



OFE/CIRT

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WHAT'S NEW

New Director

Jace Hargis has been selected as the new Director of OFE/CIRT. Jace was the interim director last year and is excited about continuing in this position.

Better Understanding for Informed Learning Design (BUILD)

Eight faculty members were selected from applications to attend this seminar and receive compensation. They learned various teaching strategies and further developed their ideas on teaching and learning as well as course development. For an agenda and examples of presentations, as well as participant products, please see:

<http://www.unf.edu/dept/ofe/build.html>

Look for the call for proposals for the 2004 event.

Book Swap

We have a faculty book swap area set up in the CIRT lab. Please stop by and see if there's something you'd like to pick up or if you have books to contribute.

"Just in Time" Fall Course Development Assistance

OFE/CIRT staff provided hands-on support to faculty preparing for the upcoming term, offering a brief presentation on these topics, followed by an open lab for production through the day. If you missed a session and are interested in that topic, please stop by or checkout the materials online at http://www.unf.edu/dept/cirt/workshops/workshops_date.html

Designing and Building Interactive Syllabi, August 5

Online Formative Surveys using Blackboard, August 7

Customized PowerPoint® Presentations, August 12

Assessment and Measurement, August 14

Newly Hired Faculty Group

A large number of faculty have joined the university this fall. The OFE developed a small newly-hired faculty group this past year and plans to expand its participation and events. Events include trips to the theatre, museums, and a trail hike. If anyone is interested in facilitating, mentoring or leading projects for newly-hired faculty, please contact Jace Hargis at x.1446.

Research

OFE/CIRT have had an abstract accepted by the Australian Journal of Educational Technology, entitled "Social Interaction Within Technology: Reflections Through the Looking Glass." This paper presents the various models and activities that we have experienced with faculty in our department.

Websites

OFE and CIRT both have new websites that we invite you to visit. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or would like to see additional resources and information located on our sites.

<http://www.unf.edu/dept/ofe>

Upcoming Events

Digital Imaging and
Instructional Design

Friday, September 19th
9 - 11 a.m.

Dr. Sebastian Foti
presents

Technology and the Intelligent

Eye: Complexity,
Decision Making, and
Media Development

Friday, September 26th
9 - 11 a.m.

Updated Features
of Acrobat 6.0

Friday, October 3rd
9 - 11 a.m.

Research Using the Internet

Wednesday, October 15th
9 - 11 a.m.

Dr. Alison Morrison-Shetlar
presents

Interactive Teaching in
Large and Small Classes

Friday, October 17th

RSVP to ofe@unf.edu
or x. 1447



NEW RESOURCES

OFE Resource Library

- Mastering the Techniques of Teaching, Joseph Lowman
- Publication Manual of APA, 5th ed., APA
- Effective Teaching in Higher Education: Research & Practice, Eds. Raymond P. Perry & John C. Smart
- Determining Faculty Effectiveness. John Centra
- Renewing and Evaluating Teaching. John Centra
- The Max Strategy. Dale Dauten
- Preparing for Promotion and Tenure Review, *A Faculty Guide*, Robert M. Diamond

Promotion & Tenure Dossier Examples

are also available for review in the OFE Resource Library, either hardcopy or electronic format on CD. There are examples from each college.

CIRT Lab

Stop by the CIRT lab to see our new equipment. For checkout, we now have two document cameras which work with a projector to display any document or item you place under its lens, several wireless-ready laptops, and Nikon COOLPIX digital cameras. We have a new inkjet printer in the lab which can handle paper up to 13" x 19". Recent software acquired by the lab includes Acrobat® 6.0, Photoshop® Elements, Photoshop® Album, and RealViz® Stitcher® 3.5.

Faculty Commons

A new 24-hour workstation has been set up with Internet access, printing, scanning, and digital video-editing capabilities. Wireless Internet access is also now available in the Commons and the OFE conference room.

LOW-THRESHOLD APPLICATION

Photo Slideshow with Music

There are several simple ways to create a slideshow from a series of still images. This is a great way to share pictures from your digital camera. Music can be added to a slideshow by inserting an audio track from a digital file or CD. These types of presentation can be created with PowerPoint®, iPhoto, QuickTime Pro, Photoshop® Album, or Windows Movie Maker, among others.

Stop by CIRT and let us show you how!



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Henry Thomas, Political Science

Dr. Thomas developed this slide show set to music using iPhoto. He took the pictures in May 2003, on a trip to Ghana, West Africa with UNF Honors students. The three-week trip involved working with Ghanaian students, faculty and citizens on projects involving good governance, media issues, children's health, small business and economic development.

Available online at:

<http://www.unf.edu/coas/polsci-pubadmin/Ghana03.mov>