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### **CCNMTL HOSTS 4th NEW MEDIA IN EDUCATION CONFERENCE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

New York—October 30, 2008. The Columbia Center for New Media Teaching and Learning (CCNMTL) hosted its fourth New Media in Education Conference on October 17, 2008 at Columbia University. *New Media in Education: Connecting a Global Community* was designed to engage faculty and instructors in a dialogue on the best practices of pedagogy and technology and the future possibilities of an interconnected classroom.

Over 200 faculty, instructors, and other interested parties attended presentations by CCNMTL staff and faculty partners representing the schools of Law, Journalism, Continuing Education, and Social Work, the College of Dental Medicine, Columbia University Libraries, the Earth Institute, Barnard, and Columbia's Copyright Advisory Office.

Presenters addressed the challenges and successes of using technologies such as simulations, wikis, and multimedia case studies and provided examples of their use at Columbia University. Featured projects included the Millennium Village Simulation, the Global Classroom, Multimedia Case Studies for the Journalism School, e-portfolios for the College of Dental Medicine, and the Southside Chicago Documentation Project. Workshops were also held throughout the day and included information on iTunesU, top Web 2.0 tools for education, and Sakai, a course management tool that will replace Columbia's current system next fall.

About the NME 2008 conference, CCNMTL executive director Frank Moretti said, "It is our pleasure to co-present with our faculty partners, and to demonstrate what we believe to be exceptional projects and learning opportunities from the past two years. This biennial event has always been a major highlight in CCNMTL's history."

In addition, attendees were able to meet CCNMTL's directors and educational technologists to learn more about the support available to them as they consider the use of technology in their classrooms.

Video recordings of the event are now available on Columbia on iTunes U located at <http://itunes.columbia.edu>. For more information about the conference, please visit: <http://ccnmtl.columbia.edu/nme2008>.

#### **About the Columbia Center for New Media Teaching and Learning (CCNMTL)**

CCNMTL's mission is to enhance teaching and learning through the purposeful use of new media and technology. We form partnerships with faculty, providing them with as much support as they need in everything from the construction of course Web sites to the development of advanced projects. We are committed to remaining a leader in our field, engaging our faculty partners in the reinvention of education for the digital age.

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