

News from the Washington, D.C. Office

National Campus Safety and Security Project Launched

EDUCAUSE has joined with NACUBO and several other higher education associations to launch a national campus safety and security project (<http://www.nacubo.org/x10053.xml>). The project team will conduct an 18-month study that will examine threats of every nature facing colleges and universities and develop guidelines for campus emergency management plans for prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Mark Luker, vice president of EDUCAUSE, underscores the importance of addressing campus threats through a multi-organizational effort:

EDUCAUSE, for example, has investigated cyber security and assisted institutions in solving related problems. Expanding on our past efforts in the most meaningful way to colleges and universities requires more of an enterprise approach.

We're looking forward to this opportunity to integrate the concerns and work of EDUCAUSE with those of our partners in the higher education community who represent other components of campus life.

Browse related information at the EDUCAUSE/Internet2 Computer and Network Security Task Force website, <http://www.educause.edu/security>.

EDUCAUSE Proposes New Approach to Broadband Development

In a report titled "A Blueprint for Big Broadband," EDUCAUSE proposed bringing federal and state governments and the private sector together as part of a new approach to making high-speed Internet services available across the country. The idea is to remove the burden from any one part of the economy while making certain that the benefits of a new advanced network service of 100 mbps will be available to all. For more information, read the

press release at <http://www.educause.edu/PressReleases/1176?ID=1544>.

Net@EDU Working Group Annual Reports Now Online

Annual reports for Net@EDU working groups are now available on each working group's website: Campus Cyberinfrastructure, <http://www.educause.edu/CCI>; Converged Communications, <http://www.educause.edu/CCWG>; Identity Management, <http://www.educause.edu/IDM>; and StateNets, <http://www.educause.edu/StateNets>.

EDUCAUSE and Internet2 Receive NSF Grant to Develop Collaboration Tools

The EDIT Consortium of EDUCAUSE and Internet2 has received a National Science Foundation grant for ongoing work in middleware, including identity and access management, and infrastructure that organizations use to verify and manage online user identity and access. See the EDIT Consortium at <http://www.nmi-edit.org/index.cfm> for more information. Browse related identity management resources at EDUCAUSE Connect, http://connect.educause.edu/term_view/Identity+Management.



James Hilton

James Hilton Appointed to EDUCAUSE Board

The EDUCAUSE Board of Directors has appointed James Hilton to a four-year term on the board. Hilton, who is vice president and CIO at the University of Virginia, is a strong advocate of collaboration between academic and technology cultures in university environments and has a long history of service to EDUCAUSE. Read the press release at <http://www.educause.edu/PressReleases/1175&ID%3D1560> for more information.

Also in the News

EDUCAUSE Now Premier Episode Launched

EDUCAUSE Now is a new monthly audio podcast that covers news, resources, people, and events related to IT in higher education. The premier episode, launched in March, focused on topics such as future learning, the help desk in higher education IT, net neutrality, big broadband, and peer-to-peer file sharing. Listen to past and current episodes, browse the show notes, and subscribe to the RSS feed at <http://connect.educause.edu/educausenow>.

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Three New ELI 7 Things... Briefs Published

The EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative (ELI) has released three new *7 Things You Should Know About...* briefs.

The "7 Things You should Know About Lulu" brief (<http://connect.educause.edu/Library/ELI/7ThingsYouShouldKnowAbout/45919>) examines the web-based self-publishing service, which provides online access to the tools an individual needs to design, publish, and print original material, including books, brochures, reports, calendars, and posters.

The "7 Things You should Know About Flickr" brief (<http://connect.educause.edu/Library/ELI/7ThingsYouShouldKnowAbout/46186>) examines the photo-sharing website where anyone can upload, tag, browse, and annotate photos, as well as participate in self-organizing topical groups.

The "7 Things You should Know About Google Apps" (<http://connect.educause.edu/Library/ELI/7ThingsYouShouldKnowAbout/46436>) brief describes Google Apps as a collection of web-based programs and file storage that run in a web browser. With Google Apps, sharing content is as simple as granting someone access, which facilitates collaboration, peer review of academic materials, and the collective generation of knowledge.

To learn more about the *7 Things You Should Know About...* briefs, as well as other ELI resources that are useful in addressing teaching, learning, and technology issues in the institution, visit the ELI Resources page at <http://www.educause.edu/ELIResources/10220>.

ELI Discovery Tools Now Available to All

The ELI Discovery Tools (<http://www.educause.edu/ELIDiscoveryTools/10564>) on blogging, podcasting, the Net Generation, and learning spaces are now available to non-ELI members. Discovery Tools are time-saving,

practical guides that equip people with the tools to achieve their teaching and learning goals on campus.

Two New Constituent Groups Form

EDUCAUSE invites subscribers to join two new online discussion groups: Emergency Communications (<http://www.educause.edu/groups/EMERGCOMM>) and IT Metrics (<http://www.educause.edu/groups/ITMETRICS>). The Emergency Communications CG is led by Andrew Vernon, University of Massachusetts Amherst. The IT Metrics CG is led by Martin Klubeck, University of Notre Dame. Browse the full list of constituent and discussion groups at <http://www.educause.edu/cg>.

Volunteer with EDUCAUSE: Committees, Events, More

The EDUCAUSE call for volunteers is now open. Participants may apply to be a committee member, conference proposal reviewer, session moderator, conference blogger, photographer, or as an ad hoc volunteer. To be considered in this year's volunteer cycle, apply online by May 15 at <http://www.educause.edu/VolunteerOpportunities/861>.

Atkins Receives Paul Evan Peters Award

The Coalition for Networked Information (<http://www.cni.org/>), the Association of Research Libraries (<http://www.arl.org/>), and EDUCAUSE are pleased to announce that Daniel E. Atkins, inaugural director of the Office of Cyberinfrastructure at the National Science Foundation and a distinguished professor in the School of Information and in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Michigan, has been named the 2008 recipient of the Paul Evan Peters Award. Learn more in the press release at <http://www.educause.edu/PressReleases/1175?ID=1568>.

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