

New stories

Some of our recently released case stories that are available on our website include:

Intercultural Learning as part of the Integrative Learning Theme – Rona Halualani, a Communication professor at San José State, shares her process of incorporating and implementing integrative learning pedagogies and assignments to examine student engagement in diversity.

The *Just in Time Teaching* case story from San Francisco State showcases Karen Grove's approach in her "Introduction to Geology" class as a way to stimulate active and collaborative learning both inside and outside the classroom.

Community Service Learning – Two case stories – one in health professions from the University of Texas, Health Science Center in San Antonio and the other in a marketing class from Savannah State University – highlight how to integrate classroom instruction with meaningful community service.

New Themes in Development for 2009

During the 2009 year, seven theme leaders are being supported to create new ELIXR modules with 52 individual stories, for the following faculty development topics:

- *After the First Day of Class: Maintaining the Momentum*
- *Student Engagement: Designing Engaging Learning Activities to Support Your Course Goals*
- *Learning Styles and Multiple Intelligences*
- *Student Engagement: Developing Student Identity via Technology Tools*
- *Teaching Assistant Training*
- *Audience Response Systems*
- *Nurturing Student Creativity with Video Projects*

Background on ELIXR With support from the *Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education*, the ELIXR initiative aims to create nearly a 100 digital media resources that highlight innovative teaching strategies and related resource for use in faculty and professional development in higher education.

Summer 2009 Presentations

The ELIXR team and some of our key friends will be making presentations at three upcoming conferences: New Media Consortium Conference (Monterey, CA), Improving University Teaching International Conference (Vancouver, Canada), and the MERLOT International Conference (San Jose, CA). For more details, visit the Events page on ELIXR's website.

Pachyderm 2.1 Software

A new version of Pachyderm, an authoring tool used for ELIXR case stories, has been released and includes many new features including improved accessibility compliance for presentations. Take a look at the updated software by viewing First Day of Class story <http://pachyderm.cdl.edu/elixr-stories/1stday-slo>.

Evaluation Efforts are Underway

This spring, our ELIXR Faculty Development Fellows are busy utilizing and evaluating their use of digital case stories in faculty development efforts. The stories are being integrated into a variety of faculty development events, such as online workshop, ongoing brown-bag discussions, new faculty orientation, and traditional FtF workshops. Several workshops will include a pre- and post- survey to assess change. Contact Tasha Souza, ELIXR Faculty Development Lead, at tjs16@humnoldt.edu if you want more information.

Upcoming Releases

Case stories on *Assessment Rubrics*, *Creativity*, *Reimagining Learning Spaces*, and *Transforming Course Design* will be completed by August, so visit ELIXR's website throughout the summer to view these new resources.