

New and Emerging Instructional Technologies at Pitt

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This seminar will survey instructional applications of emerging technologies being investigated and deployed at the University of Pittsburgh. It will cover topics such as:

- Janus** – a touch-sensitive LCD panel and supporting software for annotating and saving classroom presentations. Janus is being deployed in a several classrooms across the University and is available for classroom delivery.
- InterWrite** – a portable (wireless) graphic pad that delivers many of the features of “Janus” without being tethered to the lectern.
- MediaSite Live** and **Tegrity** –systems that capture classroom presentations along with audio, video, and annotations for real-time streaming or later playback over the Web.
- Student Response System** – a system that enables instructors to poll their students via wireless devices, administer interactive quizzes and surveys, and store and display the results.
- Turnitin** – a system that allows instructors to check for instances of plagiarism by submitting their students’ papers to a service that scans the Web and its internal database for matches to existing documents.
- Blackboard** – upcoming developments in the Blackboard web based course management system.

Dr. Laudato will also describe the facilities and services available at the University's Faculty Instructional Development Lab (FIDL) and the Center for Instructional Development & Distance Education (CIDDE). These include instructional applications development (Flash modules, etc.), and access to technologies and expertise to enable instructors to incorporate digital materials (images, audio, and video) into their courses.

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