# **Online Faculty Update** From the Center for Instructional Technology

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#### **Professor Jack Szpiler nominated for COD Award**

The tremendous creative work and talent that go into offering an online course will be honored at the Massachusetts Colleges Online 7th Annual Sharing Best Practices in e-Learning Conference. While it is recognized that every online course includes innovative teaching and creative uses of instructional technology, each MCO institution may nominate one course that demonstrates outstanding faculty innovation and online course practices.

The nominated courses will be recognized with a Mass Colleges Online Course of Distinction (COD) award named after the Bay State's unique association with the "Sacred Cod." Jack Szpiler of the Psychology Department has been nominated for this year's "COD" Award. **Congratulations Jack!** 



#### Summer Web Camp



Summer Web Camp is scheduled for June 1st to the 4th, and the 7th. If you are interested in putting your course online, please contact your department chair to see if you are eligible to participate in this exciting training. The Web Camp consists of five days of intensive

training that will prepare and introduce you to the tools and techniques that you need to put your course online at WSC. If you or your department chair has questions about Web Camp please contact Lynn Zayac at the Center for Instructional Technology.

## Web 2.0 Trainings

Schedule a one on one or depprtment training to learn more about the wonderful world of Web 2.0. Learn how to use great applications, such as Facebook, Twitter, Diigo, Google Aps, and many more exciting new tools. Please contact Lisa at lclark@wsc.ma.edu for more information.

# **Course Tune-Up**



Plato users can schedule time with CIT Staff for a course tune-up. Consider adding a podcast or a jing to your

course. Students love to hear your voice, and it also frees you up from typing out long detailed readings and instructions. You can also use the Jing tool to give a course tour and show the students how you would like them to proceed in your course.

### **Important Web Links**

**Onsite Student Support:** jaxenroth@wsc.ma.edu 24/7 Plato Student Support: platohelp.wsc.ma.edu/ Online Tutoring: cit.wsc.ma.edu/smarthinking/ Faculty Plato Support: lclark@wsc.ma.edu After Hours Faculty Plato Support: cit.wsc.ma.edu/helpdesk Faculty Resources: wsc.ma.edu/plato/FacultyNews.html

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