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### **TeachU: Where Ohio's Educators Learn**

*"The networking element was incredible. I was able to draw up a plan and talk to some webinar attendees right after the session."*

Looking for new opportunities for your professional development? Interested in learning while networking and discussing topics with other educators? Attend the Ohio Learning Network's ([www.olin.org](http://www.olin.org)) TeachU ([www.teachuohio.org](http://www.teachuohio.org)) online professional development series without leaving your office. TeachU makes it easy for faculty to grow by providing simple and accessible webinars that present interesting topics, best practices, resources, visuals and provide opportunity for interaction. TeachU sessions are archived, so if you miss a webinar you can still learn from the session.

"The information shared was relevant, valuable, and timely," said a recent attendee.

Almost 400 educators attended TeachU webinars last year; 95% of attendees stated that they would attend a future Teach U session and 86% said they would be able to apply what they learned at their institution.

For more information on how to attend a webinar visit [www.teachuohio.org](http://www.teachuohio.org) or contact Heather O'Neil ([honeil@olin.org](mailto:honeil@olin.org); 614.995.3240).

### **2006 – 2007 TeachU Webinar Schedule**

**December Building a Cooperative Marketing Program (Part Two of a Two-Part Series)**

Presenter: Jim Vutech, Conrad, Phillips and Vutech Marketing Firm  
December 7th, 2006: 10:00-11:30 am

Member campuses will be invited to participate in a Cooperative Marketing program with OLN. Information gathered from the previous session will be used to present ideas and solutions from Conrad, Phillips and Vutech, OLN's marketing firm. Matching funding from OLN will be provided for the cooperative marketing program.

**January OLN Spotlight: Open Source, Learning Communities & E 4 ME**

Presenters: Cable Green, Sheryl Hansen, George Steele: The Ohio Learning Network  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007: 1:00-2:30 pm

This session will spotlight three OLN programs: open source, learning communities and E 4 ME. Join us to discuss the growth, benefits, changes, and challenges with these OLN efforts.

**March Virtual Worlds: A Three-Part Session**

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007: 12:30-3:30 pm

**Part One: Virtual Worlds for Educators**

Presenter: Michele Dickey, Miami University

See examples of how various virtual worlds are being used for education as well as provide low cost and easy-to-use resources for educators to create their own environments.

**Part Two: Exploring the Virtual Center for Emergency Preparedness: Fighting Fire with Pixels**

Presenter: John Bowditch, Benjamin J. Schneider: Ohio University

This demonstration will allow participants to actively explore the Burn Building portion of this first responder simulator. The tour will cover production decisions, instructional design, and academic merit.

**Part Three: Creating Teaching Aids in Synthetic Worlds**

Presenter: Dr. Chang Liu, Ohio University

Synthetic Worlds have great potential for teaching and learning. Discuss how to develop engaging, effective learning tools in these environments. A few existing teaching aids in Second Life will be shown.

**May**

**Some Telling Experiences: Engaging Students through Digital Storytelling**

Presenters: Rebecca Andre, Karen Diaz, Cindy Gray: The Ohio State University

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007: 2:00- 3:30pm

This session provides an introduction to Digital Storytelling from multiple perspectives: instructor, visual designer, eLearning consultant, and librarian. Elements of Digital Storytelling will be explored through examples from graduate and undergraduate courses, a personal tale, and a historical piece. Preparing a Digital Story means collecting images, participating in a Story Circle, recording audio, and editing with software.

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TeachU is an initiative of the Ohio Learning Network (OLN) ([www.olin.org](http://www.olin.org)), a consortium of 74 member colleges and universities promoting and supporting e-learning in the state of Ohio. OLN is an initiative of the Ohio Board of Regents. OLN helps Ohioans access higher education and helps build partnerships among higher education, schools, businesses and communities in the state of Ohio.