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Information Technology Council Subcommittee on Academic Technology

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS AND POSTER SESSIONS

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE *The Scholarship of Teaching & Learning: Making IT Matter*

April 10 (Pre-Conference Sessions) and April 11 (Conference)
Holiday Inn, Boxborough, Massachusetts

Keynote Speaker: [Chris Dede](#)
*Timothy E. Wirth Professor in Learning Technologies,
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This year's Instructional Technology Conference, "The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: Making IT Matter," adds a pre-conference gathering on April 10 with sessions devoted to the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and Curriculum Development in Blended Learning Environments. On April 11, current recipients of the University of Massachusetts Grants to Enhance Teaching and Learning with Technology will report on and demonstrate their work. We also invite proposals (for 50 minute concurrent sessions - alone or shared - or for poster sessions) from all faculty who are actively engaged in applying academic technology to the enhancement of their instruction and student learning.

The Conference Committee seeks proposals for the April 11 Conference involving, but not limited to, such topics as the following:

- *Using IT to assess student learning*
- *Teaching with technology – designing, developing, and implementing curricula in physical, online, and blended settings*
- *Technology tools in the physical and virtual classroom*
- *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: systematic inquiry into teaching, learning, and technology*

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE APRIL 11 CONFERENCE IS ATTACHED

**REGISTRATION TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN IN DECEMBER;
WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT**

For more information, contact
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**April 11, 2008
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CALL FOR PROPOSALS: PRESENTATIONS AND POSTER SESSIONS

We seek proposals for presentations or poster sessions related, but not limited, to the following subjects . . .

- ***Using IT to assess student learning***

Submissions in this area might concern the use of electronic portfolios, surveys, quizzes, and tests, as well as broader concerns involving IT and the assessment of learning in online, blended, or physical classroom settings.

- ***Teaching with technology – designing, developing, and implementing curricula in physical, online, and blended settings***

Proposals in this area would address examples of how information technology assists in the meeting of important curricular and pedagogical goals (dissemination of content, student writing, student research, collaboration) and how best to incorporate the best features of IT in course and curriculum design. We welcome proposals that address the assessment of teaching effectiveness with technology

- ***Technology tools in the physical and virtual classroom***

Proposals in this area would likely involve demonstrations of specific hardware or software tools. Without narrowing the possibilities, we are particularly interested in emerging technologies for assessment, audio/video capture and dissemination, interactivity (personal response systems, teleconferencing, wikis, virtual environments) and, mobile computing (e.g., tablet PC's, cell phones).

- ***Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: Systematic Inquiry into Teaching, Learning, and Technology***

Proposals would involve commentary on research methods, reports of studies undertaken, syntheses and literature reviews offering agendas for further inquiry, enablers and constraints to the scholarly exploration of teaching and learning

Proposals crossing the lines above or not residing in these categories will be weighed according to their merits.

The Conference Committee will weigh most carefully the proposals' following features:

- Relationship to an existing or past Academic Technology Grant
- Ability to advance the audience's understanding of an important issue involving the intersection of learning, teaching, and technology
- Demonstration of an inquiry strategy, involving the use of evidence to point to outcomes, indicate why things turn(ed) out the way they did, suggest what works (or doesn't work)

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PRESENTATION / POSTER PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30, 2007

NOTIFICATION OF ACTION VIA EMAIL: JANUARY 18, 2008

PROCEDURE

In a PDF file, please provide the following information:

- Name
- Title
- Department
- Campus
- Phone
- Email Address
- Preference of 50-minute presentation or approximately 2-hour poster session*
- 500 word (maximum) description of your proposed presentation or poster session
 - Indication of the session's level of difficulty with respect to the topic: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
 - Indication of proposal's relationship to the key themes advanced in the Call for Proposals
- A 50-word abstract (for the conference booklet and website)

Proposals must be delivered by 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2007, **electronically** in **PDF format** to:

itconference2008proposals@umassp.edu

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*We have tentatively scheduled the Poster Session from 11:45 to 1:30. Poster sessions will be eligible for awards this year. Here is the tentative [Poster Award Rubric](#).