

Faculty Technology News

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



OF SPECIAL INTEREST

NEED HELP ?

- [Faculty Guide to Technology](#)
- [Contact your TC.](#)
- [Contact your FTC.](#)
- Call the Help Center x2-HELP.
- Walk in for help at O'Neill 248.
- [Visit Hardware Repair](#) in the Service Building.
- [Contact E-Teaching Services.](#)
- [Contact the Faculty Micro-computer Resource Center.](#)

PROTECT RESEARCH DATA

To kickoff a university discussion about this important topic, Scott Bradner, from Harvard will be speaking on the topic Monday, October 17, at noon in McElroy 237 Conference Room. Register for the session and view Scott's biography at this [link](#).

TEACHING WITH MATH OR STATS IN CLASS?

This summer BC launched its new [application server](#) making these popular applications available to students through the network, rather than requiring each student to have his/her own copy. Find out more [here](#).

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Steve Jobs 1955-2011

Need Funds to Innovate with Technology?

Would you like to use technology to innovate your teaching or research? ATAB would like to hear about it and perhaps fund your sustainable ideas that have an impact on a significant portion of the BC community. **ATIG** (Academic Technology Innovation Grant) [application forms](#) are now available online. This year the deadline for proposals is **Tuesday, January 10, 2012**. (More **ATIG** information is available [HERE](#)).

Free Lunch Just for Being Curious!

Just what do these winning **ATIG** projects look like, who has won in the past and where can I get my free lunch? These and other questions will be answered at the **ATIG** Recognition and Workshop **Luncheon** to be held on Friday, October 28, 2011. (Click [HERE](#) to register for the luncheon.) Once you've chowed down, you'll have an opportunity to engage consultants on the possibility of your ideas becoming an **ATIG** project, and sharing in \$250K available this year. E-mail [Cristina Joy](#) if you have further questions.

Hunting for a New Learning Management System (LMS)

Blackboard Vista, our current LMS, is growing a little long in the tooth and efforts are underway to find a more advanced replacement. While no decisions have been made, just keep your eyes on this space for news of the eventual update.

Teaching With New Media (TWIN) Awards

Last spring four talented A&S faculty members were honored by their students for creative use of technology in their classrooms. You can view a description their four projects by clicking this [link](#). Congratulations go to Jeremy Clarke (History), Evan Kantrowitz (Chemistry), Serena Moseman-Valtierra, (Biology), and Dia Philippides (Classical Studies).



Links to Available Technology Tools for Teaching

[Blackboard Vista Course Management System](#)

[BCshare Web-based Collaboration Tool](#)

[iClicker Classroom Feedback System](#)

[iTunes University Podcasts](#)

[Lecture Capture of Audio, Video and Slides](#)

[MediaKron Tool for Presenting Multimedia Content](#)

Mobile Devices at BC

Are you traveling to BC with a new smartphone (iPhone, Android, Windows) or a new tablet (like an iPad) or some other mobile device (iPod) and would you like to connect it to our BC network? Information Technology Services has you covered. Click [here](#).

Interested in Using a Tablet in Your Teaching?

The Office of the Executive Director for Academic Technology announces a tablet pilot. To be selected for this pilot, applicants must show a willingness to experiment and seek out apps to use for instruction, share the results of use on a blog, be involved in a user group around the tablet experience, allow student feedback and use the tablet for instruction for one full semester (Spring 2012) To apply, send an e-mail request and rationale to be considered for the tablet pilot to [Cristina Joy](#) by November 7, 2011.

Leaving Town for a While?

If you are, BC can help you out by serving “out of office” announcements to those trying to contact you via e-mail and telephone. More information can be found [HERE](#). Just remember that when you return, these announcements should vanish. :)



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Lion Roars on Campus

Over the summer, Apple released the newest version (10.7) of its Macintosh operating system, code named Lion. While it is not officially endorsed on campus, it can be obtained from your Technology Consultant provided you understand the risks. Click [here](#) to learn more about Lion at BC.

IPHONE APP DEVELOPED AT BC

The **Boston College iPhone app** provides news and information about the University through 16 modules containing items ranging from a campus map to the BC fight song. Click [HERE](#) for information on how to get this free app.

CLOUD DRIVE APP 'DROPBOX'

A free application that provides you with a single folder which appears on all your computers and mobile devices. In this folder you can store files you need to access from anywhere. You can view an explanatory [video](#) (2 min) to get a better idea of what DROPBOX offers, and then download the application if you like. It is compatible with Windows, Linux and Mac platforms. DROPBOX is best used for your personal files and the BC app called MyFiles is better suited to sharing files with your classes. Check it out!