

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Overview of ePortfolios, Including Student Voices

A workshop by Dr. Helen Barrett
REAL ePortfolio Academy for K-12 Teachers



Friday, October 21, 2011 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm, Sky Room, Holmes Student Center

The first session of the workshop, "Balancing the Two Faces of ePortfolios," will focus on the two different approaches to e-portfolio development: workspace vs. showcase, process vs. product, portfolios-as-assessment-for-learning/improvement vs. portfolios-as-assessment-for-accountability. Learning portfolios focus on reflection and strategies to support metacognition: "capturing the moment" with mobile devices, blogging/reflective journals for in-depth reflection, and digital storytelling. The workshop will include a discussion on using electronic portfolios as part of a comprehensive assessment management system supporting both paradigms of assessment for continuous improvement and accountability.

The second session of the workshop, "Electronic Portfolios and Your Digital Identity," will focus on explaining how an ePortfolio is a collection of students' work and their reflections on their learning and growth over time. This session will include a discussion with the participants on the similarities and differences between social networking and ePortfolio development, the importance for students to build their own digital identity as part of career development, and why Forbes Magazine predicts one's online presence will replace resumes in 10 years. The power of using a variety of digital technologies to help tell the story of students' personal, academic, and professional achievements will also be discussed.

The workshop presenter, Dr. Helen Barrett (Retired, College of Education, University of Alaska-Anchorage) has been researching strategies and technologies for electronic portfolios since 1991. Dr. Barrett publishes a website <http://electronicportfolios.org> and has published numerous book chapters and articles on electronic portfolios. Dr. Barrett teaches educational technology for Seattle Pacific University, consults internationally on the integration of ePortfolios for Learning and Digital Storytelling in K-12 schools and higher education, and is an Apple Distinguished Educator and a George Lucas Educational Foundation Faculty Associate. In 2011, Dr. Barrett established the *REAL*(Reflection, Engagement, Assessment for Learning) *ePortfolio Academy* for K-12 teachers, providing online courses for individuals and assessment/planning support for K-12 institutions.

Tentative Agenda is as follows:

8:30 am	Check-in and Refreshments	10:45 am	Electronic Portfolios and Your Digital Identity
9:00 am	Balancing the Two-Faces of ePortfolios Definitions, Portfolios for lifelong learning Balancing the Two-Faces Peter Ewell's 2 Paradigms of Assessment Identity Development and Online Professional Branding ePortfolios and Metacognition: Reflection Motivation and Engagement Digital Storytelling and Reflection Q&A		Social Networking and ePortfolios Purpose of Lifelong Learning Process Focus on Reflection Identity Development and Online Professional Branding Web 2.0 and Mobile Tools Collecting Capture the Moment Reflecting, Blogging and Tweeting Digital Storytelling and Q&A
10:30 am	Break	11:45 am	Conclusions and Workshop Evaluation

Registration Information

The workshop is open to NIU administrators, faculty, staff, teaching assistants, and interested students. Advanced registration is required. Registered participants will receive workshop materials, refreshments, and a certificate of participation. If you do not wish to receive a certificate, please indicate while registering for the workshop. Register online at: <http://www.niu.edu/programs/10212011am.shtml>

Registration Deadline: October 11, 2011

Due to the expensive nature of the program and the advanced notice needed for arranging food and materials, please register by the deadline and plan to attend the entire workshop, if you register. After you register, if you are unable to attend, please inform the Center by **October 18, 2011** by emailing to facdev@niu.edu so that those on the waiting list may be given the opportunity to attend the workshop or program costs can be reduced.

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Implementation of ePortfolios: A Conversation

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REAL ePortfolio Academy for K-12 Teachers

Friday, October 21, 2011 from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Sky Room, Holmes Student Center

The first session of the workshop, "Managing Complex Change," will include discussions on questions related to the implementation of electronic portfolios as complex change, such as visions for implementing electronic portfolios at NIU, skills needed by faculty and students to effectively implement electronic portfolios, incentives required to motivate the integration of technology more fully into teaching and learning, and preparing for the implementation of electronic portfolios, helpful resources for the integration of technology and successfully implementing electronic portfolios, and action plans for preparing to implement electronic portfolios.

The second session of the workshop, "Supporting ePortfolio Implementation on your campus," will include a summary of the various points made during the day and recommendations for implementing electronic portfolios, from the perspectives of faculty, students, and the planning committee.

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Tentative Agenda is as follows:

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| 12:30 pm | Check-in and Refreshments |
| 1:00 pm | Managing Complex Change
Vision, Skills, Incentives
Resources, Action Plan, and Q & A |
| 2:30 pm | Break |
| 2:45 pm | Supporting ePortfolio Implementation on Your Campus
Summary of Faculty Presentation "Balancing the Two Faces of ePortfolios"
Summary of Student Discussion "Electronic Portfolios and Your Digital Identity"
Summary of Discussion "Managing Complex Change"
Recommendations, Q & A |
| 3:45 pm | Conclusions and Workshop Evaluation |

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The workshop is open to NIU administrators and faculty. This workshop is designed more as a conversation and discussion and will include a summary of the morning session. Register separately for morning and afternoon sessions. Registered participants will receive workshop materials, refreshments, and a certificate of participation. If you do not wish to receive a certificate, please indicate while registering for the workshop. Advanced registration is required. Register online at: <http://www.niu.edu/programs/10212011pm.shtml>

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