

IDT Fall Newsletter

Greetings! The fall semester has begun. Welcome to new students and returning students! I hope everything is going well for you so far. We have a few announcements and items of interest for you.



Advising

Many advising questions are answered here (<http://www.sunyit.edu/idt/faq>) and elsewhere on that IDT website. Just as a review, you need to take the 3 core courses and 1 methods. The cores are offered one per semester, and this semester's core is IDT534. The Spring core will be IDT507. You also need to take a methods course that relates to the project or thesis you have planned. Most of our students take SOC534, Qualitative Methods (IDT Methods). That is being taught now and will probably be offered next in Fall 2011. If you plan to use quantitative methods heavily for your thesis or project, you can choose to take a different methods class instead, but very few students have chosen this route. On occasion, we offer other more specialized Internet research methods. Normally, we try to offer 2-3 electives in the summertime as well. Any faculty member can act as an Adviser- we do not assign specific people. This means it is your responsibility to get to know your professors and talk to them early about project/thesis topics. You are welcome to choose to work with the faculty member with whom you feel most comfortable. Also, our advising is so straightforward that students can often plan their program without much assistance. We have an advising session on Elluminate every semester as well (right before registration starts), in addition to offering office hours (in person, phone, email, or chat) for this purpose.

Items of Interest

- **Registration for the Spring semester begins November 15th. You will want to register early to make sure you get the classes you need.**
- Fall IDT Potluck Party. Save the Date: Wed., October 6th from 5-7. New Hartford. RSVP to Kathryn Stam (stamksunyit.edu). Casual attire. Friends and family welcome.
- Keeping in Touch. We usually send out information on this IDT listserv and the IDT Community Group in Angel. On occasion, we send news through individual classes in Angel. We also have a Facebook group (IDT Community) that you can join. We are on Twitter as well (#SUNYITIDT), and welcome some new activity there. Let us know if you have ideas for other ways to build our community or if you are not getting the information you need. Using your SUNYIT email address is a good way to make sure you stay in the loop.
- Welcome to Dr. Daryl Lee, who is new to the IDT Program and is teaching IDT 590 Critical Perspectives on New Media this Fall. We are so pleased he is joining us.

THESIS/PROJECT

Are you nearing time to start on your project or thesis? Here is a message from Dr. Steve Schneider, who is coordinating the theses/projects this year: Greetings! To all students & faculty listed as members of the IDT Thesis/Project group: I've started a discussion I'm calling "Reboot the Group" (Reboot the Group: 30Aug10-12Sep10) to give me some ideas about how to change the group to make it more effective for everyone involved. If you could take a few minutes to read through the message, participate in the student survey, and review the discussion, I'd appreciate it. If I haven't heard from you in a while, drop me a line to let me know how you are doing, and what is the next step on your thesis/project. If you are not a member of the group yet, feel free to join. To enroll in the thesis/project Angel group:

- Login to ANGEL, click on the Find a Group link in the Community Groups nugget.
- Select Thesis-project from the Category drop down box and click Search.
- Click on the Enroll by PIN link under the IDT Thesis/Project group. Enter IDT-thesis and click Enroll.
- You will receive a welcome message that you have successfully enrolled in the group.

- Return to your ANGEL homepage to access the group.
- The IDT Thesis/Project will be located in the Community Groups nugget. Follow announcements or click on "Content" to get started.

Faculty Activities

The IDT faculty has been busy this season going to conferences, doing research, and preparing for the year. Kathryn Stam has a new book out called Information Nation: Education and Careers in the Emerging Information Professions, published by Information Today. She also received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching this year. We will keep you posted on the other faculty publications, research, and activities as we hear about them.

Visiting Campus

You are very welcome to come meet with us on campus if you'd like. We have office hours and can make appointments upon request. You might want to keep an eye on the campus calendar for cultural and sports events, among other things. For example, next Wed (Sept 8th), from 4:30-6:30, there will be a reception for Amy Heiderich's High Peaks Photography Show and music by Dan Duggan, one of the finest dulcimer players and composers in the country. The event will be at the Gannett Gallery in Kunsela Hall. I hope to see you there.

- Spread the word about the IDT program to friends and

colleagues. We are always glad to send posters to workplaces, packets to possible inquiries, etc.

Students can follow-up directly with Maryrose Raab (mb_raab@sunyit.edu).

Thanks and best wishes for a terrific semester!

Kathryn and the IDT faculty

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