



# ED TECH NEWSLETTER

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## MEDIA NOTES, CASEMAP, LMO, AND LUNCH!

Join Educational Technology for our two Spring Programs (and lunch)!

On February 8th we will showcase CALI's [MediaNotes](#) software that allows instructors to annotate videos of students' lawyering exercises to provide feedback as they develop lawyering skills. With [MediaNotes](#), users can add notes and tags to videos to identify students' strengths and areas of improvement, and students can review this feedback on their own schedule. Join us as we explore new ways to use this exciting program.

On April 12th, LexisNexis Representative Ellen Padlick will join us to introduce the newest versions of [CaseMap](#) and [Lexis for Microsoft Office \(LMO\)](#).

Location: EW115A

Time: 12-1PM

[Click here to RSVP by 1/24/2011](#)

Because lunch is provided, please be sure to RSVP on or before the deadline.

## COLLABORATIVE WRITING PROJECT



[\(Click to watch the video.\)](#)

The Collaborative Writing project from Fall 2010 is complete. We've created a short video to demonstrate how we used Google Docs and Blackboard Vista to accomplish this with Professor McMorrow. This project was intended to fill two class meetings, hoping the students would use the time to engage in team learning by creating a memo that would advise entry level lawyers on legal ethics in a practice area. The areas were determined by Professor McMorrow.

Students were allowed to select their topic of interest and were placed into groups from there by filling out an entry survey created on Google Docs. This collaborative project would simulate the workplace – working with different people, different levels of proficiency, picking up where someone left off, etc. To accomplish this we created a shared space for each group, which also allowed Professor McMorrow access to drop in anytime, through Google Docs. From here the students had an opportunity to review each other's work by downloading a copy of another group's memo and then reposting it with comments and feedback by utilizing a Blackboard Vista discussion forum.

Finally, a final evaluation survey, also created in Google Docs, and revision history, another helpful feature in Google Docs, allowed for Professor McMorrow to obtain feedback on the collaboration, technology, and the overall assignment.



# ED TECH SURVEY: CAN WE HAVE FIVE MINUTES?

Ed Tech is currently seeking your input on what new projects to begin and where we can be of greatest help with your Ed Tech needs. If you have five minutes we've created a very brief survey to collect this information.

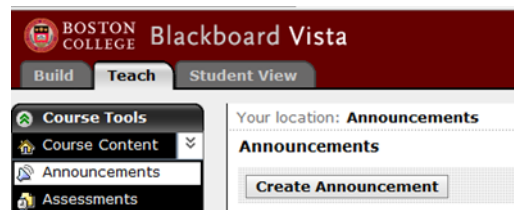
Thank you for your time!

Click here to  
TAKE THE SURVEY

## BLACKBOARD VISTA TIP: ANNOUNCEMENTS

Using the announcements tool in Blackboard can establish an easy way to communicate effectively with students by giving them one place to look for updates, providing them with a log of all course announcements throughout the semester, and effectively deliver information that could potentially get lost in the inbox or spam filter.

To learn more about how to setup announcements please click here for [print instructions](#) or a to see a [video tutorial](#) from IDeS.



## NEED TO RESIZE AN IMAGE QUICKLY?

[Resizeimage.org](http://resizeimage.org), may be for you. You can quickly increase or decrease an image size using this free tool – all you need is the image file and a connection to the internet. Save the file, after re-sized, and you can upload it as a new Blackboard icon or insert it in your documents.



## Blackboard Copyright Guidelines

*"Blackboard Vista provides a password protected environment, so the same Fair Use guidelines which apply to disseminating material in a class setting apply to posting material in Blackboard Vista. [BC's policy concerning copyright issues](#) is in accordance with U.S. Copyright Law as applied in the [Agreement On Guidelines For Classroom Copying In Not-For-Profit Educational Institutions With Respect To Books And Periodicals](#), stated under the instructions on [course reserves](#).*

*Use of copyrighted material on an academic website such as a Blackboard Vista course is not particularly clear cut. However, there are some [helpful guidelines available](#)." Read more from IDeS, [here](#).*

## Anytime Trainings and Consultations

We are available for trainings on Blackboard Vista, i>clickers, Wimba Voice Tools, and many other programs.

We look forward to helping to make your educational technology ideas turn into reality. [Contact us](#).

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