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Reminder for Faculty - Export Blackboard Course Content

As you are aware, AU will discontinue its use of the Blackboard LMS Monday, Aug. 15, 2016. The Canvas LMS will be used for AU's fall courses.

Instructors have access to their fall courses in Canvas and may begin adding materials at any time.

As a part of AU's Canvas contract, courses from Spring 2016 and Fall 2015 are being imported into Canvas for you. These courses are located in the Migrations Term, and you may copy them into your current or future courses.

Any faculty members wishing to re-use other content from Blackboard will need to export their courses and save them for later use. Course content from Blackboard can be imported into Canvas using the Blackboard course format or the Common Cartridge format.

Instructions for both export file formats are attached.

During the course import process, it has come to our attention that courses containing MP4 files frequently fail upon import. If you have MP4 files in your courses, you should remove them before exporting the course content. All MP4s and video files should be uploaded to the Ensemble streaming service. The resulting URLs should be pasted into Canvas. For assistance, please contact the ITS Helpdesk at 607.871.2222.

Canvas trainings are being offered throughout the summer and fall. If you have any questions, please contact Meghanne Freivald at 607.871.2363 or via email.

Link: [Import Course Content into Canvas](#)

Attachment: [Export courses in Blackboard Format](#)

Attachment: [Export Courses in Common Cartridge Format](#)

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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Canvas LMS Training

ITS is now offering trainings for the Canvas LMS. AU will begin using Canvas in fall 2016; Blackboard will be discontinued at that time.

Canvas trainings will be available throughout the summer and fall. The training will cover general navigation, commonly used features, and tips for setting up your courses. Trainings are available at the following times:

Thursday 7/28, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Monday 8/1, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the Training Center on the first floor of Howell Hall (side entrance, facing the CDC). Seating is limited.

If you would like to attend, please contact Meghanne Freivald at 607.871.2363 or via email to sign up.

For anyone who cannot attend training, all Canvas instructions are publicly available on the Canvas Instructor Guide website. Existing Blackboard course content can be exported and imported into Canvas using the attached instructions.

Content may be exported using the Common Cartridge or Blackboard course format.

Link: [Canvas Instructor Guide](#)

Attachment: [Common Cartridge Export Instructions](#)

Attachment: [Blackboard Format Export Instructions](#)

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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AU Photo Library Online - Gallery Server Pro

AU has a new searchable photo library, Gallery Server Pro (<http://gsp.alfred.edu>), accessible to AU faculty/staff. This library contains a wide variety of downloadable AU images ranging from seasonal campus scenics, to classrooms/labs, to selected campus events. To access, please go to our.alfred.edu and scroll down the left-hand side to Faculty/Staff. Click on Faculty/Staff and scroll down to Gallery Server Pro.

Gallery Server images are cataloged by semester, by month and by topic, and as new photo assignments are completed, additional images will be cataloged and posted on a regular basis. The photos are extensively tagged to assist in searches for specific subjects.

NOTE: The images have been carefully selected from more extensive photo sessions that include alternative views and formats (landscape vs portrait). Those images are archived separately and you will need to contact Rick McLay, director of Creative Services at 2736 (mclay@alfred.edu) to inquire about those additional images. There is also a separate folder dedicated to faculty/staff portraits, many of which were completed the week of Aug. 17, 2015.

BEFORE YOU DOWNLOAD

The primary use of many of these images is for Admissions and University Relations marketing efforts in both printed and web formats. In order to keep track of downloads (except for faculty/staff portraits), please contact Rick McLay (mclay@alfred.edu) or Judy Linza (linza@alfred.edu) with information on which images you are downloading, and where they are going to be used.

TO DOWNLOAD

Access to Gallery Server requires AU username/password to review images and to download in three formats: 1. Thumbnail (small image), 2. Web optimized (low resolution but full size), and 3. Original (high resolution). To download the image of your choice, use the download/share icon, which is the one on the left in the icon grouping above each image, and follow the directions.

ADDING PHOTOS TO THE AU PHOTO LIBRARY

We welcome the opportunity to obtain images from faculty and staff. Though much effort goes into documenting as many things as possible on campus, it is impossible to cover it all. When there are events such as art shows, or special lab/classroom activities that faculty/staff are photographing, we would very much like to review those images so that the library is as comprehensive as possible. Please contact Rick McLay if you have images that you think should be considered for this.

ATHLETICS PHOTOS

Current images of athletics events are available at (<http://gosaxons.com>). By contractual arrangement with the professional photographer, there will be a charge for athletics images. Mark Whitehouse, AU's Sports Information director (whitehouse.alfred.edu), is the contact regarding usage.

If you have any questions or suggestions for photos you want cataloged and included, please contact Rick McLay at mclay@alfred.edu or Ext. 2736. If a student requests access, please contact Rick McLay.

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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Jedi Academy program for area children

Jedi Academy with David Engel will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 23 at 1:00 pm at the Nancy Howe Auditorium at the David A. Howe Public Library, 155 N. Main St., Wellsville.

You are invited to learn the ways of the Jedi with Panniken Moonjumper, a true Master of Intergalactic fun and adventure. During this engaging program by veteran family entertainer David Engel (creator of the popular show Pirate School!) your little Jedi Warriors and Rebel Princesses will be delighted by comic antics, exciting physical challenges, magical mayhem, light saber lessons and a visit from his furry alien sidekick. The performance will be followed at 2 pm by a special showing of the 2008 film based on characters created by George Lucas. This library-sponsored concert is free and open to the general public.

Submitted by: Susan Goetschius

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Adolescents' Self-Concept

Derick William Whitcher will be defending his dissertation, "The Relationship Between Dyadic Parent-Child Cohesion and Adolescents' Self-Concept" next Tuesday, July 26th at noon in the downstairs classroom of the Powell Institute, 6 Sayles Street. Come join us!

Submitted by: Bethany Stiller

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