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## NEW DEPARTMENT—NEW STAFF

### *Who we are*

Our Instructional Technology department has expanded to include a Distance Education team. Our new departmental name is “Distance Education and Instructional Technology” or DEIT. We provide leadership, consultation, and training on how to use a vast array of technology tools for effective learning and instruction.

### *What we do*

Our Instructional Technologists assist faculty with the operation, integration, and evaluation of various classroom and online technologies. Our Instructional Designers assist faculty with the creation and evaluation of multi-media resources and classroom learning environments.

### *Where we are*

We are located on the first floor of the Trexler Library.  
2755 Station Avenue. Center Valley, PA 18034-9568.



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- A new department complete with new staff is ready to assist departments and faculty with distance education and instructional technology
- Technology and professional development resources available in new TIP Blackboard course
- New schedule for Workshops.
- More smart classroom technology coming to DeSales.



*Find us by phone... online... by email...*

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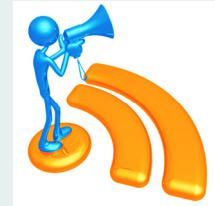
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## **ANNOUNCING**



## **NEW DEPARTMENT**

## **NEW HOURS**

Hours  
of  
Operation

**M T W Th F**

8:30 am

To

9:00 pm

**Saturday**

8:00 am

To

11:30 am

# **D**istance **E**ducation **I**nstructional **T**echnology

A new department complete with new staff has arrived on campus to assist faculty with distance education needs.

We are engaged in numerous projects:

- Tech workshops
- One-on-one consultations
- Video-conferences
- Smart Classroom implementations
- Online course review
- Distance education orientations
- Web resource development
- Technology support self-study

## **WHO WE ARE...**



### **Tonya B. Amankwatia, Ph.D.**

Director of DEIT –The first recipient of Lehigh University’s Learning Sciences and Technology degree, a multi-disciplinary program including computer science, cognitive science, and educational technology. Dr. Amankwatia has published in the areas of instructional design, service learning, ubiquitous computing, and leadership. She is reviewer for the Journal of Educational Computing Research and was elected to a position within the Association for Educational Communication and Technology (AECT). She specializes in technology integration, faculty development, audio design, technology program evaluation and designing ubiquitous computing environments.



### **Dean R. Shaffer, M.A.**

Instructional Technologist –Educational background in Photographic Arts and Sciences and Educational Technology. He specializes in video-conferencing, 3-D learning environments, online course design and management, open source and Web 2.0 technologies, especially asynchronous technology tools.



### **Cheryl Leuthe, B.S.**

Instructional Technologist – Distance educational background in Business Administration. Extensive experience leading an online language institute, using Elluminate, Blackboard, desktop and room-based video-conferencing along with streaming video and other digital technologies. Interests include videography and photography.



### **Mary Jo Brown, M.S.**

Instructional Technologist – Educational background in Art Education, Interior Design/Drafting, and Instructional Technology/Design. Experienced using AutoCAD, Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, Flash, Camtasia and MS Office. Interests include e-learning environments and technologies.



Check out what Educause thinks is the 7 things you should know about clickers:

<http://net.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/ELI7002.pdf>

## NEW TECHNOLOGY—CAMPUS ROLL-OUT

### Clickers

CRS or Classroom Response Systems is electronic technology that encourages more interaction and engagement between students and their professor during class. It is an innovative response and feedback system that will increase student participation in class. Its anonymity encourages spontaneous responses from students.

Faculty pose questions and students use remote devices to respond. Clicker

software compiles the responses and displays the results. Instantaneously compiled results offer immediate class-wide feedback that benefits both teachers and students.

DeSales has standardized on e-Instruction's CPS. These clickers will be available in the Bookstore in January. Faculty can order their start-up kit by contacting DEIT.

***To register and learn more about all of our workshops, go to [www.desales.edu/instructionaltech](http://www.desales.edu/instructionaltech)***

Other workshops offered continually throughout the year include:

**BLACKBOARD**

**ELUMINATE LIVE**

**AUDACITY/  
CAMTASIA**

**ONLINE COURSE  
QUALITY**

### OCTOBER WORKSHOPS

10/8	Wed.	9-11am	Blackboard I
10/14	Tues.	12-1pm	Clickers (Using CRS)
10/15	Wed.	6-8pm	Blackboard I
10/16	Thurs.	6-8pm	Blackboard II
10/20	Mon.	12-1pm	Online Course Interactivity
10/21	Tues.	6-8pm	Elluminate <b>ONLINE</b>

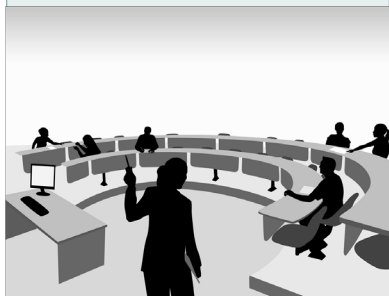
### NOVEMBER WORKSHOPS

11/6	Thurs.	6-8pm	Online Course Quality
11/11	Tues.	6-8pm	PowerPoint 2007
11/20	Thurs.	12-1pm	Web Resources
11/21	Fri.	12-1pm	Clickers (Using CRS)

### DECEMBER WORKSHOPS

12/3	Wed.	12-1pm	Online Course Interactivity
12/12	Fri.	9-11	Online Course Quality (online)

*Room locations for participation in the workshops will be sent in confirmation email registration.*



### **TIP OF THE DAY**

Make use of the Discussion Board to collaborate with colleagues regarding online teaching and learning and distance education.



Self-enroll and find valuable resources!

go to

<http://bb.desales.edu/>

- Login to Blackboard
- Open Courses Tab
- Open the ACCESS Folder
- Find DEIT
- Click Enroll.

## **TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION PORTAL**

To find the latest word on technology integration into teaching and learning, go to DeSales Blackboard and type in the Technology Integration Portal (TIP) under My Courses

### **Technology Resources**

In the technology resources folder find resources for teaching in the 3D world of Second Life.

### **Distance Ed. Resources**

In the distance education resources folder find resources for hybrid and online learning. There are folders filled with course materials for use in your classes. Also, review distance education research.

### **Professional Development**

In the technology professional development folder find links to resources for honing presentations and communications skills.



## NEWS FROM THE SMART CLASSROOMS

One-half million dollars will go a long way in upgrading technology for teaching and learning in DeSales' classrooms. Targeted classrooms on campus include Dooling Hall, Campbell Hall, and the Hurd Science Center. Classrooms with existing technology will be upgraded to meet current standards. Classrooms without technology will receive new projectors, computers, DVD players, and ELMO presenters. This smart classroom technology will greatly enhance multimedia approach to education.



### When will this happen?

Starting with Dooling and Campbell halls, this fall, the renovation will take place until the end of the school year. Adjustments in classroom assignments may be temporarily implemented. Other campus areas to receive this smart classroom makeover include nine classrooms in Easton and four classrooms in Lansdale.

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### In the next issue of Word of Mouse:

more about...

Smart Classrooms

Distance Education

Professional Development

Technology Integration Portal (TIP)

