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Dean Dympna Bowles Named to Irish Education 100



Dympna Bowles is the dean for Curriculum and Instruction. She facilitates the development and approval of new degree programs and curricula and supervises the assessment of general education. She also oversees Faculty Development, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Online Learning. Dean Bowles was named to the Irish Education 100 by the *Irish Voice* newspaper and *Irish America* magazine. The 100 honorees were recognized for their contri-

butions to college and university education in the United States and Canada at an American Irish Historical Society reception in October 2009. The CET congratulates Dympna Bowles for this wonderful achievement.

CET 2009 Fall Update by Elaine Maldonado

The fall 2009 semester has been amazingly busy. CET faculty events included presentations by Creative Commons (copyright on the web), i>Clicker and the New York Times. The CET is also facilitating the campus-wide, faculty mini-retreat series. This year's first mini-retreat was on research and critical thinking. The college-wide critical thinking team was key to the day's success and included Maury Johnson, FMM, Brian Fallon, Writing Studio, Roberta Paley, Social Sciences and Sandra Markus, Fashion Design. Also, N.J. Wolfe led a great team of librarians that shared a wealth of information on Information Literacy. We'd like to thank Helen Taylor Lane, Marian Weston, Beryl Rentof and Lorraine Weberg for their contributions.

On November 17, thanks to Student/Faculty Corporation funding, the CET is sponsoring a Student/Faculty Tech Roundtable. This lunchtime event offers students and faculty an opportunity to explore the role of technology in education. The next mini-retreat is scheduled for November 20th and will focus on the economy's impact on fashion, business and design education. And finally, please hold February 9, 2010 for the next mini-retreat which will include a presentation by the Fulbright Scholars program, specifically targeting opportunities that fit the FIT faculty profile.

If you haven't had a chance to visit the CET's dedicated adjunct faculty website, it can be reached at <http://www3.fitnyc.edu/cet> (click on Adjunct Advo-

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Teaching Institute Updates:

If you are faculty interested in applying for funding through the TI, please note the following application deadline dates:

Fall 2009: September 14
November 16

Spring 2010: February 8
April 19

For more information, contact Celia Baez, 7-4064, or pick up an application in Room B502.

The guidelines can also be downloaded at:
<http://www.fitnyc.edu> >
Academics > CET > Click
here for website > T.I.

Teaching Institute Recipients:

The following faculty members were awarded funding through the Teaching Institute during September and October 2009:

Eugenie Bietry, Social Sciences
Roberta Elins, Direct Marketing
Linda Finnerty, AMC
Daniel Benkendorf, Social Sciences
Celia Bergoffen, History of Art
Isabella Bertolotti, Foreign Lang.
Praveen Chaudhry, Social Sciences
Mine Doyran, Social Sciences
Beatrice Farkas, Social Sciences
Jeanne Golly, Internship Center
Asli Gokhan-Kucuk, Eng. & Speech
Patrick Kniesley, Eng. & Speech
Yuniya Kawamura, Social Sciences
Jennifer Miller, Career Services
Shireen Musa, ITM
Connie Passarella, Career Services
Lasse Savola, Science & Math
Calvin Williamson, Science & Math
Liza Wolsky, Counseling Center

Congratulations to all our recipients!

VoiceThread: New Media Pilot, Come Play in Our Sandbox!

By Janice Robertson

VoiceThread is a multimedia environment for looking, listening, speaking, drawing and collaborating. Students are using it to create online “conversations” around still or video images under investigation in Liberal Arts classes. Faculty also team up with research librarians, Karen Cannell, Head of Special Collections and FIT Archives, Marian Weston, Reference Librarian, Helen Lane, Head of Research and Instructional Services and tech support specialists, James Pearce, Digital Media Coordinator/ Tech Development Team and Nanja Andriananjason, technologist, History of Art, to provide broad-based support for VoiceThread class projects. This nexus is full of synergies and it has *everyone* thinking outside the box.



The VoiceThread Pilot Project is funded by a Faculty Development Grant from The Teaching Institute and Scott Stoddart, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts has provided additional support.

We invite anyone who is curious to come play in our Sandbox! For further information, contact: Janice Robertson, History of Art Department, B634, ext. 74662 or janice_robertson@fitnyc.edu.

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cate). Off-campus faculty can watch a master teacher in action, find professional development links and print out resources such as syllabi and tips for teaching. Please feel free to contact me (7-4062) if you have any questions...and suggestions are always welcome!

Angel Update by Jeffrey Riman

Faculty interest in Angel continues to expand at unprecedented levels. The CET provides Angel training for face-to-face teaching at all levels of use every month. Check out our calendar for the next session that suits you; simply go to <http://www3.fitnyc.edu/cet/calendar/index.htm>. The CET will also provide private training sessions for groups. If you and your colleagues (or your department) wish to have a training session tailored to your unique needs, contact Celia Baez or Jeffrey Riman to make arrangements. In response to the increased use of Angel, we have deployed a new group that is visible to faculty on their Angel home page under “Groups.” It is called the Angel Instructor Technology Group. All faculty are automatically enrolled in it. Visit the group for tutorial resources that support all levels of Angel use, from the most basic, through the Gradebook and embedding media files. There is also a discussion forum, “Angel Questions and Issues,” where you can post questions or comments and receive responses from your peers. Visit us soon.



The CET staff wishes
 you and your family a
 Happy Thanksgiving