New Blackboard Features
Wednesday, September 18, 12:30 – 1:30 pm ET
Online in Collaborate

Description
Blackboard has released a series of new features over the last year that offer many benefits to both face-to-face and online instructors:

- **Online assignment grading** allows you to view, markup, and grade students’ work from within your Internet browser.
- **The calendar tool** helps to keep students on track with key due dates and can be integrated with other electronic calendars they use.
- **Updated discussion board settings** encourage students to post original replies and stimulate more interesting conversations.
- **Advanced testing options** give you more control and information about students’ testing experiences.

In this online session, held in Collaborate, we will review each of these features and discuss ways that you can use them to save time, support learning, and increase your communication with your students outside of class.

Topics

- **Brief intro to Collaborate** (5-10 min)
- **Online assignment grading** (15 - 20 min)
  - Annotating documents
  - Giving grades and feedback
  - Student view of graded assignment
  - How to set up an assignment in Blackboard
- **Updated discussion board settings** (10 minute)
  - Show how to force students to post original replies
  - Due dates for discussions
  - Student view of participating in a post first discussion
- **The calendar tool** (10 min)
  - Student view of calendar
  - Accessing the calendar from My Blackboard
  - Adding the calendar to the course menu
- Adding manual events

- Advanced testing options (5 - 10 min)
  - Viewing test logs
  - Adding test exceptions for a student or for a group
  - Preventing students from starting the test if the due date has passed.
  - Changing when students see different types of feedback.

- Q&A