

Fall 2003 Calendar

Monday Sept. 22 **WebTechs: The Next Generation**

The WebTech program recently completed its fourth summer of operation. Rob DeMeulemeester, the recently hired WebTech Coordinator, will provide a summary of the over 50 sites completed this summer. Andy Szegedymaszak / Dan Penrod (Classical Studies), Peter Gottschalk / Jason McKenney (Religion), and Petra Bonfert-Taylor / Chris Ewen (MATH) will present the work that they did, and talk about the nature of the collaboration.

<http://www.wesleyan.edu/its/webtechs/>

Monday Sept. 29 **Grading**

Grading is an activity that all faculty have to perform although we hardly ever talk about it with one another. Colleagues from various disciplines will speak briefly about subjects like: their own methods for grading, departmental or disciplinary norms, objective vs. subjective exercises, grade inflation, and student expectations and responses. Presenters will be Jeffrey Schiff (Art), Sonia Sultan (Biology), Andy Curran (Romance Languages and Literature), and Andrea Patalano (Psychology).

Monday Oct. 6 **2nd. Generation FYI**

The Second Generation FYI (2GFYI) Program, Professor David Beveridge, Dean of the Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Programs, Brian C. Fay, Lisa Gates, Assoc. Dean, on FYI Programs at other schools. Prof. Indira Karamcheti, Describing and Discussing her recent FYI course.

New resources are available for diverse enhancements of present FYI courses and the development of new ones. The ?second generation FYI (2GFYI) initiative will be introduced (15 mins.) followed by the view on FYI programs from Other schools by Lisa Gates. Professor Indira Karamcheti will present her course and describe her experience over the years with FYI teaching.

Sunday Oct. 12 **In Other Words: Communicating through non-verbal texts**

8PM Performance, Butt A Lounge

An informal discussion with Wesleyan faculty

Lisa Dombrowski (Film)
Claudia Tatinge Nascimento (Theater)
Katja Kolcio (Dance)
Manju Hingorani (MB&B)

This event is one of a series providing an opportunity for students to meet with diverse Wesleyan faculty in an informal setting, and to hear them speak briefly and answer questions about their academic projects and interests. Sunday's event will focus on the special nature of reading, writing and performing non-verbal texts in the arts, and on visualizations using computer graphics in biochemistry and biophysics research. This event is geared for first year students but all students and faculty are welcome to come! Food will be served! This session will focus on reading, writing and performing non-verbal texts in a variety of contexts.

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Second Generation First Year Initiative (2GFYI)
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Monday Oct. 13 **Reading Non-Verbal Texts**, Kolcio et al
Follow-up on Student 2GFYI Events of Sept 21 and Oct 12,
Professors Anne Greene and Katja Kolcio, et.al.
Monday Oct. 20 fall break- no session

Monday Oct. 27 **Blackboard**
Wesleyan will be rolling out a new version of Blackboard to the campus for the Spring semester. During this session, Jolee West will demonstrate some of the new features of this version. We will also have some faculty (to be named) demonstrate how they use the present version of Blackboard in their courses.

<http://blackboard.wesleyan.edu>

Monday Nov. 3 **Is PowerPoint Evil? A roundtable discussion of Edward Tufte's "The Cognitive Style of Powerpoint"**
Edward Tufte, the renowned critic of information design, recently published an essay in which he claims that most uses of PowerPoint undermine the presenter's ability to make a coherent, well-informed argument. In this session, we will discuss his essay and other readings.

Monday Nov. 10 Voyager: the new library catalog

Wesleyan's library, along with our consortial partners at Trinity and Connecticut Colleges, will be replacing our existing online library catalog with a new catalog called Voyager (Yale and UConn are among many other libraries that already have this catalog). During this session you'll get a sneak-peek of this catalog demonstrating some improvements and features that this system provides.

Monday Nov. 17 An FYI course as a first teaching experience at Wes, Professor Emily Mackil.

Professor Emily Mackil a new faculty member this fall in the classic department is giving a FYI seminar on Alexander the Great as her first encounter with teaching at Wesleyan University. She will share her experience with this unique and challenging teaching opportunity.

Monday Nov. 24 Thanksgiving break – no session

Monday Dec. 1 Teaching Evaluations

The discussion will be initiated by four faculty members: Martha Anez (Art and Art History), John Finn (Government), Bill Herbst (Astronomy), and Gertrude Hughes (English and Women's Studies). An interesting article that co-incidentally appeared today in the Chronicle:

<http://chronicle.com/jobs/2003/12/2003120101c.htm>