:30-12:15
Creating Course Documents with Dreamweaver MX			T	March 25	2:00-2:45
W	April 28	9:00-11:00	Th	April 17	1:00-1:45
Creating Course Documents with HTML			DVD Burning		
F	April 18	9:00-11:00	T	March 18	1:00-1:45
Creating Online Quizzes and Using the Gradebook in Blackboard			Th	March 27	2:00-2:45
Th	March 20	10:00-12:00	T	April 15	2:00-2:45
W	April 16	10:00-12:00	iDVD		
<b>Navigating the Information World</b>			W	March 19	10:00-10:45
Th	March 27	9:00-12:00	Th	April 10	10:30-11:15
<b>Tenure and Promotion Portfolios</b>			Introduction to Flatbed Scanning		
Th	March 20	12:30-2:00	M	March 17	10:00-11:00
F	March 28	11:30-1:00	Th	April 24	1:00-2:00

