



## Important Dates for Spring Quarter 2012

- **Monday March 26** Spring Classes Begin
- **Friday March 30** Last day to add classes for Spring Quarter
- **Monday April 9** Last day to drop classes with no penalty
- **Tuesday April 10** Grades of "W" assigned for classes dropped on or after this day
- **Friday May 11** Last day to withdraw from Spring classes
- **Friday June 8** Spring Quarter Ends

## Spring 2012 Five-Week and DCM Courses

If you need six credits next term, or a broader range of FX competences, don't forget these online courses available this spring:

**First five weeks** (can be taken for 1 competence/2 credits only)

- FA 105 Essentials of Compensation Management (H3B, FX)
- FA 260 Essentials of Project Management (H2X, FX)
- FA 110 Essentials of Training (H2X, FX)
- SW 361 Intro to Computer Productivity (S5)
- AI 282 Leisure for Well Being (H3F)
- DCM 318 Social Justice (H4)
- DCM 316 Work in a Global Environment (H5)

**Second five weeks** (can be taken for 1 competence/2 credits only)

- SW 361 Intro to Computer Productivity (S5)
- AI 282 Leisure for Well Being (H3F)

**DCM** (can be taken for 1-2 competences)

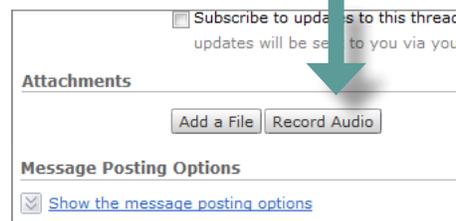
- DCM 308 Introduction to Statistics (S2X, FX)
- DCM 304 Evolving Professional Ethics (A4, FX)



# Tech Talk

Did you know that you can leave voice messages for people in your online classes in Desire2Learn? You can record up to 60 seconds with greetings, comments, questions, examples, or anything you want to share. All you need is a microphone, including one that's built into your computer.

In any discussion post, click the **Record Audio** button on the bottom:

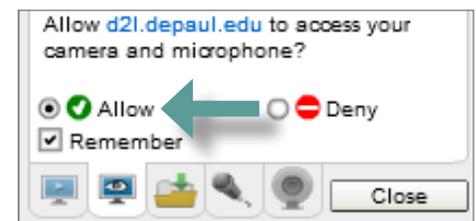


Click the **Record** button and once the timer starts to move, start talking! The Record button changes to **Pause** once you get started; just click it again to stop the recording.



You may have to change your computer settings, to allow D2L to use your microphone. Click **Flash Settings** and check the two boxes to allow d2l.depaul.edu to do that, and to remember it so you don't

have to set it up again. Problems? Call TSC at 312-362-8765.



If you don't like what you recorded, you can clear it and start again. To upload it into your post, click **Add** on the bottom right of the window.



Once you get your computer set up, you can use this in any online class. It's a great way to add your presence and enrich your experience.

## SNL Professor Engaged in Action Research in Adult Education in Kenya

Dr. Gabriele Strohschen completed the second phase of a collaborative action research project on the ground in Nyanza Province, Kenya, Africa with Bondo University College (BUC). She initiated this project in November 2009. She invited Dr. Ray Masha to join her on a visit to meet with Kenyan colleagues and kick off the design for a Centre for Excellence in Education during a think-tank activity in Nairobi.

During November and December 2011, Dr. Strohschen resided in the village of Bondo, engaging in interviews with community members, business leaders, NGO representatives, students, and university colleagues.

The vision of the project is two-fold: engaged stakeholders sustain the socio-economic infrastructure in Bondo wherein the local university provides a hub for formal and non-formal education via a Centre of Excellence in Education. Multiple programs, activities, and projects will be developed, with an initial emphasis on educating and training young men and widows. In tandem with community stakeholders, the action research identified local assets and needs in order to develop relevant programs for adults. Dr. Strohschen then designed programs and proposal to meet those needs.



*Mama Sarah Obama with Gabriele Strohschen enjoying the presentation of an original t-shirt designed by Chicago artist Kym Thomas.*

Dr. Strohschen also continued her service work with local orphanages, making plans with “Mama” Sarah Obama and her team and with Dr. David O’Kong’o of the

House of Hope to garner support for their orphanages and AIDS Clinics.

## SNL Online Faculty Accomplishments

**Michelle Navarre Cleary** recently published an article about SNL’s Writing Workshop course, called “How Antonio Graduated on Out of Here - Improving the Success of Adult Students with an Individualized Writing Course.” The full article is available through the DePaul Library at <http://tinyurl.com/89mm6gv>.

**David Simpson** recently submitted an article to the Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy a (<http://www.iep.utm.edu/>) on the British philosopher and classical scholar Sir William David Ross.

**Beth Rubin** is presenting two papers at the 2012 Annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, held April

13–17 in Vancouver, Canada. She is working with colleagues Ron Fernandes and Maria Avgerinou, examining the effects of Learning Management Systems on students and faculty outcomes. This research looks at the technology used to teach a course and teaching behaviors, and how these factors affect teaching presence, social presence, cognitive presence and satisfaction. The two presentations are called “Community of Inquiry and the Effects of Technology on Online Teaching and Learning” and “Measuring Faculty Community of Inquiry and the Role of Technology.” This conference had 11,000 proposals submitted.

# Meet the Operations Staff of SNL Online



**Shirin Kadwani, Associate Director**

I am the Associate Director of Operations, Marketing and Planning at SNL Online. I oversee student and faculty support, conduct data analysis, and manage projects. My undergraduate degree is in Information Systems and my master's degree is in Public Service Administration with a concentration in Higher Ed. Administration, both from DePaul. I am a certified Project Management Professional and a Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist. I have been working at the School for New Learning since the start of the online program in 2001. I have seen the program evolve and grow over these years. I find my work at SNL very fulfilling and I look forward to implementing new solutions to improve the student and faculty experience. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, listening to music and spending time with my family. I also enjoy shopping and traveling.



**Tony Cadena, Sr. Administrative Assistant**

I am the Senior Administrative Assistant at SNL Online in charge of course scheduling and course contracts. I have a BS and an MS in Applied Mathematics from DePaul University. I am also a part-time faculty member with the School for New Learning. I am currently working on an MS in Computer Science. In my spare time, I enjoy playing guitar, going to baseball games and tennis matches.



**Janine Komornick, Coordinator, Student Support Services**

I am a "double demon" (meaning, I graduated twice from DePaul). I have a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a concentration in Health/Human Services and Master of Science in Public Service Management with a concentration in Philanthropy/Fundraising both from DePaul University. I have been working for SNL Online since July 2005 and handle online student and faculty administrative support. I monitor the SNL Online email account 3x a week and alternating weekends. I also send out important quarterly email information to online students and faculty and collect the content for the SNL Online Newsletter. I also teach the Learning Assessment Seminar on campus and facilitate the



**Carli Thompson, Student Worker**

I am currently a full-time student at DePaul University majoring in Psychology with my concentration in Human Development. I am also pursuing a minor in Sociology. I have been working part-time for SNL Online since October 2011. I assist the online faculty administrative support team and maintain the online email accounts and surveys. I monitor the SNL Online Zoomerang account three times a week, scan contracts and send out textbooks to instructors. When I'm not working or in school, I am an active participant in clubs and activities on campus. I was the Homecoming Assistant for the 2011 DePaul Homecoming Committee and am a Best Buddy for a student who has a developmental disability at North Side Learning Center. When I'm not on campus I like to visit my family and friends

## New Faculty Teaching In Spring

**Lisa E. Holk** is an educator and natural medicine consultant, with a doctorate degree in naturopathic medicine. As an educator she has taught courses in medical sciences and complementary modalities. As a consultant she works with those who experience chronic health problems caused by metabolic dysfunctions, autoimmunity, allergy, environmental assaults, and nutritional deficiencies. Lisa will be teaching The Chronic Illness Experience in spring.

**Nora Murphy** is the Director in the Academic Success Center in the DePaul College of Education. Nora will be teaching DCM 310 Thinking Critically in spring.

**David Valadez** has been a staff member at DePaul since 2003; having worked previously in the Controller's Office, he currently is a Financial Analyst in the Office of the Provost. He earned his MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern

University with focuses in Management & Strategy, Marketing, International Business and SEEK. Email: [dvaladez@depaul.edu](mailto:dvaladez@depaul.edu). David will be teaching DCM 308 Introduction to Statistics in spring.

**Carrie Shearer** has her Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling from the Rehabilitation Institute, at Southern Illinois University, as well as a Bachelorette of Science in Psychology from Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. Ms. Shearer has an extensive background in a broad repertoire of social service, health care and academic agencies, with skill sets focused on program development, vocational assessment, market analysis/sales, ethics, counseling and classroom instruction with a wide variety of audiences. Carrie will be teaching DCM 304 Evolving Professional Ethics in spring.

## DePaul Career Center

Walk-in Advising: Career advisors are available for walk-in appointments. For more information, please visit <http://careercenter.depaul.edu>

Resume Drive-Thru: Every Wednesday, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm and 4:30 - 5:30 pm.

Practice Interviews: Call 312-362-8281 to arrange.

On-Campus Interviews: See <http://depaul.experience.com> and click on Jobs and Internship Search.

Visit the MyTwoCents blog at <http://mytwocentsdepaul.com/> for insight on career, financial and life.

Sign up for Career Center events at <http://depaul.experience.com>

## SNL Online Fun Facts

### Did You Know????

- SNL's undergraduate program has been fully available on the Internet since 2001. In fall 2008, 39 percent of SNL students were taking at least one class online. Students from around the world can take classes and meet with advisors via the Internet and phone.
- Since 1998, more than 4,400 students have earned bachelor's and master's degrees through SNL.

- SNL was named one of six "Best Practice" institutions in North America by the Chicago-based Council for Adult and Experiential Learning.
- In his book *Lifelong Learning at Its Best* author William Maehl cites SNL for its comprehensive advising component, which he says is key to the educational process.
- The Houston-based American Productivity and Quality Center has touted SNL

for its individualized education of adult students.

- The average student is 38 years old and almost 90 percent attend classes part-time.

For more fun facts & stats about DePaul University, please visit: <http://www.newsroom.depaul.edu/DePaulFactsStats/index.html>





### Externship: Mindfulness Meditation Retreat at Starved Rock State Park

SNL Online students are invited to participate in this unique hybrid Externship course. Pre-registrations for the Fall 2012 section of the course will be accepted by Michael Skelley ([mkskelley@depaul.edu](mailto:mkskelley@depaul.edu)) starting in May. This course involves a four day retreat (October 4–7, 2012) at the beautiful Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center in Utica, IL (1.5 hour drive from Chicago). Starved Rock Lodge sits high atop a wooded bluff overlooking the Illinois River in the magnificent Starved Rock State Park. There will be a fee of \$700 for the retreat, in addition to the 4 credit hours of tuition for the L-10 and L-11 competencies. All the other pre- and post-retreat learning activities will take

place online during the Fall 2012 quarter. Enrollment is limited to just 20 students and it is necessary to pre-register with Michael Skelley well in advance. Check the [syllabus](#) for the course for additional details.

Mindfulness meditation practices are simple, relaxing, yet powerful ways of developing your mind so that you can be more fully and freely engaged in your daily experiences. The approaches to mindfulness meditation that you will learn in this course are related to Buddhist traditions, but also draw from contemporary insights in neuroscience and psychology. No prior experience with meditation is necessary for this course.

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