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Next Generation Digital Campus Project:

The project workstreams are in full swing and the focus right now is on the backend system development as well as the course conversions and course development. Training opportunities for faculty, students, and staff are being prepared and more specific details about the transition timelines are being created by our communications group. Stay tuned for more detailed information as we move together toward the new digital campus.

National Teaching and Learning Conference

Brad Garner was asked by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience to serve as the content developer for a national teaching and learning conference conducted on October 24-27 in Columbia, South Carolina. As part of this international conference, Dr. Garner provided four presentations on topics related to course design and effective teaching strategies.

Global Service Learning Initiative:

Mike Jones, our Mixed Media producer here at the Center for Learning and Innovation, partnered with Dr. Petros Malykan and IWU students to launch the first ever IWU, National Leadership Institute (NLI) and Inside Out Global (IOG) collaboration in Yerevan and Gyumri, Armenia in July. While there, Mike trained Dr. Petros's NLI team and IWU students in the basics of running a film workshop for Armenian youth. Working with IWU faculty, Beth Fussner, and alumni, Aaron

Fussner, Mike and Aaron taught film making basics and production management techniques through translators. The next week, they supported those leaders in the hosting of their first Armenian film workshop for 15 youth! By the end of the week, the youth had created four short films; written, directed, crewed and edited by the youth under the supervision of the NLI leadership team. The films were screened at the large Gymri theater to a good size crowd! They are now being submitted to several Armenian film festivals. For more information, please take a look at <https://vimeo.com/76171338>, <http://www.insideoutglobal.org>, and <http://nli.am>.

Monthly Video Tips:

When recording your own videos for use in your courses or with students, here are some helpful tips to add some production value:

Watch your background

1. You may think a very busy bookshelf or a messy workspace in the background of your video will show your scholarship and dedication to many tasks, however, it can serious detract from your subject matter and comes off as very unprofessional.
 - Try getting some separation between you and your background (8 to 12 foot would be great).
 - If you don't have that much room, try just hanging a sheet or something about 3 foot behind you to take away the distractions. Make sure you cannot see the edges of the sheet in your video.
 - Make sure your background is darker than you in the image. Bright windows or lights highlighting the background while your face is not very lit can also be a great distraction and it comes off as careless to viewers who are used to web media done well.
 - One way to accomplish this is to ensure you have no windows behind you when you record your videos. You can also shut off the room lights and use a lamp to light your face and another lamp to light your "hair or shoulder". A great light for the face is a soft-white bulb which diffuses the light so it does not create sharp shadow edges on your face.
 - Here is a short 3 minute video which discusses lighting, framing and correct eye lines.
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xr5tHm040C4>

We hope these quick tips help you increase the production value of your videos as well as your professional presence to your WWW audiences.

Look for more tips in future editions!

Gizmos and Gadgets

Technology is emerging at an ever-increasing rate. Quite often, we hear about a tool that would be perfect to enhance the learning of our students, but we simply don't know how to find it or learn to use it. The Gizmos and Gadgets page is an effort by the Center for Learning and Innovation to assist faculty in accessing and using emerging technological tools. Check back often because we will be updating this page on a regular basis. Check out this page at: <http://www.indwes.edu/CLI/The-Learning-Academy/Gizmos-Gadgets/>

Center for Learning & Innovation Website

Follow us on Twitter and check out information regarding the Learning Academy on our evolving CLI website by clicking this link: indwes.edu/CLI

Midwest Scholars Conference

Announcing the keynote speaker: Yong Zhao

Explore the following links to learn more about Yong:

- a) website: <http://zhaolearning.com/>
- b) speech topics: <http://zhaolearning.com/speaks/>
- c) example keynote: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijSxt94vhfo>

Be sure to mark your calendars for next year's conference on March 13–14, 2014. Please visit the MSC at indwes.edu/MidwestScholars to see additional conference information.

Research

Dr. Christopher Devers and Dr. Erin Devers, along with students Allie Alayan and Cody Reaves, presented research on video based learning at the World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and Higher Education <<http://www.aace.org/conf/elearn/>>. Specifically, the research explored how watching online videos impacted student learning.

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