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Faculty Institute Call for Applications

Summer 2012 Faculty Institute on Learning Technologies is Coming

By Jeff Schomburg

Mark your calendars. Postpone your Summer vacations to far away places until further notice. The 3rd annual Summer 2012 Faculty Institute on Learning Technologies is scheduled for May 14–17. It is a week-long event with the power to change the way you teach. Honestly.

The Office of the Provost has launched the call for applications to this year's Summer Institute. To apply, you'll need to identify at least one course to which you'd like to apply technology enhancements. Provide details on how you believe your technology-enhancement proposal will have a direct impact on teaching and learning.

The four-day institute is your opportunity to connect with experienced colleagues and guest speakers, get hands-on

practice with cutting-edge technology, and walk away with the beginnings of a technology-infused curriculum plan.

New applicants should apply today.



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Application Deadline

March 1

Summer 2012 Institute Dates

May 14–17



Meet the New Faces Working for You

David Cavazos

Academic Systems Manager

David Cavazos knows St. Mary's well. The alumni graduated as a Rattler in 2002 with a Bachelors in Computer Engineering and has spent his time at St. Mary's ever since. Upon graduation, David began working in the IT department as the Dell notebook support manager under User Support Services. David joined ATS in September of last year as the Academic Systems Manager, being highly qualified with his experience in IT as well as his A+ Certification, Dell Certification and an AMX ACE Certification as a control expert in the works. As the Academic Systems Manager for ATS, David oversees technology in the classroom by checking equipment functionality as well as equipment maintenance and researching new technologies and their applications. Being a member of ATS for over a year, David has found enjoyment in his duties as the Academic Systems Manager. "Now at ATS, I am happy to be able to help our faculty with their classroom needs, as well as our students by providing them with a great classroom experience," he says. When he is not troubleshooting and improving classroom technology, David spends the majority of his time with his wife and children. "I have two kids right now, a boy and a girl, and they are my life," he says. ATS is excited David is now a part of our team in improving the classroom experience for faculty and students alike. David shares this same excitement with us. "It is truly an honor to be here where great things are occurring, where I feel we are making an impact," he says.



Don Pingenet

Systems Support Specialist



We are proud to introduce new staff member Don Pingenet who will greatly assist with the application administration of Blackboard. Don comes from a wealth of experience with over 20 years of professional computing. Having worked with several platforms including electronics, chip fabrication, networking, administration, programming, graphics and digital AV production, Don is a certified Electronics Assistant as well as a Dell Certified Technician. Don also is an MCSE for Windows NT and CompTIA Linux+ / LPI-1. An extensive and professional background led Don to St. Mary's. "I appreciate being able to work in an environment where learning and knowledge are of high importance," he says. Don steps into the St. Mary's IT Department as the new Systems Support Specialist, although he prefers his title to

be "the jack of all trades." Don is indeed a man that wears more than one hat, providing support for System Administrators and troubleshooting with the Help Desk. However, you may become more familiar with Don as the "Blackboard Man." Don's primary contribution provides user support for Blackboard 9, being the go-to man for faculty concerns and extending his knowledge to users. Don knows San Antonio as his home, growing up here and graduating from Lee High School and attending St. Philip's and San Antonio Colleges. Married for eight years, when he is away from his computer, Don takes long road trips, having driven through out Mexico and down to Belize, Southwest and Northeast United States, and up to Quebec. We are excited to have Don as another service to you.

Macbooks to iPads – A Tale of Adaptors

Adaptors Needed to Project from Student/Faculty Apple Devices

Unique to most Apple devices (from laptops to iPads) is the fact you'll need a display adaptor to connect to your classroom projector or external monitor. Apple laptops are built with a universal "display port," allowing users to purchase one of several adaptors. Apple mobile devices (iPods/iPhones/iPads) are built with a universal "dock port," allowing several display options as well. From one single port, owners can connect to RCA video, VGA, DVI, or HDMI displays options. Most of the adaptors range from \$19 to \$29.

The FIT lab has a limited number of Apple adaptors for laptop and device projection. However, we highly recommend users visit the University Bookstore to purchase an adaptor. To learn more about your device's adaptor needs, visit the FIT lab or contact Jeff Schomburg at 431-5073.



The iPad2 allows mirroring: the ability to show exactly what's on your iPad2 to display on the projector screen with the use of an adaptor.

Adaptors You Need to Know



Adaptor: Apple VGA Adaptor for iPad 2/iPhone 4S

Use: Allows for mirroring your iPad 2 or iPhone 4S to the projector screen. Mirroring: allows you to see exactly what's on your iPad 2 or iPhone 4S screen projector on the projector screen. Works with iPad 1, but only displays apps that can "Video Out, such as YouTube.

Availability: Available for purchase in the University Bookstore, the Apple stores, or at your local Best Buy for around \$30.



Adaptor: Apple Digital AV (HDMI) Adaptor

Use: Like the Apple VGA Adaptor, this adaptor mirrors your iPad 2 or iPhone 4S to the projector screen, just at an even higher resolution.

Availability: Available for purchase in the University Bookstore, the Apple stores, or at your local Best Buy for around \$30.



Adaptor: Mini DisplayPort or Thunderbolt to VGA Adaptor

Use: Allows MacBook and iMac users to project their computer screen using a VGA cable. This is the most common laptop adaptor.

Availability: Available for purchase in the University Bookstore, the Apple stores, or at your local Best Buy for around \$30.

Source: Apple.com

What is the Mobile Exchange?

Share Your Apps • Share Your Experiences • Share Your Ideas

The Mobile Exchange is a growing community of faculty, staff, and students centered on sharing apps, experiences, and ideas about mobile technology. Everyone at St. Mary's is welcome.

You can check out recommended apps by visiting the ATS Mobile Exchange Web page. The Mobile Exchange has a list of several downloadable apps, organized into categories from "Must Have Apps" to "Digital Textbooks." The Mobile Exchange also acts as an outlet for everyone to share their experiences and ideas about mobile apps by filling out the recommendation form.

The Mobile Exchange also serves as a "mobile user group" for St. Mary's faculty, students, and staff to meet to share and learn. We have several "Mobile Exchange Mondays" set for the Spring 2012 semester.

<http://ats.stmarytx.edu/mobileexchange> (Gallery)

<http://wp.stmarytx.edu/mobileexchange> (Community)

Word Documents, PDF, Excel File Readers & File Sharing



Organizing Ideas and Mindmapping



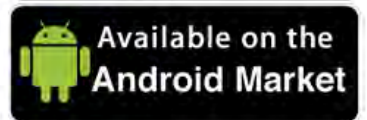
Project Creation (Apple's iWorks Apps)



Accessibility



The Mobile Exchange was created to provide tools to enhance faculty, students, and staff's professional and personal life as well as create an environment where our community can voice their own ideas and experiences and contribute to St. Mary's Mobile Exchange. Visit our Web page and get started today!



The Blackboard 9 Helpful Tips

The Blackboard 9 Look and Feel

The Course Menu allows each faculty to create your own content menus for complete customization.

The Editing Mode slider is the way to “fast switch” into Instructor vs. Student mode.

The screenshot displays the Blackboard 9 interface for a course titled "Fundament, of Oral Comm(Fall 10)". The top navigation bar includes "My Institution", "Courses", and "Scholar". The course title and "Home Page" are visible. On the left, the Course Menu is expanded, showing options like Home Page, Content, Discussions, Groups, Tools, Library, and Help. Below this is the "COURSE MANAGEMENT" section, which includes the "Control Panel" (highlighted with a red circle) and sub-sections like Course Tools, Evaluation, Grade Center, Users and Groups, Customization, Packages and Utilities, and Help. In the top right corner, the "Edit Mode is: ON" slider is highlighted with a red circle. The main content area features a "Home Page" section with an "Add Course Module" button and a "Customize Page" link. Below this are several widgets: "My Announcements" (with a welcome message), "My Calendar" (showing no events for the next 7 days), "My Tasks" (showing no tasks due), "What's New" (showing no notifications), "To Do" (with sections for What's Past Due, What's Due, and Today), and "Alerts" (showing no notifications). The date "August 8, 2010 6:51 PM" is displayed at the bottom right of the page.

The new Control Panel now expands on the same page, accordion style, to show each major subsection rather than launching a separate control panel. Instructor features are always at your fingertips.

Bb 9 Tips (cont.)

Hiding Courses After the Semester is Over

If you want to hide the courses in your Blackboard "My Courses" list as the new semester starts, try the following:

My Courses

Courses in which you are enrolled:

1. Select Manage Settings icon
2. Uncheck any of the courses in the Course Name column you want to hide
3. Resort the order of classes using the up/down arrows
4. Then submit your changes

Cancel

Submit

Courses you are teaching:

↑↓	Select All/Unselect All	Course	Course Name
↑↓	<input type="checkbox"/>	201210_10369: Fundament. of Oral Comm (SE13411 SP12)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
↑↓	<input type="checkbox"/>	201130_30216: Fundament. of Oral Comm (SE13411 FA11) (Unavailable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
↑↓	<input type="checkbox"/>	201130_30899: Special Topics: Heuristic Opti (EG6338A FA11)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Internet Explorer Compatibility Mode – Critical Notice

We have seen a high number of problems with Blackboard using Internet Explorer 8 and 9. Please encourage all faculty and students to turn on "Compatibility Mode" to fix the issues. Do this by clicking the icon below or by going to IE's Tools menu > Compatibility Mode/View.



Compatibility icon

For any questions on Bb 9, contact
Jeff Schomburg or Don Pingenot.

We highly recommend using Firefox. Firefox has tested as the most stable browser for use with Blackboard. If you choose to use Internet Explorer, please turn on compatibility mode. By running compatibility mode from the tools menu of Internet Explorer, it emulates Internet Explorer 7 behavior and corrects the known problems with Blackboard content and gradecenter issues.

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We Are Here To Help

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