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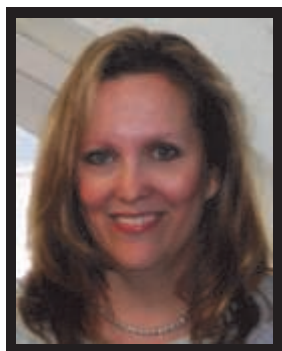


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# Distance *Education*

## New Faces in Distance Education



Meet our new Instructional Designer, Dr. Beverly Funkhouser. Beverly has taught online and face-to-face courses at the University of Delaware. She also supported faculty to transition their face-to-face to online/hybrid courses.



Joining us for the Spring 2012 semester is faculty mentor, Dr. Christian Penny, Professional and Secondary Ed. Meet with Chris in the DE Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m.



Dr. Tanya Gatenby, Health Care Management, is also serving as a Spring 2012 faculty mentor. Meet with Tanya on Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the DE Office.

## Summer Online Faculty Development Opportunities!

Our first online faculty development program was a great success with over 30 attendees! We are planning a Summer Faculty Development Program in August. The program will be fully online this time. A Call for Participation will come out in April.



# New Guest Speaker Series

**March 23, 2012, Dr. J. Ana Donaldson**, will present “*Engaging the Online Learner: Activities for Creative Instruction*”. Dr. Donaldson is the president of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT). Donaldson is a published author, keynote speaker, international presenter, and for many years has conducted workshops on integrating technology into engaged learning environments.



**April 20, 2012, Dr. Patricia McGee**, will present “*Emerging Online Technology Tools*”. Dr. McGee is an Associate Professor of Digital Learning Design in the Ed Psych Dept. at the University of Texas in San Antonio. Director of several technology for teaching grants, she has worked as research faculty through the Office of Naval Research and the EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative.

## *New Educational Technology Certificate Coming in Fall, 2012*

The goal of the new Educational Technology Certificate is to support professional educators with technology that connects them to data, content, resources, expertise and learning experiences that empower and inspire them to provide more effective learning for all learners. For additional information, contact program faculty Dr. Chris Penny: [cpenny@wcupa.edu](mailto:cpenny@wcupa.edu) or Dr. Larysa Nadolny: [lnadolny@wcupa.edu](mailto:lnadolny@wcupa.edu)

## Did You Know?

- Africa and India are growing markets for distance education globally, as they represent nations with high demand for higher education but insufficient infrastructure.
- Active military personnel and working professionals are two prime target populations for U.S. distance education institutions.
- Many more U.S. institutions reported seeing an increase in demand for online course and programs than face to face programs in 2010.

*Data Source: “Trends in Global Distance Learning” Hanover Research, Feb 2011*

## *Thinking of Teaching an Online Course?*

Now is the perfect time to start planning. Make an appointment today to work with our Instructional Designer and our faculty mentors!

## *Spring 2012 Distance Education Enrollment Data*

- 14 online courses (295 students)
- 9 hybrid courses (443 students)
- 2 iTV courses (25 students)



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