

CET REPORTER

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Center for Excellence in Teaching and the Teaching Institute

Building on the Achievements of the CET

By ELAINE MALDONADO

As the new director of the CET, I would like to share my aspirations for FIT's Center for Excellence in Teaching.

It's clear to me that FIT has made significant strides in serving its faculty with professional development opportunities in the CET and through Teaching Institute funding opportunities. I hope to build on these achievements with innovative programs, including those that will further address the needs of the many adjunct faculty who bring extraordinary expertise to this very special institution.

There are many new projects on the horizon for the CET. As FIT begins its course management transition away from Blackboard, to Angel, the CET is making plans to provide the



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support that will be needed by faculty throughout the College. A new independently published [www3](http://www3.fitnyc.edu) website was launched over the summer that will enable faculty to stay current on the latest CET activities. A "quick service" laptop kiosk has been installed in Room B502 and a large plasma screen to showcase faculty projects will soon be opera-

tional. In keeping with the institution's strategic planning, activities will continue to build on efforts to strengthen writing across the curriculum and to support new faculty with an innovative and convenient mentoring program. Regularly, new technology is introduced into the business and Please see **ACHIEVEMENTS**, Page 2

Angel's at FIT

By ELAINE MALDONADO
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Angel, the new SUNY – wide course management system, is beginning to be implemented at FIT. Faculty assigned to fully online courses will train this fall and should begin teaching with

Angel in the spring. That training will be given through the Office of Distance Learning in October and November.

If you use Blackboard as a course management tool, the CET will begin to train faculty on Angel in late fall 2007. Training will continue until fall 2008 when it is expected that

all faculty will have made the transition to the new system. The CET will provide ongoing support for faculty with workshops, small group and one-to-one consultations. Please check the CET monthly calendar and updates at www3.fitnyc.edu/CET to learn about training, workshops and other support activities.

If you have additional questions about Angel, please access the Angel website:
<http://angellearning.com>.



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Teaching Institute Updates:

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

Fall 2007: September 17
November 5
Spring 2008: February 11
April 11

For more information, contact Celia Baez, 7-4064, or pick up an application in Room B502. The guidelines can also be downloaded at:
<http://www3.fitnyc.edu/cet/teachinginstitute.htm>

Calling all FIT Faculty Members:

Do you have something you would like to contribute to the CET Reporter? If so, please contact Celia Baez at X 7-4064, or email Celia_Baez@fitnyc.edu.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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design world, and the CET is committed to helping faculty maximize the most up-to-date technical innovation in the classroom.

I would like to thank both faculty and staff for their generous and warm welcome. I look forward to meeting you and to the opportunity of sharing ideas that will continue to foster excellence in teaching and learning at FIT.



“Meet the New CET Director”



Dr. Mark McBeth, Guest Speaker
Adjunct Summer Institute, 2007

Adjunct Summer Institute, 2007!

By CET STAFF

In keeping with the CET's mission to serve adjunct faculty, the Center for Excellence in Teaching sponsored its third annual Adjunct Summer Institute on June 13, 2007. The focus of this all-day event was on creating effective writing assignments in design and career courses, as well as addressing the challenges of helping students avoid plagiarism.

Dr. Mark McBeth was the guest speaker and workshop facilitator. Participants enjoyed his lively presentation style, and his unusual background as both artist and writing coordinator at CUNY proved very appropriate for FIT faculty. Drs. Amy Lem-

mon and Carol Deletiner of the English and Speech Department facilitated stimulating workshops on the role of writing across the curriculum, and explored a variety of creative writing assignments designed to promote student voice, and critical thinking. Finally, an eye-opening presentation was made by librarian Marian Weston on Information Technology that included a recent survey on the Information Technology skills of FIT students.

We will soon start planning for the Summer 2008 event. If you have topics for our next Adjunct Summer Institute, please contact Elaine Maldonado (X7-4062) or Celia Baez (X7-4064) in the CET!



Adjuncts at the Summer Institute



Amy Lemmon
Facilitator—Adjunct Summer Institute

New Acting Coordinator for the CET



Jeffrey Rimán, CET Coordinator and
Instructional Designer

Jeffrey Rimán is the new Acting Coordinator for the CET. Jeffrey has extensive experience in advertising and publishing where he deployed and integrated technology with a wide range of applications. As an adjunct instructor, he has blended technology with teaching and learning at institutions such as CUNY and Parsons, where he taught courses in Design, Production, Design Management, and Presentation. We're very happy to have Jeffrey “on board” as we begin the fall 2007 semester! Stop by and say hello.



Marian Weston
Presenter—Adjunct Summer Institute

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.

...Henry B. Adams