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2011 Teaching and Learning Showcase

The Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) is hosting the 2011 Teaching and Learning Showcase, on 22 November, 2011 at the Treehouse, Callaghan campus. This year's Showcase is divided into 3 sessions. You are invited to participate in as many of these sessions as you choose – one, two or all three.

Session 1: Findings in Five

Two Teaching and Learning Fellows and 9 Project Grant teams will present their project and findings in just five minutes. This session will provide you with a complete overview of the 2011 Fellowships and Projects – in just over an hour.

Session 2: Fellowship Presentations

Two recipients of 2011 University of Newcastle Teaching and Learning Fellowships will also present outcomes from their projects.

David Newby: Trialling a model of inter-professional assessment to support students' development of safe prescribing practices.

Morgan Kavanagh: Focussing on ELICOS Upper Intermediate assessment, Morgan aims to convert existing listening tests to an online environment for the English Language and Foundation Studies Centre.

Session 3: Project Workshops

Nine of the 2011 Teaching and Learning Project Grant teams will facilitate interactive workshops in which they will showcase their project outcomes and assist attendees to consider how you might adapt and adopt similar practices in your own contexts.

For more information see the Showcase Program at www.newcastle.edu.au/unit/centre-for-teaching-and-learning/events/. To register your attendance please email andrew.steinbeck@newcastle.edu.au indicating which session(s) and workshop(s) you will be attending.



Showcase Program is available at www.newcastle.edu.au/unit/centre-for-teaching-and-learning/events/

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2011 Vice-Chancellor's Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

Two individuals and one team have been awarded a Vice-Chancellor's Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning for 2011.

Congratulations to the following colleagues.

Individual Recipients

Dr Catriona Malau
Faculty of Education and Arts

For incorporating engaging resources into the Linguistics course for Bachelor of Teaching students, which demonstrate the relevance of the course content to their degree program.

Dr Mark Rubin
Faculty of Science and Information Technology

For developing and distributing a set of 12 high-quality student guides that have helped psychology students to enhance their scholarship and professionalism.

Team Recipients

Dr Marita Lynagh, Dr Sue Outram and Dr Conor Gilligan
Faculty of Health

For outstanding contribution to student learning and fostering confidence and competence in pre-service teachers to teach and manage sensitive and controversial issues in schools.

The Citations recognise and reward individuals or teams who make a significant contribution to the quality of student learning in a specific area of responsibility over a sustained period; that are widely acknowledged for their achievements within a Faculty or the wider University community; and, who have received strong endorsement within their area.

The Citations will be presented at the Vice-Chancellor's Staff Award Ceremony on Monday 28 November 2011.

Higher Education Assessment and Feedback expert visits UoN

As part of the Student Engagement and Experience Working Party (SEEW) initiative, Professor Emeritus of Higher Education, D. Royce Sadler, was invited to conduct a series of seminars and workshops at the University of Newcastle. Royce is a renowned educator in Higher Education and has numerous meritorious journal and book publications in assessment and feedback in Higher Education.

Royce presented a very thought provoking University-wide seminar on 24 October on the concept of feedback and how to teach learners to notice the feedback we give them in order to enrich their learning experience. He also conducted Faculty-specific sessions for the Faculties of Health, Education and Arts, and Science and Information Technology.

A video of the presentation to FEDUA, and a selection of Royce's publications (abstract only) can be accessed from www.newcastle.edu.au/unit/centre-for-teaching-and-learning/events/sadler-visit.html



D. Royce Sadler, Professor Emeritus of Higher Education

CTL Research News

The annual conference of the Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education (ascilite 2011) will be held in Hobart 4-7 December. The conference title is Changing Demands, Changing Directions.

Andrew Yardy and Alan Anderson will be presenting papers at the conference. Andrew will present a paper titled *Recommendations for enhancing the quality of flexible online support for online teachers* on behalf of himself and his co-author Elizabeth Date-Huxtable. Alan will present a paper titled *ICT-assisted multi-campus teaching: Principles and practice to impact equity of experience for students* on behalf of himself and his co-author Elizabeth Date-Huxtable. Program information is available at www.leishman-associates.com.au/ascilite2011/

Erika Spray, Academic Learning Adviser, presented a paper at the EARLI 2011 conference, held in Exeter, UK in September. The conference topic was 'Education for a Global Networked Society' and Erika presented a paper on *Personal epistemological and metacognitive awareness in first year university students*. Program information is available at www.earli2011.org

Learning Development in 2011

During 2011, Learning Development Academic Language and Learning Advisers have worked with staff across the University to provide academic literacy resources for students at all levels of study.

Activities ranged from in-lecture information sessions, adjunct workshops and guided tutorial and assessment task activities to support course outcomes.

Learning Development can work with academic staff to prepare resources and workshops for a diverse range of courses.

If you are co-ordinating a course in 2012, we can help your students with tailored resources and activities.

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Are you prepared for the Blackboard 9.1 upgrade on 14 December?

Blackboard is the online learning management system used at the University of Newcastle. We are currently using version 8, and will be upgrading to version 9.1 on 14 December 2011.

Over the next few months CTL eTeaching support team will be holding a number of preparation sessions for staff.

- **Upgrade Information Sessions** are designed to provide staff with important information about the upgrade.
- **Hands-on Training Sessions** will provide the opportunity to learn the 5 key skills to transition from Blackboard 8 to Blackboard Learn 9.1. Participants will also have the opportunity to explore the new features available in Learn 9.1.

- **Drop-in Sessions** will allow staff to meet with members of the eTeaching support team to address specific questions about Blackboard Learn 9.1.

For session locations, dates and times please see www.newcastle.edu.au/upgrade-blackboard/blackboard-91-upgrade-sessions/

eTeaching support team

Staff may access the Centre for Teaching and Learning's eTeaching support team during business hours via:

1. Phone on 4921 7101
2. Email at 17101@newcastle.edu.au



Information available at www.newcastle.edu.au/upgrade-blackboard

- Come to an information session, hands-on training session or drop-in session
- Join the mailing list
- visit the Blackboard On-Demand Learning Centre

Upgrade of Lectopia to 'EchoSystem'

In January 2012, the University's lecture capture system (Lectopia) will be upgraded to 'EchoSystem', a blended learning and lecture capture technology.

Why upgrade?

Lectopia has reached the end of its product lifecycle and will no longer be supported. The vendors have developed an enhanced system that offers a range of features and functionality not currently available within Lectopia.

What should you do now to find out more?

1. Visit www.newcastle.edu.au/unit/centre-for-teaching-and-learning/lectopia-to-echosystem-upgrade/ for an overview of some of the new features that will be available in the new system.
2. Attend a 'Staff Information Session' (both formal and drop-in). These will be advertised in HRonline shortly, to ensure readiness for Semester 1, 2012.

What's new in EchoSystem?

EchoSystem will introduce:

- a software solution that enables recording in smaller tutorial spaces with lectern computers installed. This will record the presentations given via the lectern computer only.
- a software-based, Personal Capture option. This will enable lecturers to carry out recordings of modules and segments; to pre- or post-record lectures; and to perform simple edits and upload them into courses for presentation to students.

For additional features and more information about the upgrade please visit www.newcastle.edu.au/unit/centre-for-teaching-and-learning/lectopia-to-echosystem-upgrade/

Creating Video for online learning contexts

CTL has a new self-paced online workshop, designed for staff who intend to develop video resources for use in online and blended courses.

The workshop topics include:

- aligning the use of video resources with specific course objectives and learning activities; and
- creating, editing and uploading educational video resources into online course environments.

You can nominate for this workshop via HRonline. CTL will then email you further instructions, including how to access the course via Blackboard. Please allow up to one week for your training nomination to be received and processed. Once enrolled, you will be able to complete the workshop at your own pace.

Additional self-paced workshops available via HRonline include:

- Orientation to online teaching
- Introduction to multi-campus teaching
- Using discussion boards

EchoSystem | Blended learning and lecture capture



TEACHING AND LEARNING GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2011

If you are considering applying for a grant or award please contact the CTL Grants and Awards Officer (ctl-grants-awards@newcastle.edu.au). **Important information** for applicants is available at www.newcastle.edu.au/unit/centre-for-teaching-and-learning/grants-and-awards/support.html

Award, Fellowship or Grant	CTL Support Period	Funding Institution Closing Date
■ University of Newcastle Teaching and Learning Project Grants	Current	17 November 2011
■ University of Newcastle Teaching and Learning Fellowships	Current	17 November 2011

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STATISTICS CORNER

An update on the number of Teaching and Learning Grants and Awards received by UoN.

Grants	No. received	Total value
Internal		
2011 Teaching and Learning Project Grants	10	\$100,000
2011 Teaching and Learning Fellowships	3	\$44,790
External		
ALTC - 2010 Priority Projects	2	\$434,000
ALTC - 2010 Competitive Grants	2	\$437,000
Awards		
Internal		
2010 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Learning Support	5	individuals
2011 Vice-Chancellor's Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning	3	teams and individuals
External		
2011 ALTC Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning	5	teams and individuals
2011 ALTC Teaching Excellence Awards	1	individual

CTL WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS MAILING LIST

Are you interested in receiving CTL workshop and event information?

The Centre for Teaching and Learning publishes a monthly information flyer containing news on upcoming workshops and events.

If you would like to receive this flyer, via email each month, please forward your email address to ctl-info@newcastle.edu.au and your name will be added to the mailing list. You can unsubscribe at any time.

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DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR CTL?

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Alternatively, please use the general contact details listed below.

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