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Canvas is Main Topic May 14 eTeaching Day

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Canvas, Boston College's new learning management system, will be the topic of eTeaching Day on May 14, a daylong event hosted annually by Instructional Design and eTeaching Services (IDeS) on the use of technology in teaching and innovative technological solutions in pedagogy.

This year's program consists of three morning presentations on Canvas, a luncheon with a keynote address by Mizuko Ito, a cultural anthropologist on technology use, and presentation of the Teaching With New Media (TWIN) Awards recognizing outstanding use of technology by BC faculty. Afternoon workshops for new and current users of Canvas will complete the day.

Registration for the eTeaching Day luncheon and afternoon workshops ends tomorrow; the morning sessions are open, and no sign-up is required.

The University began implementing Canvas – which will replace Blackboard Vista – last September with a small pilot program, followed by another program this semester for a group of early-adopter faculty members. Full implementation is expected by this fall. IDeS describes Canvas as offering “more robust tools that interact in many ways to enhance teaching and student engagement.”

The eTeaching Day presentations on Canvas will be “Rethinking the Learning Management System” (9-9:50 a.m., Fulton 511), a Canvas interactive poster session (10-10:50 a.m., Fulton 513) and a panel discussion, “Inspiring Collaboration with Canvas” (11-11:50 a.m., Fulton 511).

Ito, the luncheon keynote speaker, teaches at the University of California-Irvine, where she is the MacArthur Foundation Chair in Digital Media and Learning and research director of the Digital Media and Learning Hub. She examines children's and youth's changing relationship to media and communications, and has written on educational software in *Engineering Play: A Cultural History of Children's Software*. Funded by a MacArthur Foundation grant, she has led a three-year ethnographic study on gaming, digital media production, Internet use and other youth new-media practices in the US.

TWIN Awards will be presented to: Carroll School of Management part-time faculty member Laura Foote; Earth & Environmental Sciences Department Laboratory Manager Kenneth Galli; Graduate School of Social Work Associate Professor Stephanie Berzin; Adjunct Assistant Professor of English Thomas Kaplan-Maxfield, and – representing the Connell School of Nursing – Associate Professor Judith Shindul-Rothschild, Clinical Instructor Jacqueline Sly and Clinical Assistant Professor Donna Cullinan.

“We are very much looking forward to this year's eTeaching Day,” said IDeS Director Cristina Joy. “Each one is special, but this one is especially exciting because it will be all about BC's new learning management system Canvas.”

To register for eTeaching Day, and to access links to information about Canvas, see www.bc.edu/eteaching.

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