

The Technology Resource Center

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A unit of the Center for Teaching and Learning, the *Technology Resource Center* is a teaching and technology support lab located in IT204. Our mission is to provide technology support and resources to faculty, staff, and students. No appointment is necessary. Our equipment can be used on a drop-in basis. Some of the services we provide include:

- Consultation on instructional technology and information resources
- Individual tutoring or small group classes on various software packages
- Assistance in developing web pages and online classes
- Collaboration in the production of multimedia solutions

Staff

Scott Carter, Instructional Technologist

- Web and WebCT support and training
- Software and technology assistance

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Sue Payton, Coordinator of Productions

- Graphic, Web and desktop design
- Software and technology assistance

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Resources

- Specialized software for doing graphics work, Web design, and digital video editing
- Flatbed, slide, 35mm film, and 11 x 17 flatbed scanners
- Digital cameras, camcorders, drawing tablets, and audio recorders for checkout
- Color printing up to 42 inches wide
- CD duplication
- Lamination, die-cuts, paper cutters, markers, paint and other tools for creating two-dimensional artwork
- Video taping rooms equipped with mini DV cameras, VCRs, and audio recorders
- VHS tape to tape duplication station
- 35mm slides from electronic files
- Color overheads
- Central campus fax
- VHS, mini DV, CD, DVD, and mini disc tape sales
- Construction paper, butcher paper, and posterboard sales

Services

- Training on a variety of software products (Dreamweaver, Excel, Photoshop, etc.)
- Academic Web design, support, and instruction
- Desktop and graphics design of academic projects (posters, presentations, etc.)
- WebCT and distance education support
- Collaboration in the production of multimedia solutions

Note: The Technology Resource Center does not perform hardware or software purchases, maintenance, or installation. For these issues, please call Computing Services at 88925.

One-Hour Workshops

Fall 2005

October 24: An Orientation to the Technology Resource Center

Come find out what the TRC has to offer -- an overview of our lab and our services. Time: Noon to 1pm. Location: IT204.

Instructor: Sue Payton

November 7: The Basics of Creating a Personal Web Page at WOU

Learn to use Dreamweaver to create and update Web pages located in your "public_html" folder. Time: Noon to 1pm. Location: HL108.

Instructor: Scott Carter

November 14 How to Make Your PowerPoint Presentations Not Look Like PowerPoint Presentations

So you've mastered the basics of PowerPoint. But now how do you make your presentations a little less bland? Discover tips and techniques that will help you get the most out of this powerful tool. Time: Noon to 1pm. Location: HL108.

Instructor: Scott Carter

November 21: Introduction to WebCT

Learn the basics of creating an online course in WebCT, or how to add an online discussion group to a face-to-face class. Time: Noon to 1pm. Location: HL108.

Instructor: Scott Carter

All group workshops, which are open to faculty and staff, take place in Hamersly Library 108 from 12pm until 1pm.

Preregistration is required to ensure that you can attend. However, individual training sessions of 45 minutes can be scheduled at any time. Please reserve a session by calling the Technology Resource Center at 838-8965. Individual tutoring sessions can also be scheduled on other topics.

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The Center for Teaching and Learning



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Our Mission

The mission of the *Center for Teaching Learning* is to facilitate opportunities to identify, implement, and disseminate innovative ideas for teaching and learning at Western Oregon University.

Services & Resources

The CTL offers a variety of professional development opportunities for faculty, including:

- Orientation
- Workshops and seminars
- Class observations and feedback on teaching effectiveness
- Individual or group consultations on instructional design and pedagogy
- Resources on best practices in teaching and learning
- The CTL houses a resource library with a multitude of titles on teaching and learning available for check out. The library is housed in the TRC, ITC 204.

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Welcome from the New Director, Dr. Niki Young

I am thrilled to join Western Oregon University as the Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning! Teaching is at the forefront of WOU's mission, and the Center is here to celebrate and support the excellent teaching going on at this university. Since my arrival on campus in July, I have been impressed with the knowledge, commitment and passion our faculty bring to their work. I am eager to work with the faculty to support your teaching, provide resources, and promote community.



While I am new to WOU, I am a native Oregonian. I grew up on the coast in Coos Bay, and have a Masters degree from the University of Oregon. My academic area is Communication Studies, and my doctorate is from Louisiana State University. I am passionate about teaching and learning and look forward to sharing ideas and learning from you! For the past four and a half years I was a member of the faculty at California State University Stanislaus, and served them most recently as the Interim Director of the Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. It is wonderful to be back in Oregon after many years and I love my new campus home!

The Center will be offering a number of exciting programs this year. In September the CTL organized New Faculty Orientation, welcoming 13 new tenure track faculty to campus. The CTL also offered a highly successful inaugural Orientation and Professional Development program for Adjunct faculty. New programs and opportunities are described more fully inside this newsletter, including the formation of a Writing and Teaching Circle, a series of workshops on Best Practices, and a new continuing professional development program for adjunct faculty, the Excellence Initiative.

I hope your classes are off to a good start, and I look forward to working with you!

New Connections and New Opportunities

The Center for Teaching and Learning and the Technology Resource Center have joined together to provide comprehensive support, services and resources to faculty, staff, and students. We are here to help you every step of the way, with individual consultation available on instructional design and pedagogy, personalized assistance with instructional technology and production, and guidance assessing the educational effectiveness of your projects. *(Continued on Page 3)*

The Center for Teaching and Learning Lending Library



The following selected titles are available from the Center for Teaching and Learning for loan to WOU faculty and staff. A complete list of books in the CTL collection may be found at the CTL website: <http://www.wou.edu/ctl>. The books are currently housed in the Technology Resource Center in ITC204. The counter person will check them out to your library account.

Academic Leadership

- Academic Leadership: A Practical Guide to Chairing the Department
- Communication Skills for Department Chairs
- Managing Adjunct and Part-time Faculty for the New Millennium
- The Skillful Leader: Confronting Mediocre Teaching

Teaching Strategies

- The Course Syllabus: A Learning-Centered Approach
- Engaging Large Classes: Strategies and Techniques for College Faculty
- The Laughing Classroom: Everyone's Guide to Teaching with Humor and Play
- Teaching Strategies & Techniques for Adjunct Faculty

Assessment

- The Art and Science of Classroom Assessment: The Missing Part of Pedagogy
- Assessing Academic Programs in Higher Education
- Assessment Essentials: Planning, Implementing, and Improving Assessment in Higher Education
- Designing and Assessing Courses and Curricula

Instructional Technology

- Interactive Learning: Vignettes from America's Most Wired Campuses
- National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers: Preparing Teachers to Use Technology



New Faculty Welcomed

The CTL welcomed thirteen new faculty to Western Oregon University at New Faculty Orientation. Joining the College of Education faculty in Teacher Education are Tracy Smiles, Amanda Smith, Karie Mize, Chloe Myers and Jacqueline Kelleher. Joining the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are Meg Artman (English) Cheryl Beaver (Mathematics), Scott Beaver (Mathematics), Ryan Hickerson (Philosophy), Claudio Da Soller (Spanish), Joseph Harchanko (Music), Ike Nail (Music), and Sandra Hedgepeth (Theatre and Dance).

Returning Faculty Shared the Wisdom of the Tribe

A panel of returning faculty also participated in the orientation program, sharing their experiences and answering questions. The panel included Lauren Roscoe (Psychology), Katherine Schmidt (English), Emily Plec (Speech), David Doellinger (History), Bob Hautala (Health & Physical Education), and Jessica Henderson (Health & Physical Education). New faculty especially enjoyed this opportunity to learn from these "tribal storytellers."



Resources Shared at Lunch Hosted by Student Affairs

New faculty were welcomed by Gary Dukes, Vice President for Student Affairs, and his staff, at a luncheon hosted by Student Affairs. Introductions and program overviews were given by Rick Sedgwick – Recreational Programs, Anna Hernandez-Hunter – Multicultural Affairs, Karen Nelles – Campus Dining, Denise Galey – Student Life, Vickie Simpson – Health and Student Counseling, Tina Fuchs – University Residences and Judicial Affairs, Donna Fossum – Financial Aid, Don Boderman – Student Enrichment Program, Rob Findtner – Interim Director of Admissions, and Michael Hampton – Services Learning and Career Services.



Workshop offered on Teaching with the New York Times

New and returning faculty took part in an exciting workshop presented by Neda Stoll and Kathleen O'Connell, on Teaching with the New York Times. Participants came away with a wealth of ideas on ways to use newspapers in courses. The New York Times hosted a luncheon for participants following the workshop. If you would like more information about these resources please contact Niki Young at 838-8895 or via email at youngn@wou.edu.

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New Groups Forming

Consider joining one of several new groups forming this fall and meeting throughout the year.

The **Self and Writing Teaching Circle** offers faculty an opportunity for stimulating discussions about teaching and learning with colleagues from across the disciplines. We use our autobiographies as teachers as starting points for departure of discussion. We will read, write and think about our teaching experiences in a supportive learning community.

Several Best Practices

Workshops will be offered throughout the year, providing the opportunity to share classroom successes, discuss teaching challenges and opportunities, and learn about innovative pedagogy. Topics to be covered include: Best practices in course design (syllabi, assignments and learning outcomes), best practices in advising,

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implementing active learning in your classes, teaching large classes, fostering deep thinking and lasting learning in your classes, and assessment of student learning.

The Scholarly Writing Work

Group offers an opportunity to discuss the writing process, exchange ideas about writing, and write, edit and refine one's scholarly writing projects in a supportive group of colleagues.

New Faces

The CTL is pleased to welcome Kathy Fultz as our Administrative Assistant.



New Opportunities for Adjuncts

A first time ever Adjunct Faculty Orientation was held during Faculty Week. Fifty-three adjunct faculty, from both Colleges, came together for the opportunity to meet one another and talk about teaching and learning. Faculty were welcomed by Provost Jem Spectar and Interim Dean Robert Turner of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Exciting and inspiring discussions took place throughout the day.

Continuing Professional Development – The Excellence Initiative

A cohort of faculty interested in implementing best practices in teaching will meet three times over the academic year in the Excellence Initiative. Participation in this program is a way to take your teaching up a notch and teach with excellence. Participants will get new ideas and resources, and have the opportunity to share ideas with other faculty, and be considered for the CTL's Excellence Initiative Teaching Award.

Provost Excellence Award Announced

The Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching by an Adjunct Faculty Member will be awarded in Spring, 2006. The successful applicant/nominee will be awarded \$1,500 as well as a certificate of recognition. Two other finalists will also be recognized. Application procedures are available from the Center for Teaching and Learning. The application deadline is April 7, 2006.

Upcoming CTL Events

November 2	9:00-9:50 am	Advising, Karen Sullivan Vance
November 3	2:00-2:50 pm	Advising, Karen Sullivan Vance
November 4	2:00-3:30 pm	Self and Writing Teaching Circle
November 9	2:00-2:50 pm	Scholarly Writing Group
November 10	10:00-10:50 am	Scholarly Writing Group
November 14	3:00-3:50 pm	Excellence Initiative
November 15	11:00-11:50 am	Best Practices Workshop: Learning Outcomes
November 16	2:00-2:50 pm	Best Practices Workshop: Learning Outcomes
November 17	3:30-4:30 pm	Excellence Initiative Learning Community
December 2	2:00-3:30 pm	Self and Writing Teaching Circle

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place in the IT210. For more information, please call 838-8895.

