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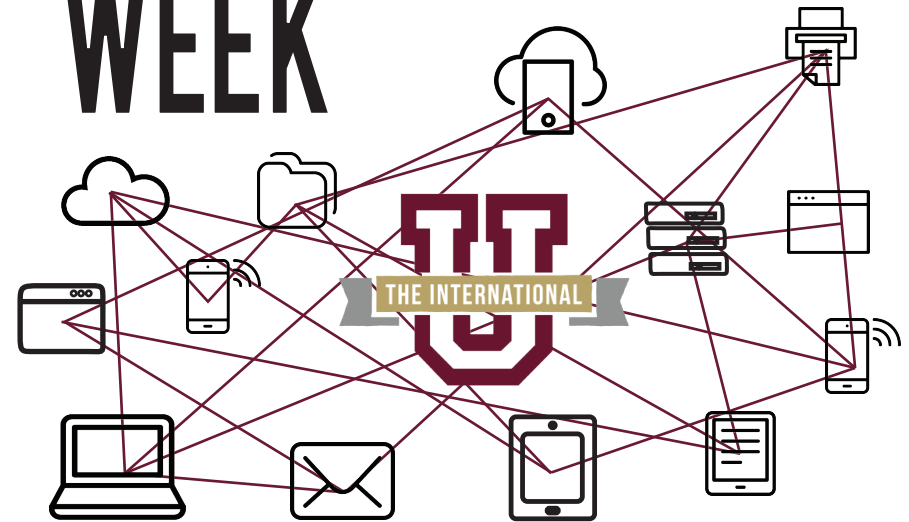


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THE PURPOSE OF NATIONAL DISTANCE LEARNING WEEK IS TO GENERATE GREATER AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION FOR DISTANCE LEARNING. TAMIU HIGHLIGHTS EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, VIDEO CONFERENCING, BEST PRACTICES, AND LESSONS IN ONLINE AND BLENDED ENVIRONMENTS.

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November 9 - 13, 2015


PROGRAM


OIT's 7th Annual Distance Education Week - 2015 Program

MONDAY, 11.09.15


 **9:00 A.M.: USDLA: Accessibility and Usability in Online Courses**
 Presenter: **Cecelia Green, Quality Matters** Location: **WHT224**
Description: Creating quality accessible courses for every learner is a very important part of course design. Quality Matters (QM) is pleased to bring you this presentation about Accessibility and Usability in Online Courses as part of USDLA's National Distance Learning Week.


 **11:30 A.M.: Blackboard: Grade Center Setup is as Easy as 1-2-3!**
 Presenter: **Julio Tovar** Location: **CWT112**
Description: Join us for a 45-minute hands-on workshop that will assist you in setting up your Grade Center in Blackboard.


 **1:00 P.M.: QM: Beyond Standard 8: Universal Design** Location: **WHT224**
 Presenter: **Betsy Stringam, Associate Professor of Hotels and Resorts, New Mexico State University**
Description: This session will help faculty understand how different QM Standards support diverse students and show how QM helps to achieve good universal design.


 **2:00 P.M.: 9/11 A Perspective from a First Responder**
 Presenter: **Scott Domowicz, Pittsburgh Technical Institute** Location: **WHT116**
Description: A First Responder's account of a day of infamy. Learn about what happened on the hilltop in Shanksville, Pennsylvania as the nation sat in shock, then in awe of the brave men and women of Flight 93.

TUESDAY, 11.10.15


 **9:00 A.M.: Blackboard Discussions vs Wikis vs Blogs**
 Presenter: **Gloria Sánchez** Location: **WHT224**
Description: This session will go through the differences among these three tools in Blackboard. Learn about the basic setups of each tool in a course and how to determine which tool will provide you most advantages on the assignment at-hand.


 **11:30 A.M.: Bridging the Information Gap for Distance Learners**
 Presenter: **Rodney Webb, TAMIU, Government Documents Librarian** Location: **WHT224**
Description: It's after midnight and a distance learner needs information. There is help through DistanceLearning@Killam Library, a library web resource built for distance learners at any hour. Come see a demonstration.

 **1:00 P.M.: QM: The Challenges of Standard 8: Accessibility and Usability**
 Presenter: **Erin Blauvelt, Excelsior College** Location: **WHT224**
Description: Locating and understanding accessibility standards can be difficult. We will look at the details of designing courses that meet QM's Standard 8. Our customized standards manual will be shared; it includes technical instructions, screenshots, examples, and decision trees.

 **2:15 P.M.: Capture Your Lecture in the Classroom, Office or on the Fly!**
 Presenter: **Dr. Deborah Blackwell, TAMIU, Associate Professor** Location: **WHT224**
Description: Need a fast way to capture lectures in your classroom office or on the fly? ECHO 360 Personal Capture software may be the solution! Learn from Dr. Blackwell as she explains how to take advantage of this software in the classroom.

WEDNESDAY, 11.11.15 MORNING


 **9:00 A.M.: Plagiarism Prevention Tools**
 Presenter: **Juan Ramirez** Location: **CWT112**
Description: This workshop will demonstrate how to check students' work for potential plagiarism by comparing their submissions against the world's largest database.

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Texas A&M International University Building Location Legend:


CWT = Dr. Billy F. Cowart Hall
WHT = Western Hemispheric Trade Center

WEDNESDAY, 11.11.15 AFTERNOON


 **2:30 P.M.: Building and Securing Tests with Respondus Exam & Lockdown Browser**
 Presenter: **Carlos Vallarta** Location: **CWT112**
Description: Respondus is a powerful tool for creating and managing exams that can be printed to paper or published directly to Blackboard. Exams can be created offline using a familiar Windows environment, or moved from one LMS to another. Whether you are a veteran of online testing or relatively new to it, Respondus will save you hours on each project. This session will also show how to integrate the Lockdown Browser into your exams.

THURSDAY, 11.12.15

 **9:30 A.M.: If It's Not Easy, It's Not SoftChalk!**
 Presenter: **Alberto Chavez, Director Computing & IS, Adjunct Professor** Location: **CWT112**
Description: Come and discover how easy it is to create interactive web pages for elearning courses without knowing any code! SoftChalk makes it fast and easy to create dynamic content that will engage your students with lessons that include pop-up text annotations, self-assessment quizzes, videos, widgets and interactive learning games.


 **10:45 A.M.: Blackboard 201: The Next Level**
 Presenter: **eLearning Team** Location: **CWT112**
Description: Are you ready to explore Blackboard further? Join the eLearning team as we delve into advanced features within Blackboard, including the use of Adaptive Release, running reports, setting up Groups, adding YouTube videos, Video Everywhere and other instructional tools.


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 **12:45 P.M.: QM: Incorporating Accessibility Standards in Course Design & Materials**
 Presenter: **Teresa Prange & Sage Freeman, Chemeketa CC** Location: **WHT224**
Description: Do you need to update your video and multimedia course presentations to meet accessibility standards? In this session you will see an actual course with examples of alternative formats to meet diverse learners and discover tools you may use to help meet the accessibility standard.


 **2:00 P.M.: Using VoiceThread in Blackboard**
 Presenter: **Sadie Anderson, VoiceThread** Location: **WHT224**
Description: Learn how VoiceThread can integrate seamlessly with your Blackboard course, replace or enhance text-based discussions with audio or video, and integrate with your course's Grade Center.

FRIDAY, 11.13.15

 **9:00 A.M.: Powering Web-Conference Across Devices**
 Presenter: **Julio Tovar** Location: **CWT112**
Description: Adobe Connect Web Conferencing software offers immersive online meeting experiences for collaboration, virtual classrooms and large scale webinars.

 **11:00 A.M.: Work SMARTer, Not Harder: Using Interactive Podiums in Your Teaching**
 Presenter: **Roberto González, Associate Director of ITS** Location: **CWT102**
Description: Join us in this exciting session and learn how easy it is to incorporate SMART podiums into your teaching. A SMART podium can be used as both a monitor and an interactive tablet and is conveniently integrated in the classroom lectern.

 **1:00 P.M.: QM: Process and Impact of Providing Accessible Multimedia Course Materials**
 Presenter: **Amy Strage, Elizabeth Tu, & Keith Sanders, San Jose State University** Location: **WHT224**
Description: To promote compliance with accessibility mandates, we developed a workflow to provide timely, accurate, and cost-effective closed captioning for instructional materials. We share details about this process and data about significant benefits of the captioning for ALL students.

 **2:30 P.M.: Improve Student Outcomes Using Online Video Tutorials**
 Presenter: **Phylis Zimmermann** Location: **WHT224**
Description: Atomic Learning videos provides training on 250+ applications, including Microsoft® Office, Adobe® Creative Cloud, SPSS, a variety of career skills and more. Learn how Atomic Learning videos can be integrated into your class.

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