LTC Newsletter

February 2015

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Thursday, May 14, 2015

Welcome Back!

The Learning Technology Center staff hope you had a wonderful, restorative break, and that your return is full of renewed vigor for teaching and learning! Along with the semester transition, the start of a new year is an ideal time to reflect on some changes that have occurred within the Learning Technology Center and Clarion University instructional technology resources.

» ITV / Mediasite Live / Mediasite Desktop Recorder - New Support Information

The **Learning Technology Center** has transitioned to the lead role for all ITV and Mediasite needs, including: recording and room scheduling, tech assistant scheduling and troubleshooting! Effective immediately, please make the LTC your contact point for all ITV and Mediasite related questions or issues, including student support. Please reference the Mediasite support web page for links to include in your D2L course and for other student support lin ks.

» Welcome New LTC Staff

ITV and Mediasite use continues to grow. To facilitate the additional responsibility, we welcome Susan Staub and Tyler Schwab to the LTC / Computing Services team. Susan is the primary contact for all ITV and Mediasite scheduling-related items including room scheduling, recording, creating your course folders, and coordinating the tech assistants. Tyler's primary role is supporting the technical aspects of ITV and Mediasite technology. Please join the LTC in welcoming our new staff!

For all ITV and/or Mediasite questions or support needs, please call the LTC at x1848, or email LTC support so your request can be addressed immediately and appropriately.

» Mediasite Desktop Recorder

If you are looking for a way to capture a lecture or demo from you desktop, NOW is the time to try the Mediasite Desktop Recorder! With Mediasite Desktop Recorder, you can capture a lecture in the office or at home, without the need for a tech or room scheduling. With MDR all you need is a usb headset/mic and/or webcam/mic and you can capture:

---> your desktop + mic
---> slides/static images + mic
---> slides/static images + webcam + mic

Once uploaded to the Mediasite streaming server, students in your course can playback the recording from any desktop or mobile device at a time convenient for them!

To try Mediasite Desktop Recorder, email LTC support!

» ITEP - Instructional Technology Exploration Program

Previously announced in November, Computing Services in collaboration with the University Technology Advisory Committee (UTAC), kicked off the Instructional Technology Exploration Program. Six different mobile devices are are now ready for faculty and staff to try on a short-term loan!

The current line-up includes one Dell Windows 8.1 touch screen laptop, two Venue 11 Pro tablets, two Samsung Galaxy Tab4 Android tablets, two Samsung Series 3 Chromebooks, and two Apple iPads, 4th Generation and a Microsoft Surface 3 Windows 8.1 tablet.

Just call or stop by the LTC for an overview of available products and sign one out today! Please call (x1848) or email LTC Support to reserve.

Blackboard Collaborate Update

In late December, Blackboard Collaborate ran a system update. This update affects the way Windows and MAC users launch online rooms. Now, a "Collaborate Launcher" must be installed before they can join a session. Once installed, users can join any session by opening the meeting.collab file or (nativeplayback.jnlp archive file). The launcher can be installed by any standard user. The Blackboard Collaborate support page has been updated with instructions for installing the launcher and joining sessions for a variety of browsers.

Smart Classroom Training

Due to the variety of features and capabilities of the smart classroom equipment located in STC 120 and 122, and Still 111 and 112, all faculty teaching in these rooms are required to attend a training session. If you have not already received training, please email ltcsupport@clarion.edu with your availability and the room in which you are teaching.

FEBRUARY 2015 Live Workshops and Virtual Sessions

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● **Pondering Respondus?**

Wed., Feb. 18 | 10:00 -11:00am (Venango College)
Virtual training by appointment
- Learn how to quickly create quizzes or publish into your D2L course with this useful tool. Email LTC Support to register or make appointment for 1:1 virtual session.

● **D2L Overview for New Faculty**

Thu. Feb. 19 | 2:00pm (Venango College)
Virtual training by appointment
This session will provide an overview of Clarion's learning management system and introduce you to the most commonly accessed areas of D2L: Content and Grades. Other tools will be discussed with follow-up sessions for greater depth. Email LTC Support to register or make appointment for 1:1 virtual session

● **Blackboard Collaborate**

Wed., Feb. 25 | 10 - 11:00am (Venango College)
Thu. Feb 26 | 9:30 - 10:30 (Venango College)
Virtual training by appointment
Explore ways to use this tool to host synchronous class sessions, group meetings, or recording lectures for later playback . Email LTC Support to register or make appointment for 1:1 virtual session.

● **Virtual Training Sessions by Appointment**

Can't make it to the face-to-face workshops? We know how difficult it is to attend sessions. As such, the LTC will conduct virtual sessions for workshops or 1:1 training for any instructional technology tool currently supported by the university. These sessions are conducted using Blackboard Collaborate web conferencing. Call us at x1848 to discuss your training needs.

*Please register for all workshops by emailing **LTC Support.***
Make sure you indicate the session, date, and time.
After registering, you will receive additional details as necessary in an email confirmation.