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CONFERENCE: SAVE THE DATE!
Friday May 3

Spring 2013

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Conference

Spring 2013 Bronx EdTech Conference Planning is Underway...

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Represent our college and your discipline! Collaborate with faculty and peers and present classroom practices that demonstrate your inventive use of technology...

To present at our showcase: **Visit this page** (CUNY.is/BronxEdtech) **to submit your application electronically**

Join us Friday, May 3, 2013 at the Lehman College campus Multimedia Center in Carman Hall. This year's demonstrations will feature three Bronx CUNY colleges showcasing their exemplary efforts to integrate and infuse technology with their hybrid, fully online and traditional course objectives. Many projects represent works in progress so we encourage novice and first-time adopters to present as well as proficient specialists!

Some of the tracks include:
-Facilitating flipped instruction: exploring and pre-recording lectures for students to watch prior to class, leaving class time dedicated to dynamic discussions and interactions
-Developing dynamic hybrid classes:
-Use of web 2.0 tools, clickers, videos, blogs, wikis, the CUNY Commons etc.
-Students in the classrooms and online interacting simultaneously: via Bb Collaborate, live webcasts, Voicethread,
- Experiences teaching via asynchronous distance learning
-Mobile applications for learning Breakfast and lunch served, register at: CUNY.is/BronxEdTech

3 Bronx CUNY Colleges: CUNY.is/BronxEdTech

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The Bronx EdTech Showcase is a collaboration between our Bronx CUNY Colleges to highlight the effective practices in academic technology, showcasing the work of faculty from BCC, Lehman, and Hostos with emphasis on hybrid and online teaching. Special attention will be given to technology use that encourages social or networked peer collaboration to optimize face-to-face and online

Tools for Online Learning

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Online tools like the ones featured here are educationally relevant when your students can use them to do something tangibly to help with all the resources, links and photos needed to develop a re-search project or presentation.

Mural.ly

How about if your students could create a "Google Docs for visual people," a space that, like Pinterest, acts like a graphic 'workflow' and like Google Docs, forms a perfect platform for a collaborative group project? Mural.ly is a gathering space to share sketches and hold 'visual' conversations around images, videos and links that can graphically illustrate the big picture.

Mural.ly offers a creative and collaborative online platform to visually share ideas, to brain-storm and give presentations. Users amass content and collect it on an electronic bulletin board. Teams of students can remotely contribute their content and ideas from everywhere, anytime, on a shared concept.

For now, creating an account is free. The website asks you to start an account with just an email address and password. Murals can be made public or private. Adding content is as easy as dragging

and dropping the item – either from your computer or any website.

VoiceThread is now inside Blackboard 9.1 at Lehman!

As more instructors at Lehman have found a myriad of uses for VoiceThread, it's going to be good news to know that you can start your own VT community right inside your Blackboard course with just a URL link at *no additional cost to you or your students*! You are all automatically registered via Black-board's sign-in- no other sign in required.

For those who haven't seen this powerful group discussion tool in action, VoiceThread is a web-based (cloud) application that lets you place all kinds of media like documents, images, videos, audio files and PowerPoint presentations at the center of an asynchronous group conversation. A VoiceThread allows people to make comments using their computer's microphone, webcam and/or any mix of text, even a telephone, or uploaded audio file. VoiceThread now runs inside your Blackboard 9.1 course, so there is no software to download, install, or update.

Visit my office, call or email me for a personal training session and be up and running with your own VoiceThreads in less than a half hour. You and your students can make unlimited VT's to present - some faculty even use it as their class 'discussion board'! Come in and activate your course's copy NOW...
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CUNY's NEW
hybrid resource blog
CUNY.is/hybrid

Want to develop an online or hybrid class and don't know where to start? The CUNY Hybrid Initiative blog is a helpful open resource for professors planning to create and teach hybrid courses, as well as to refine their practice:
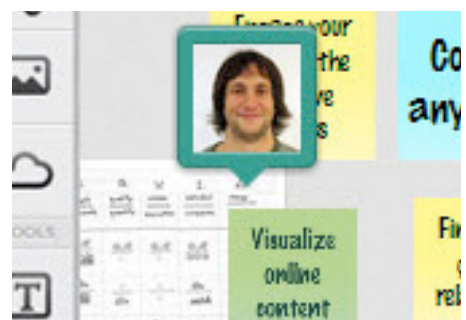hybrid.commons.gc.cuny.edu/
The tools and information presented in this site include the work of colleges that participated in the City University of New York (CUNY) Hybrid Initiative which offered support to increase hybrid courses at these campuses with the overall goals of improving learning outcomes and conserving precious classroom space.

Throughout this site you will find strategies, models and resources that can help you plan for and design an effective hybrid course or even program. Whether you are a professor beginning on your path to online teaching, an instructional designer adding to your toolbox, or an administrator planning a program, this site can provide you with a wealth of ideas. A work in progress, the Hybrid Initiative site encourages contributions from members inside and outside of CUNY in the spirit of building and refining effective practices.
The shortened URL is easy to remember:
CUNY.is/hybrid - check it out!!

Murally: a visual virtual bulletin board...

Spring 2013 Calendar

The Office of Online Education has some inviting activities set for this spring.

Starting with a coffee break in March, come and inquire about our workshops and stipends for converting your current course to a hybrid (blended) course. call 347.577.4024

All activities and workshops located in Carman Hall 249 unless otherwise noted. Call for details!

March

20   3:30-5

Our office is sponsoring a Coffee break to introduce various aspects of social media as solutions for creating online communities around research.

[Click here to register](#) to learn about some of the newest forms of online collaboration supported here at Lehman.

Free coffee and freshly baked desserts! Carman 249 3:30-5

25-28

Come spend hand's–on time learning to integrate Camtasia into your lectures and PowerPoints-. For appointments [email me.](#)

April

26 10:00-1

Our office is sponsoring a Tech Breakfast

Come and learn about some of the newest forms of online collaboration tools supported here at Lehman including wikis, blogging and the tools mentioned here in our newsletter.

Free coffee, fruit and freshly baked breakfast scones! Carman 249 from 10 a - 1 p

All through April, spend a morning or afternoon with us and find out how to integrate the tools on these pages with your current coursework! **See below for registration details**

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3   9:45-4

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Tools for Online Learning

BlackBoard Collaborate

Located within our current version of Bb 9.1, Collaborate offers classes the opportunity to collaborate with one another simultaneously and virtually. Faculty can conduct their courses through web conferencing features that incorporate instant messaging (chat), voice, white board for demonstration, document uploading and storage, live web tours and group spaces into your distance learning course to provide a real time learning experience.

It's now possible for a fully online or hybrid course instructors to take advantage of these virtual features by creating a simple link inside Bb: Choose a content area to add the link, click 'Add Interactive Tool' from the menu, then select Bb Collaborate. Click 'Create Session.' Give the session a title, then choose a start date and time. Be sure to offer early session entry' to allow your students to get settled. Don't forget to let them know the date and time! Then set the recording time to manual or auto. Practice using the tools or give us a call!

Wikispaces: Create Your Own Class Wiki in Minutes

Lehman has purchased the rights to Wikispaces so now you can incorporate this flexible research and collaboration tool- even use it as a visual alternative to BlackBoard's discussion. Since wikis are such an easy way to collect text, links, files, and all kinds of media, your students can post, publish, collaborate, comment to one another and share easily. You have unlimited pages to allow you and your students to share text, images, and files.

This is a simple to learn tool with no advertisement- entries can be made public or private as you choose.

Register for your account at www.lehmancollegecuny.wikispaces.net and stop by to see how quickly your class can be starting their own collaborative research projects!

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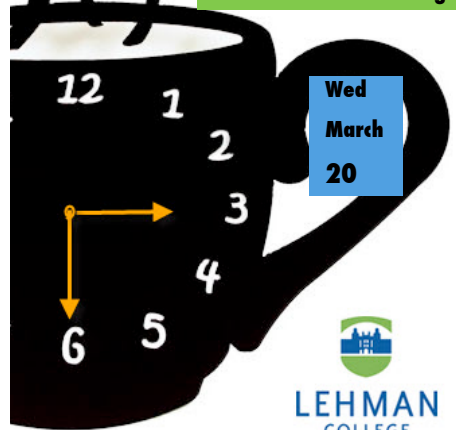wikis for everyone

Lehman Coffee Break:

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Wed March 20

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To participate in any of the events on this page visit and register here:
www.lehman.cuny.edu/online-education/faculty/workshops.php
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