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A New Format and a New Address!

In order to do our part in conserving funds, the LTEC Newsletter will be available online instead of being printed and mailed. The funds saved will then be used to increase money available for other LTEC grants or programs. Feel free to print your own if you really want one!

With the launch of our new campus web site, the URL for the LTEC has changed. The shortcut “/ltec” will not get you to the correct page yet but hopefully will again in the future. The url for the LTEC website actually shows the path you would follow from the Potsdam homepage to find it:

<http://www.potsdam.edu/faculty/teachingresources/ltec/index.cfm>

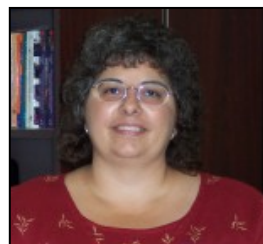
To find the other pages follow the same path then click on the menu at the left below the name LTEC.

The LTEC Calendar for the spring 2009 is still under construction, but the events with finalized dates will be found on the Activities&Events page of the web site. There are several events already finalized including Teaching Circles, Center for Undergraduate Research, Advising, Creating Posters, and a workshop on using “SPIN” software for finding grant possibilities.

Watch for other events related to Blackboard, Presidential Scholars, Fulbright Scholars, and of course our newly chosen Clicker system, i>Clicker.

I hope to see you at the LTEC!

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Funding Opportunities from the LTEC

As in the past the LTEC has three ways you can apply for funding. Unfortunately the funds for Technology Professional Development Awards have run out for this year but will hopefully be back in the fall. There are still funds for Facul-TE and Faculty Fellow proposals, so apply soon.

Facult-TE Award

The Learning and Teaching Excellence Center has funds available to support small teaching excellence projects designed by faculty. The project should be conducive to the improvement of teaching and active learning strategies in the classroom and college environment.

The maximum for this award is \$400 and can be used for travel to workshops or conferences if they directly relate to the applicant's teaching. Normal college purchasing and travel reimbursement procedures must be followed by awardees. **Awards must be approved by the FACUL-TE Committee at least three weeks prior to the event.**

For more details and to find the online coversheet, required with the proposal, go to the Facul-TE Funding page:

<http://www.potsdam.edu/faculty/teachingresources/ltec/faculte.cfm>

Proposals must be submitted both electronically and in hard copy. Applications are processed as received, but **will not be accepted after April 15, 2009.**

Faculty Fellow Award

The LTEC Faculty Fellow program is designed to promote the development of instructional leaders through the scholarship of teaching. In addition to access to the full resources of the center, faculty will be awarded a \$1500 project grant and up to \$500 dissemination monies for use the following year. Funds must be spent according to purchasing policies of the college and project grant monies must be spent before June 15th.

2008-2009 Faculty Fellow: Peter Brouwer

To have your proposal considered for 2009-2010 funding by the Faculty Fellows Committee, applications must be received by **Friday, March 6, 2009**. For more information on the guidelines, or to read reports by previous Fellows, see

<http://www.potsdam.edu/faculty/teachingresources/ltec/fellows.cfm>

i>Clicker Chosen for Campus Support

After testing and evaluation of various Audience Response Systems (Clickers) the campus has agreed to support the system known as i>Clicker.

To use clickers in a class faculty must require students to purchase a remote(clicker) at the bookstore with their usual textbooks, an approximate cost of \$36. Faculty simply add this to the textbook requisition they send to the bookstore for the semester, then download the necessary software to set up the specific details for the course. Once a student has purchased a remote, the same one can be used in any course that requires it with no further cost (other than batteries) to the student throughout their career at SUNY Potsdam.

To learn more about what such a clicker system can be used for see the home page for i>Clicker. The software can also be downloaded from this site.

<http://www.iclicker.com/dnn/Abouticlicker/WhatisaClicker/tabid/143/Default.aspx>

During the TLT Day on January 16 there will be two sessions about i>Clicker, one more general and the other aimed at those seriously preparing to use them in the next semester or two. A representative of i>Clicker will be running the training sessions.

It is critical that CTS and the Bookstore know which courses will require clickers to be sure there are enough remotes ordered, and that the receivers which gather data from the students are distributed and working in the correct classrooms.



Remote



Receiver

Spring 2009 Events at the LTEC

The LTEC Calendar is not complete yet, but the following events are already scheduled. Check the website and watch for my e-mail messages about other events as well.

<http://www.potsdam.edu/faculty/teachingresources/ltec/events.cfm>

Center for Undergraduate Research (CUR) Grants Q&A

Monday January 26, 2009

4 - 5pm

by Bethany Usher, Director of CUR at SUNY Potsdam

Applications for grants by CUR are due soon after this workshop, so come ask questions about an application you plan to submit, or find out more about the grants and how to apply.

Teaching Circles

Wednesday January 28, 2009 3 – 5pm (time tentative)

organized by Lisa Amati

Learn more about Teaching Circles. Watch for more information coming soon to the LTEC web site.

Our Experience Using i>Clicker in the Classroom

Thursday February 12, 2009 (tentative date)

by Tony Molinero and David Gingrich, Department of Chemistry

Creating Posters for Professional Meetings

Wednesday February 25, 2009 3 - 5pm

by Bethany Usher, Department of Anthropology

A workshop on how to make research posters using PowerPoint, including how to set up the poster, insert a background, layout the poster for readability and clarity, insert images and tables, and convert text. The laptops will be available, and participants may try to work on a poster during the workshop. Participants can bring images, and text that they are interested in using a poster. See more details on the LTEC web site!

Academic Advising 102 Beginning Academic Advising II: Making the Advising Connection

Monday March 2, 2009 3:00 - 4:30pm LTEC Classroom, Crumb 107

by Gena Nelson and Faye Lamar with Carolyn Leathers and Krista Medo facilitating

This workshop will help academic advisors make the most of their advising relationship with students. Faculty and staff academic advisors will learn how to establish an advising atmosphere conducive to creating meaningful connections with their students. The session will cover roles of the academic advisor, theories of advising, how to conduct advising sessions, and how to sharpen skills. Specific tips concerning listening skills, probing questions and non-verbal communication will be presented. See more on the LTEC web site.

Academic Advising: Special Topics International Education & Experiential Education - Study Abroad, Internships, Volunteerism, Service Learning... Oh my!

Monday March 9, 2009 12 - 1:30pm brown bag in the LTEC Classroom

by Krista LaVack, International Education & Programs, and Donnita Firnstein, Experiential Education

Student participation in study abroad and overseas exchange programs is on the rise. Krista LaVack (International Education & Programs) will lead participants through the ABC's of how to advise your students to prepare for an overseas study experience. We will discuss how to search programs, the transfer credit process and other preparations students will need to complete to prepare for a successful overseas academic experience. See more on the LTEC web site.

Finding Funding Sources using SPIN

Monday March 16, 2009 1 - 2:30pm LTEC Classroom

by Regan DeFranza, Research and Sponsored Programs

SPIN (Sponsored Programs Information Network) is a searchable database containing detailed information about grant programs from more than 1,200 different federal and non-federal sponsoring agencies designed to assist faculty and staff in the identification of external sources of support for research, education and development projects. This hands-on workshop will demonstrate the use of the various SPIN features. See more on the LTEC web site.

Learning Communities Workshop

Tuesday May 5, 3 - 5pm

organized by Oscar Sarmiento, Director of Learning Communities

Watch for information to come on the LTEC web site.