

Faculty Technology News

A Newsletter sponsored by the Academic Technology Advisory Board (ATAB)



OF SPECIAL INTEREST

SAVE THE DATE

When: Friday, February 13th from 11:45 am to 2:00 pm in the Heights Room. Lunch will be provided.

What: The Academic Technology Innovation Grant Recognition Luncheon and Workshop.

The event will recognize the recipients of the Academic Technology Innovation Grants and highlight those who have recently completed their projects.

After the recognition ceremony there will be a chance for faculty members to meet with consultants to learn more about the grant process.

Register [here](#).

\$15,000 AVAILABLE FOR TAM GRANTS to support the development and implementation of courses and projects that strengthen the teaching, advising and mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students by Boston College faculty members. Proposal should be to the chair/dean by [February 7](#). More information [here](#).

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Academic Technology Innovation Grants Awarded to Faculty

The Office of the Provost, and the Academic Technology Advisory Board, have announced some of the Fall, 2008 Technology Innovation Grant Awards. Each issue, will briefly profile a few of the winning projects.

Stress-Free Accents

This project will design a website that will not only provide students with clear and concise explanations of the Spanish accent rules, but also provide the capacity to hear how words are pronounced through interactive exercises. The website could be used by students at all levels (beginner through advanced) at Boston College and beyond as a tool for reviewing and practicing the rules of accentuation in Spanish. (Debbie Rusch, Romance Languages)

The Virtual Flaneur

The goal of this project is to create a collaborative mapping tool that will enable students to re-imagine and construct a specific historical moment or era. It will be designed to encourage direct exploration of course content for, initially, historical and literary texts, but potentially for content from disciplines across the university. (Joseph Nugent, English)

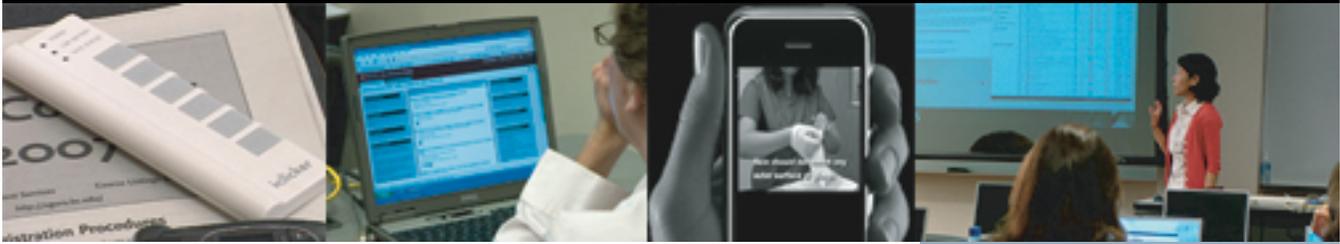
Legal Advocacy Bureau's Audio/Video Capture and Digital Annotation/Editing

The purpose of this project is to provide digital recording of student lawyer-client meetings coupled with a video/audio tagging application and editing software that would allow clinical faculty at Boston College Law School's Legal Advocacy Bureau to analyze and annotate law student video/audio performances.

Research Services

Research Services offers tutorials on a variety of topics. These include SPSS, ArcGIS, Demographic Analysis, Geostatistics, Matlab, Stata, Multivariate Regression, SAS, Factor Analysis, Linear Algebra, Numerical Methods and PHP. A description of these software packages can be found [here](#).

If you are interested, you can see a list of the tutorials offered by Research Services [here](#). To sign up or request more information, send an email to researchservices@bc.edu.



Highlighted Project: Instructor's Work- book for Basic Skills in Clinical Practice.

As Coordinator of a multi-section course required for all Graduate School of Social Work students, Clinical Assistant Professor Robin Warsh was seeking a way to deliver resources for the 8 – 10 instructors teaching the course each fall. Respecting their differences in approach, she envisioned a Blackboard Vista site serving as a repository for lecture material, powerpoint presentations, video clips and other resources that faculty could draw from as needed and to which they could all contribute.

The site was initially established with content gathered by Robin Warsh from the instructor team. IDEs provided development support, including the creation of custom graphics and documentation. Social Work Library staff members have assisted with support and training for instructors using the site.

For more information, contact Sarah Castricum at [Instructional Design & e-Teaching Services](#)

BCShare

Instructors can use a flexible set of teaching tool to foster collaborative learning and student publishing in the classroom. BCShare enables each user to create a profile and publish web pages, resumes, CVs, blog posts, and photo albums. Users have the option to make content available to just the BC community or to the public at large.

For those needing a shared space to work together with others, the groups feature in BCShare provides a suite of collaborative

tools: a wiki, a group blog, a discussion forum, and photo albums. Any group member can add content to the site.

You can get oriented to BCShare and how to use it by going [here](#).

You can request personal assistance with using BCShare by going [here](#).

Virus Protection for Macintosh Computers

Sophos anti-virus software for Mac OS X computers is available to members of the Boston College community.

You can get this software [here](#).

If you need assistance installing or using Sophos, contact the Help Center at 2-HELP (617-552-4352).

Welcome

Cristina Joy has joined the staff in the Instructional design and eTeaching Services Department as Manager of Administrative Services. If you have any questions about grants or projects, contact her at joy@bc.edu.

Also of note is that Scott Kinder the Department's Academic Technologist, is available for consultation or for any questions concerning a project you may be working on. You can contact Scott at scott@bc.edu.

Software for Faculty

Check what software site licenses BC has for use on BC owned computers by going [here](#).

You may also want to sign in to the applications server [here](#) to see what other software might be helpful to you.

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\$250,000 AVAILABLE

The ATIG's aim is to fund projects that will bring innovative instructional and research technologies to Boston College or will bring innovative approaches to teaching and research through technology. During this round, proposals will also be considered for technology exploration, the results of which may be used as a basis for regular ATIGs in the future. The deadline for the submission of proposals is March 10, 2009. Decisions will be announced before the end of the semester.

The intention is for these funds is to provide a mechanism for faculty to provide innovative uses of technology for teaching and research at Boston College. If you have any questions that are not answered on the above website please contact Cristina Joy at 2-2773.

Application forms are available [here](#).

USEFUL LINKS

Identify your [Faculty Technology Coordinator](#) (FTC).

Get information about backing up (or archiving) large data sets or files by contacting [Research Services](#).