Digital technologies continue to transform the ways that we teach and do research. This issue contains information about grant opportunities to support your digital initiatives as well as support that the library offers for digital scholarship. You will also find brief overviews of some of the many projects underway in ITS. Send me your own technology news! - Clare O’Connor, Biology (oconnocn@bc.edu)

**ATAB grant opportunities for innovative uses of academic technology**

The Academic Technology Advisory Board (ATAB) offers two kinds of grants to support faculty efforts to bring innovative technology to their academic work. Smaller Exploratory Technology Grants (ETGs) have a $3000 maximum and are accepted on a rolling basis. ETG projects must be completed within 4 months. ETG funding is still available for FY2017, but FY17 projects must be completed by May 31.

Academic Technology Innovation Grants (ATIGs) support larger and more complex projects that may be 1-2 years in duration. ATIG grants are submitted in March and reviewed in April for a June 1 starting date. More specific details for FY2018 grants will be announced within the next few weeks. The Committee particularly welcomes departmental or interdepartmental ATIG proposals. Visit the ATAB web site for additional details and examples of previous projects: [https://bc.edu/atab](https://bc.edu/atab)

**Meet the O’Neill Library’s Digital Scholarship team**

Digital media is increasingly important in all areas of modern scholarship. To help faculty navigate the constantly changing digital landscape, the O’Neill Library has assembled a team of experienced digital scholarship librarians (right) under the leadership of Sarah Melton. The Digital Scholarship group is dedicated to helping faculty and students enhance their research and teaching by incorporating both established and emerging digital technologies.

Faculty can partner with the team to build web exhibits, maps, and other digital projects. The multi-touch tables in the lobbies of the O’Neill and Burns libraries currently display projects of Fine Arts faculty members, Sheila Gallagher and Michael Noone, respectively. For other examples of projects developed with faculty, visit the digital scholarship web site: [https://libstaff.bc.edu/digital-scholarship/](https://libstaff.bc.edu/digital-scholarship/)

In addition to one-on-one consultations, the digital scholarship group offers workshops and training opportunities throughout the semester. These include the Coffee & Code series that introduces participants to innovative technologies. Last fall, Coffee and Code included workshops on StoryMapJS, which adds media and text to a map, and 123D Design, a free tool for creating and editing 3-D models. Planning for spring workshops is currently underway. An easy way to learn about upcoming workshops is to subscribe to the group’s monthly newsletter at the website.

**Video captioning - new regulations and considerations**

The CTE is working with 3Play Media to provide support for faculty who are interested in preparing videos that comply with ADA captioning regulations and UDL considerations. Contact the CTE ([centerforteaching@bc.edu](mailto:centerforteaching@bc.edu)) for more information.
**Test drive the Boston College service catalog:  https://bcservices.bc.edu**

Over the next few years, many of the functions of the Agora portal will be replaced by the BC Services catalog, which is available now in a beta version. The service catalog is designed to be attractive and user-friendly. Users can have multiple options for searching the site. Clicking on an icon brings the user to an actionable item. Clicking on the “Details” button associated with an icon brings you to a page with a description of the service, email and phone contact information, as well as links to related services. Try it out! The BC Services team welcomes your input - click the Feedback tag on the right.

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**Some simple tips for safe Web browsing**

- URLs of secure web sites will have a padlock and the https: prefix
- Hover your mouse over URLs in emails and on web pages before clicking and then make sure that the printed URL agrees with the the bottom status bar.

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**Technology tidbits**

- **Voicemail** - The current BC voicemail system is scheduled for replacement this spring by a new system with more modern features, such as forwarding to text and a smartphone app.
- **Video conferencing** - Licenses are available for faculty to use Zoom for video conferencing, guest lectures or virtual office hours. A typical license has a limit of 50 students for a 40 minute session. Contact the CTE (centerforteaching@bc.edu) for more information.
- **Canvas** - Mastery Paths is now available within the module tool as an optional feature. Mastery Paths allows instructors to differentiate assignments for individual students. To enable this feature, go to your Course Settings, click on Feature Options and turn on Mastery Paths.
- **Backup** - Connected Backup for BC computers will be replaced by a new backup service, Crash Plan, in the next few months.
- **BC computer replacement (BCCR)** - The latest 4-year cycle of BCCR has begun. The focus in the first year are administrative offices and ITS. Replacement options include Dell computers running Windows 10 and Macs with the latest OS X operating systems. For more details, see: [http://bc.edu/bccr](http://bc.edu/bccr)

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