



# TEACHING WITH TECH

News from the Office of Distance Learning



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Office of Distance Learning wants to help you gear-up for the 2013 Fall semester. We are offering several instructional technology workshops in August, which will help you prepare for your upcoming courses. This month's newsletter reviews each workshop, so find one (or more) that you'd like to attend and sign up today.

Also, think about other suggestions for workshops you'd like to have in the future, and submit those today.

**HAVE A  
TECHNOLOGY  
WORKSHOP  
IDEA?**  
Click to submit it.

## NEW TECHNOLOGY SPOTLIGHT



### NEW STREAMING MEDIA SERVER

ShareStream is an Online Video Platform for uploading, editing, storing, managing and delivering video and audio content in a secure environment. ShareStream integrates with Blackboard providing to faculty and students (if granted the required privileges) the following features: upload of video, audio, and images; online video editing and clip trimming; ability to search and browse course media collections for the courses they are enrolled in. Students can submit video assignments for assessment. ShareStream automatically detects internet speed and adjusts playback speed. ShareStream also has the ability to perform digital rights management on media files.

We will be offering webinars and training sessions on how to use ShareStream. Our first session will be Friday, August 23 at noon. [Sign up](#) to attend.



### NEW BLACKBOARD FEATURES : ONLINE AND ON CAMPUS SESSIONS

Recently, we have updated our Blackboard server, and there are several new and improved features we would like to introduce you to. On Tuesday, August 6, we will have an online session at noon to review these features for online faculty and those who cannot attend the campus workshop. [Join the session today via Collaborate](#).

For faculty who will be on campus for the Fall Workshop, join us in Simmons Great Hall, Room C on Tuesday, August 20 to learn more about the new Blackboard features. No sign-up necessary. Check your Fall Workshop schedule for more details.

## TECH TUESDAYS & MORE

### **August 13: Introduction to Blackboard** **SBC Room 109, 1:30 – 3:30**

New to JBU or just trying to get started with Blackboard? Plan to attend this session to learn Blackboard basics.

### **August 15: Classroom & Presentation Tools** **SBC Room 109, 1:30 – 3:30**

This session will review our current technology available in most classrooms and introduce some presentation technologies (PowerPoint and beyond). Plus some new apps!

### **August 21: Expanded Session**

#### **SBC Room 109 or Online, 1:30 – 3:30**

If you were excited about the new features of Blackboard introduced in the breakout session, attend this expanded session for more details in implementing and using the features.

### **August 22 & 26: Open Lab Drop-In**

#### **SBC Room 109, 1:30 – 3:30**

Need some help with Blackboard, classroom technology, or a specific technology tool? Drop in during our open lab time for help. Can't come on the 22nd? Drop in on August 26 (8:00—4:30) in the Cathedral, Room 326, or via Collaborate.

View more details [here](#) or sign up for any of these workshops at <http://tinyurl.com/odlworkshops>

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