

TO: Rebecca Davis, Associated Colleges of the South
FROM: Charlotte Ford, Birmingham-Southern College
RE: Activities Report, Integrating Information Fluency into the Curriculum
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In October 2001, a forum on Integrating Information Fluency into the Curriculum was held at Birmingham-Southern College. The forum brought together thirty-four individuals from 17 different disciplines (as well as from Academic Computing and the Library). A report on the forum and its results was filed with the ACS in December 2001, and a presentation on the forum was given at an ACS workshop in Atlanta February 2002.

In their evaluations of the forum, faculty and staff showed an interest in having technology workshops in several areas. Because some money was left over from the initial grant, the committee requested permission to use this money to fund workshops on advanced PowerPoint techniques, using FrontPage and FTP to create web pages, and using GIS software (see attached informational sheet). The initial plan was to offer the workshops in May of 2001, after classes had ended but before graduation. However, construction on campus meant that roughly a third of the faculty was moving their offices during that time, and so the workshops were postponed until the week before classes were to begin for the 2002-03 school year.

The workshops were offered on August 20 and 21, 2002. Each workshop was offered twice. Fifteen people signed up for FrontPage, nineteen for advanced PowerPoint, and seven for the GIS workshops. The instructors reported a positive response from participants, and general enthusiasm about being able to make better use of this technology in their work.

August Technology Workshops at BSC

If you'd like to enhance your technological skills by

- learning more about PowerPoint
- creating or updating your own web pages using FrontPage
- understanding more about Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

then start the year off right by signing up for one (or more!) of the following workshops:

(1) Advanced PowerPoint (led by Ben Whorton)

Review the basics of PowerPoint presentation software and learn how to use some of its advanced features. Time for hands-on practice will be included.

(2) Microsoft FrontPage (led by Geri Worley)

Learn the basic skills you need to create or update your web pages using FrontPage, and transfer them over to BSC's "panther" server.

(3) Intro to GIS (led by Stacey Thornberry)

Gain an overview of the capabilities of GIS; then spend some hands-on time working with the layering capabilities of the software.

Each workshop will be offered twice:

Tuesday, August 20

8:30-10:00	FrontPage (Library Electronic Classroom)
10:30 – 12:00	Advanced PowerPoint (Library Electronic Classroom)
1:00 – 4:00	GIS: a basic introduction (Olin 201)

Wednesday, August 21

8:30-10:00	FrontPage (Library Electronic Classroom)
10:30 – 12:00	Advanced PowerPoint (Library Electronic Classroom)
1:00 – 4:00	GIS: a basic introduction (Olin 201)

Please contact Brenda Bailey (bbailey@bsc.edu or x4657) to indicate the date(s) and session(s) you would like to attend (spaces are limited!)