This information bulletin is an initiative from Content and Collaboration Solutions and Teaching and Learning Services designed to inform you of upcoming events to enhance your teaching at McGill University.

FEATURED

Happy Holidays!
We hope you have enjoyed reading the Focus on Teaching bulletin this semester. We look forward to bringing you new and exciting opportunities to develop your teaching in the new year.
Best wishes for the holiday season.

Frustrated with AV equipment in your classroom?
January 11, 13, 16
Have all your questions answered about the audiovisual equipment found in your classrooms - projectors, microphones, document camera (overhead), etc. in this hands-on practice session. Register here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SMART Tools and Interactive Whiteboards (SMART Board) LRN 504
Friday, December 16 and Friday, January 20
Are you interested in using interactive technology in the classroom? This workshop will introduce the concept of using an interactive whiteboard (SMART Board) with SMART Notebook collaborative learning software. SMART Boards are available in particular classrooms (Leacock 617 & 808; 688 Sherbrooke W., Room 1265). Register here.

Creating Effective Questions with Student Response System (Clickers):
SRS-101-- Downtown Campus
Monday, December 19
This workshop introduces pedagogical and technological components that will help instructors develop in-class activities using TurningPoint software and the clickers. The hands-on workshop will focus on learning-centered question design, question types and strategies for in-class use. Register here.

Overview of Teaching Technology @ McGill (webinar) LRN 600
Wednesday, December 21
Do you want to learn more about teaching tools available to instructors? This webinar will showcase the centrally-supported educational technologies at McGill including a brief overview of McGill's learning management system (myCourses) and technologies such as online assessments & discussions, blogs, clickers, lecture recording, text-matching, and web conferencing. Register here.

Building with myCourses (WCT 701)
Tuesday, January 10
This workshop will help you prepare your course section in myCourses. At the end of this workshop, you will be able to: set up your browser to access myCourses, customize the myCourses Home interface and build and customize your course section. Register here.
Teaching with myCourses (WCT 702)
Thursday, January 19

At the end of this workshop, you will be able to: manage your course section, and communicate with your students both asynchronously (Mail, Calendar, Announcements, Discussions) and synchronously (Chat, Who's Online). Register here.

STLHE 2012 Call for Proposals
Submission Deadline: January 19

Does learning have boundaries? What boundaries do we have or need? The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) invites proposals for presentations at its 32nd Annual International Conference - “Learning without boundaries? Apprentissage sans limites?”

TEACHING RESOURCES

ICS Service Desk - Holiday Break Notice
Although some Faculties and administrative units will be closed during the entire holiday break (Friday, December 23, 2011 to Friday, January 6, 2012 inclusive), please note that the ICS Service Desk will be available to assist you during the extended holiday period (Jan 3 to Jan 6). Call 514-398-3398 or email support.ist@mcgill.ca.

Check List for Student Response System (clickers) in Winter 2012
Here is a checklist that you may find helpful when planning to use the Student Response System (clickers) in the upcoming term.

Teaching Snapshots: Perspectives on teaching and learning
Visit the Teaching Snapshots website to learn about McGill instructors’ thoughts on teaching and learning. New profiles added this month from Arts, Continuing Studies, Education, Engineering, Law and Music.

McGill Overdrive
Welcome to McGill Library’s collection of downloadable media: find eBooks, Audiobooks, Videos and more! Available 24/7, now your library is always open! Download your selections to your PC or transfer them to a compatible portable device for use on-the-go. It’s quick, easy and you can do it anytime! Use the getting started section or take the Guided Tour to get you started.

Films on Demand
McGill Library is happy to announce the acquisition of Films on Demand. Films on Demand offers a significant online video streaming library with thousands of high quality educational videos and tens of thousands of fully annotated segments that can be integrated into lectures and presentations with ease or posted as links on WebCT. All programs include Canadian Public Performance rights for your use. Accessing off campus: use the new EZproxy service

Classroom A/V Instructions
Want to see what AV equipment is available for any classroom on campus? Looking for detailed instructions on how to use the AV in the new room you are teaching in? This online tool features in-class photos and equipment specs and is available to instructors.

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