aisr Connections

Your connection to knowledge resources and educational technology at Jefferson

The mission of Academic & Instructional Support & Resources (AISR) is to strengthen the educational, research and clinical activities of the Jefferson community by providing knowledge-based information, developing and managing instructional technologies and content, supporting and managing campus classroom technologies, and providing leadership in scholarly communication and publishing.

New Jefferson Center for Teaching & Learning

Across the nation universities are focusing their attention on the scholarship of teaching and learning. Internet use, mobile devices, and rich media tools have changed the way educators are thinking about their courses and what activities happen in and out of the classroom.

Jefferson has a long history of innovation in its approach to education and recognizes the need to ensure that its instructors have the resources needed to develop nationally renowned programs and graduates. The new Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) will provide coaching on current educational theories and technologies. It will plan for the construction of experimental teaching spaces where faculty can explore new instructional methods before the institution commits to classroom redesign.

The CTL will also serve Jefferson students by providing training for education, poster/presentation design, speaking/communication skills, and writing. One of the Center's goals will be to help ensure that each Jefferson graduate has the skills to be an active participant in the educational program of their future employer. Whether the goal is to help students provide patient education or to mentor the next round of students, the center will work with faculty interested in adding teaching skills to their courses.

During the 2013 academic year the CTL plans to recruit a medical editor who can provide manuscript review for both faculty and students. This individual will be able to counsel authors on their manuscripts by providing feedback on writing, statistics, and suitability of the material for submission to specific journals.

Blackboard Learn Training

Blackboard Learn is the course management system the entire Jefferson campus will be using beginning Fall 2013. Although very similar to its predecessor, Pulse, the interface looks different and there are a number of new features that can significantly improve your efficiency.

Education Services is offering workshops to get faculty started with the new product. The first, *Blackboard Learn: Essentials*, is a two-hour session that focuses on the basic features of this new Blackboard interface and introduces the new feature set, including:

- Content Collection (new file management)
- Exams and Surveys
- Grade Center
- Basic communication tools

Additional 1-hour workshops on specific topics will explore the new features in depth. To learn more and register for the workshops:
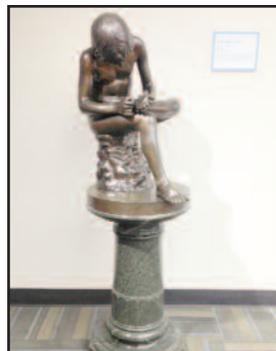**http://jeffline.jefferson.edu/Education/EdServices/training.cfm**

AISR Training Sessions

AISR offers training sessions for Jefferson faculty, staff, and students in the areas of Academic Research & Library Tools and Instructional Technology. Workshops can be customized for your course or department.

Contact AISR Education Services for more information:
EdServices@lists.jefferson.edu

The third floor of Scott Library now features a gallery of sculpture and other objects from the Thomas Jefferson University art collection.

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Classroom Technologies & Videoconferencing

AISR supports a number of instructional technologies including:

- *Traditional audio/video resources and laptops* for classrooms without a permanent PC in the podium.
- *Audience participation/response system* (TurningPoint): Add interactivity to your courses by including questions during your presentations or for exam review sessions. Access TurningPoint software, demos and how-to documents on JEFFLINE.
- *Classroom lecture archive system (CLAS)*: Automated lecture recording is available in Jefferson's auditoria and larger classrooms. Recorded lectures provide a great review tool for students. Lectures can be played back on computers or downloaded to mp3 players. This recording software is available for use on faculty computers as well.
- *Videoconferencing and Webcasting*: Available for *one-to-one*, *one-to-many*, and *many-to-many* configurations, these technologies are ready for set up and use in almost any space on campus.
- *Live video streaming* is also available on campus.

For help with these technologies and Pulse:
Instructional Technologies: **jeffline.jefferson.edu/Technology**
Pulse: **jeffline.jefferson.edu/Education/Pulse**

Medical Media Services

Medical Media Services, a division of Academic & Instructional Support & Resources (AISR), is a full-service media production and services facility with 16 staff members. The aim of Medical Media Services is to help improve the quality of education and research at the University by providing biomedical communication resources and support services for teaching, professional presentations and publications.

MMS offers a full range of production services including on-location and studio photography and HD video recording, poster design and in-house large-format printing, medical illustration, digital editing and photo retouching, and complete graphic design services. In addition, MMS staff support a variety of instructional technology solutions across the campus. These include: over 100 technology-equipped teaching spaces, automated lecture capture in about 40 classrooms and auditoria, Sympodium interactive tablets for live presentation annotation, webcasting, video streaming and videoteleconferencing. All traditional AV support services, such as laptop, video projection and sound system setup, are also provided through Medical Media Services.

For more information about Medical Media Services, including pricing and samples, visit our website at: **jeffline.jefferson.edu/MMS**

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215.503.1543

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215.503.7841

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Scott Student Collaboration Rooms Now Open

The grand opening of the 10 small-group rooms on the second floor of Scott Memorial Library was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

For groups of 3 - 6 students, the rooms are designed to support group study and collaboration. Each room is fully equipped with a computer, a large flat screen monitor, and a writing surface. Students will also be able to connect their laptops or iPads to the large screen.

Rooms may be reserved for 2-hour blocks at a time. The rooms are only available for use during times when the 2nd Floor of the Library is open. Reservations can be made in advance online; same day reservations need to be made at the Circulation Desk.

To make a room reservation:
jeffline.jefferson.edu/Services/SmallGroupReservations/

For complete Collaboration Room Policy:
jeffline.jefferson.edu/Services/SmallGroupReservations/ smallgrouproom-policy.cfm