A Fond Farewell

The spring of 2008 was the final semester for LTEC student assistant Abbey Mastin, who graduated with degrees in Anthropology and English & Communication. Anyone that attended LTEC events over the last few years saw Abbey working hard to improve all aspects of the LTEC.

Abbey worked for the LTEC even before I began as interim director in 2004. She was a superb assistant. It was Abbey who helped shape the LTEC, reorganized most of the LTEC website, created flyers, and supported me as I learned how to be the director. I will miss her greatly but appreciate everything she did over the 4 years we worked together.

Noele Brabon continues the hard work Abbey began, assisting with all aspects of the LTEC. I look forward to 2 more years of her help, and hopefully a new assistant to begin learning from Noele this year.

Read on to hear more about the year we had and a bit about the fall, and watch for my weekly e-mails about events!

Cheryl Chute Miller

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Faculty Fellow Awards

The Learning and Teaching Excellence Center’s Faculty Fellow grant program supports, innovative teaching, the development of instructional leaders and scholarship of teaching (Boyer 1990) and learning, and a student-centered academic culture. For more information about the Faculty Fellow Award Guidelines go to www.potsdam.edu/ltec and follow the link for Faculty Fellow Awards.

2007-2008 Joint Faculty Fellows:

Jaimin Weets
Ben Pykles
Hadley Kruczek-Aaron

2008 – 2009 Faculty Fellow:  Peter Brouwer

Facul-TE Awards

During the 2007-2008 academic year the LTEC funded 12 faculty members, half of them different from last year’s awardees. This year all awards were for travel to conferences such as:


Azad Islam: the 3rd Annual Faculty Workshop on Nanoscale Science & Engineering Education

Insook Nam: Cultural Diversity In Music Education Conference

Beth Robinson: The Alexander Technique Annual General Meeting

For Award Guidelines and Application see www.potsdam.edu/ltec.

Faculty Fellows

2002:
Rob Badger
Jeff Chiarenzelli
Judith Little
Bethany Usher

2003:
William E. Herman
Anne Righton Malone
Janet Schu­len­berg

2005:
Patricia Riley

2006:
Jennifer Mitchell

2007-2008 Facul-TE Award Recipients

Sergei Abramovich
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Technology Professional Development Awards

The LTEC administered the Technology Professional Development Awards (TPDA) again this year. The money for the awards is not from the LTEC budget, but members of the LTEC Advisory Board served as a TPDA committee. The TPDA committee evaluates the proposals and contacts the recipients when a decision is made about the proposal. The online application and evaluation forms are on the LTEC website.

This year 17 awards were made, check the LTEC website to see if your activity qualifies, then apply online!
2007-2008 LTEC Events

The number of events in the spring of 2008 was a record for the LTEC, with a record number of different participants as well. Distance Learning events are listed on page 4, see more details about the events on the LTEC web page.

Fall 2007

- What's new in Blackboard 7?
- Learning Communities Luncheon
- Smooth Sailing through the IRB Process: Introducing the Newly Revised Campus IRB Policy and Application
- Service Learning Regional Roundtable
- Digital Union's RT1 Research Software
- FC Designation for A Course

Spring 2008

- IceBreakers
- Teaching Circles Reception
- IF*AT is here!
- Fulbright Scholars
- Faculty Exchange
- Posters for Professional Meetings
- Holistic Scoring of Student Writing
- Introduction to Corel Graphic Suite X3
- Teaching Resources

Spring 2008 continued

- A&S Secretarial Retreat
- Blackboard Best Practices
- Webinar on Second Life
- del.icio.us and RSS Feeds
- GIS for the Social Sciences
- Presidential Scholars
- Learning Outcomes Assessment
- Learning Outcomes Assessment for Arts & Sciences
- Learning Communities Spring Workshop
- Teaching for Civic Engagement and Social Change

www.potsdam.edu/LTEC
Distance Learning 2007 - 2008

The Distance Learning Workshops at the LTEC were all presented by our Distance Learning Coordinator, Michael Phillips. Watch my announcements for any workshops next year.

**Fall 2007**
- DL: Introduction to the Distance Learning Series
- DL: Designing for Usability
- DL: Designing for Interaction
- DL: Designing for Fluency
- Designing to Engage
- Designing for Success

**Spring 2007**
- DL: Understanding HTML for Online Instructors
- DL: Adding Audio Components to your Online Course

### Coming Events

Assessment will be a strong theme during the fall of 2008. A guest speaker sponsored by the Provost will speak to members of area colleges, and Rick Miller will have presentations or guide working groups.

With an upgrade planned for our version of Blackboard this summer, watch for workshops by Wilda Rowe on some of the changes. One of the most important will involve the new Grade Center, an improved gradebook.

Most dates are currently tentative, or still unknown so look for the LTEC Calendar in the fall for more complete details.

**August 29** – LTEC Opening Reception

**September 1 (tentative)** – Wilda Rowe, Blackboard Grade Center

**September 16 (tentative)** – Jon Rubin, SUNY Center for Collaborative Online International Learning.

**October 1** - Linda Suskie, Vice President, Middle States Commission on Higher Education

**November 1** - Associated Colleges Teaching Effectiveness Conference at SUNY Canton

Assessment working groups - date TBA, contact Rick Miller if you are interested in participating.

Faculty Fellow presentation – date TBA, hear about the project by Jaimin Weets, Hadley Kruczek-Aaron, and Benjamin Pykles