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- NIPRNet (.mil) PCs
- Special Collections, Archives, Exhibits
- Quiet study spaces
- Collaborative study spaces
- Classrooms with regular lunchtime workshops
- Classified Documents Center (SCIF) w/ SIPRNet
- Academic Wireless (campus-wide Wi-Fi)
- Printers and scanners

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Collections



- **Over 500,000 physical items—books, government documents, research reports, DVDs, audiobooks**
- **100+ subscription databases covering an array of research topics**
- **20,000+ electronic journals, newspapers, and market reports**
- **150,000+ eBooks; many are downloadable**
- **40,000+ unique digital archives (NDU student papers, CJCS papers, NDU Press, etc.)**

Special Collections & Archives



- **Archives of military leaders**
- **Collections and papers from half of the retired Chairmen of Joint Chiefs of Staff**
- **Collections from 6 of the retired Supreme Allied Commanders of Europe**
- **Extensive unique collections from the recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan**
- **Exhibits throughout the University are created by the Library staff**
- **Grant Hall's historic courtroom, site of the 1865 military tribunal of the Lincoln assassination conspirators**



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The *convergence of information and technology* necessitates the Library Directorate and Information Technology Directorate collaborate to provide a centralized, synergistic hub of aggregated and enhanced information- and technology-based services.

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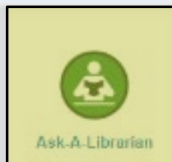
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Academic Technology Team

Mission Statement

The Academic Technology Team (A-Team) supports all NDU faculty, staff, and students through management and administration of the enterprise learning management system (LMS) and oversight of design, development, and delivery of related professional development and learning assets leveraged in support of University-approved academic technologies.

Welcome

Greetings to all NDU faculty, staff, and students! We are the Academic Technology Team, or "A-Team" for short. We are proud to be part of NDU's Information Technology Directorate (ITD), and our passion is helping you get the most out of academic technologies leveraged within NDU's learning ecosystem. The A-Team are a group of educational technologists, instructional designers, and IT specialists who strive to support you in all facets of technology-enhanced teaching and learning. We operate by four main tenets when it comes to academic technologies:

1. Academic technologies at NDU are **supportable**.

The academic technologies with which we work must be compliant with all DoD, DISA, and NDU requirements and regulations. We can help you with University-approved tools, hardware, and services that meet these guidelines. The A-Team is also happy to help you determine if we are able to support you with new digital innovations and/or applications in which you may be interested.

2. Academic technologies at NDU are **accessible**.

The academic technologies we support are not component-specific. We will do our best to meet everyone's respective and individual needs, but our focus is on enterprise software and ubiquitous University hardware. We operate on an empowerment model whereby we help develop the skills of NDU faculty, staff, and students to better meet the demands of today's digital learning spaces.

3. Academic technologies at NDU are **ergonomic**.

A great deal of consideration and thoughtful planning determines the hardware, tools, and applications. NDU purchases and supports. Academic technologies and/or digital innovations must be a good fit for the University's technology infrastructure, and we can help you determine which tools might best support your teaching and/or learning mission within the larger NDU learning ecosystem.

4. Academic technologies at NDU are **secure**.

Software and hardware that interact with NDU networks must comply with all DoD, DISA, and NDU cyber security as well as appropriate usage guidelines. We do not support the storage of controlled unclassified information (CUI) and/or personally identifiable information (PII) on any enterprise academic technology system or application. We can, however, help you securely store and share your information in compliance with NDU requirements through leveraging appropriate tools and services.

Who We Are

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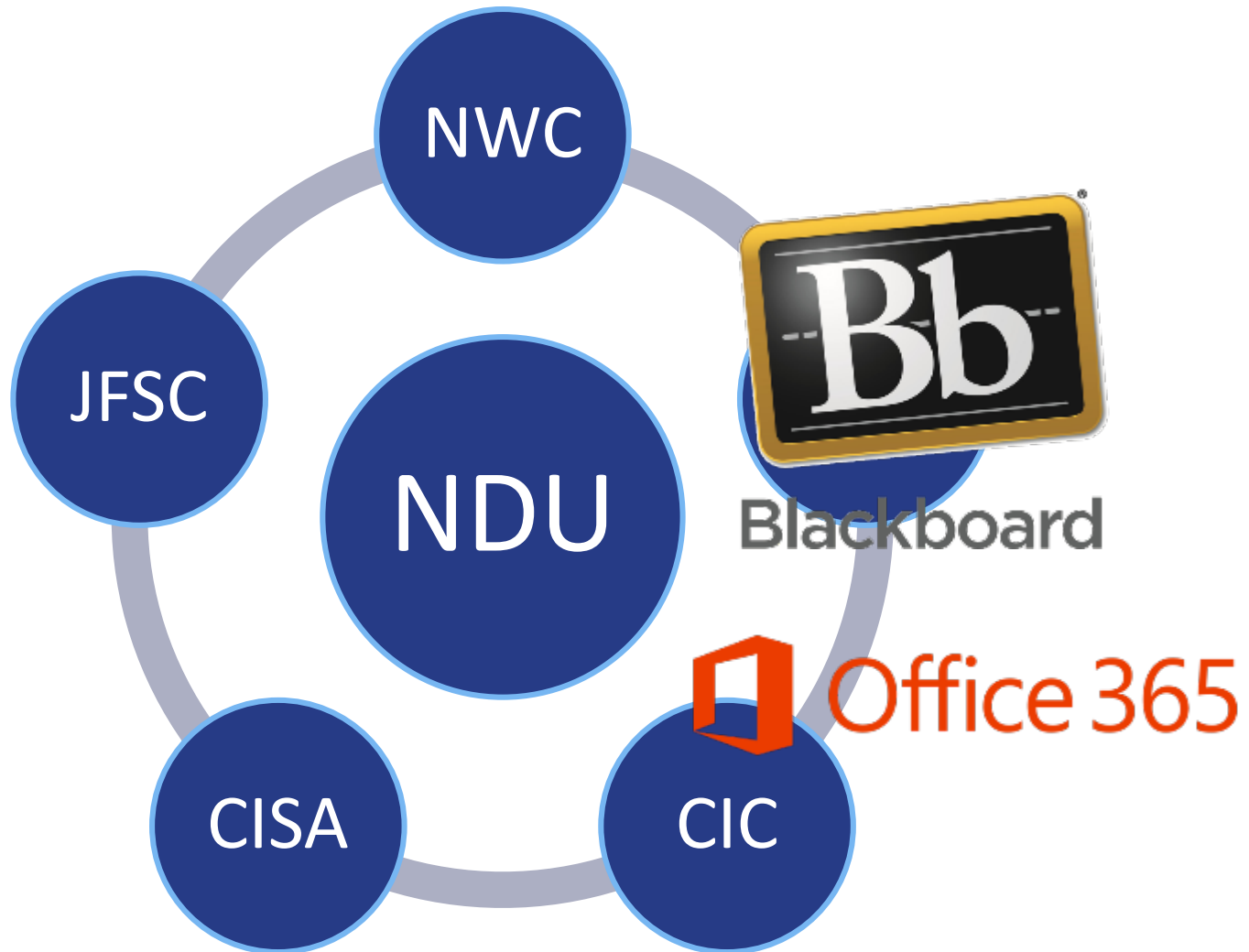
Joseph DiPietro, Ph.D., PMP, serves as the Chief of Academic Technologies here at National Defense University. He and his team oversee the day-to-day operations and professional development for digital learning systems and educational software applications across all NDU components. Joe is a former public school teacher, instructional designer, and university professor with a passion for all things educational technology-related. He has over 18 years of experience in managing the planning, delivery, support, and evaluation of online, blended, and face-to-face learning experiences in federal, private sector, postsecondary, and public education environments.

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Current Learning Ecosystem



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- NDU's learning management system
- Supports face-to-face learning
- Mediates hybrid/blended education
- blackboardhelp@ndu.edu



Office 365



- Provides your NDU email address
- Student ↔ student collaboration
- Faculty ↔ student collaboration
- Contact Service Desk @ **202.685.3824**

The Student Experience



Foundational

- 1 workshop/week focused on enterprise systems (e.g., Bb Learn, O365)
- Blackboard 101 (see next slide)

Workflow

- Video recordings of regularly scheduled workshops
- “One-sheeters;” tutorials

Performance

- Individualized support by walk-in and/or appointment
- Visit <https://ndu.libguides.com/A-Team> for more information



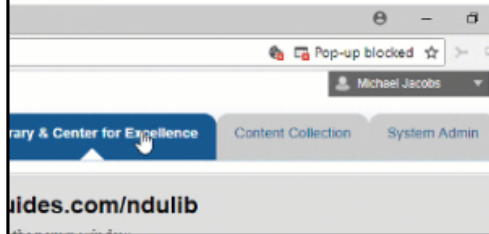
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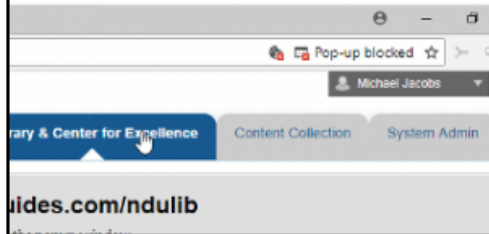
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This learning asset was developed to promote Blackboard Learn focused professional development for NDU students. Both novice and experienced users in need of a refresher are equally served through engagement with this self-paced content.

Materials are broken up into four independent modules. These include:

1. **Getting Started:** Introduction and insight into Blackboard Learn, its navigation and tools.
2. **Deliverables:** The basics of creating and submitting the different types of assignments your professor may ask you to provide.
3. **My Grades:** How to view and monitor your course progress and view grades and feedback.
4. **Communications:** An overview of Blackboard Learn Tools focused on facilitating communication.

This content is self-paced and asynchronous, there are no time restrictions regarding completion. You can access these materials as often as you like, and modules and lessons can be viewed in any order. Materials are available to you on-demand and are grouped under the module headings in the left-hand course menu.

- Optional; self-enroll if interested
- Get the most out of Bb Learn
- Modular, on-demand content
- Targets new and novice users



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If your writing doesn't keep you up at night, it won't keep anyone else up either.

— James M. Cain


Jeffrey Turner



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The Writing Center

Mission Statement

The Writing Center supports the NDU community in its efforts to enhance the writing and critical thinking skills of its joint warfighters and other national security leaders. We fulfill this mission through teaching courses, conducting workshops, and providing one-on-one instruction at every stage of the writing process.

Welcome

Hello, students.

Welcome to NDU! As Writing Center instructors, we are here to assist you in completing your writing assignments. Whether the project is large or small, we are here to listen, offer guidance, and provide strategies and approaches for producing your best writing.

Here are a few points we would like you to remember as you immerse yourself in writing:

- **Writing thrives in a supportive environment.**

People who write often describe their most conducive writing environment and the steps they take in creating it. Some writers write while listening to soft music. Others prefer writing while facing a window. Others write during quiet hours at their kitchen table. Writing Center instructors here at NDU aim to offer a safe and supportive space for you as you write. So, refer to Writing Center faculty by their first names. Come in. Sit comfortably. Discuss your writing openly — its successes, challenges and everything in-between. **The Writing Center is a place for conversation and dialogue.**

- **Writing is a process.**

Writing is difficult work. Period. As writing center faculty, we encourage you to view writing as more of a process than a product. The five main steps of the writing process are prewriting, organizing, drafting, revising, and proofreading. Revising might be the toughest stage as you prepare to rethink, restructure, and rewrite your findings and analyses. American author Verlyn Kickenborg said it best when he said, **"All writing is revision."** Writing Center faculty are here to help you through every stage of the process from prewriting to revising and proofreading.

- **The Writing Center is for ALL writers.**

Although writing centers have been around for decades now (over thirty years), they remain tasked with the duty of ridding themselves of labels such as "fix-it" clinics or remedial labs for "bad" writers. Even the best authors tell stories of tossing out entire manuscripts and starting over only to repeat the process several times at the demand of and with the assistance of editors and publishers. In actuality, **writing is a practice.** Hardly anyone gets it "right" the first time, and the Writing Center is here to assist **ALL** writers in the journey.

What We Do

- **One-on-one consultations**

We meet with students in the Writing Center to assist them at every stage of the writing process. While faculty do not proofread or edit

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Writing Center Services



- **Every stage of the writing process**
- **Brainstorming, mapping, outlining, rough draft, organizing**
- **Including quotations and paraphrasing**
- **Editing and revision**
- **Editing your own writing and peer editing**
- **Global editing vs proofreading**
- **Workshops & conferences**
- **“Embedded” Writing Centers within components**



Services

Library

- Access to vetted information resources
- Research assistance
- Information literacy instruction

Information Technology

- Service Desk assistance

Academic Technology

- Blackboard Learn
- Office 365
- Technology integration and usage

Writing Center

- Writing assistance
- Platform & communication skills
- Writing for publication

Providers



Research Librarians

ITD Technicians

Academic Technology Team (The A-Team)

Writing Instructors



“...ever since the beginning of my administration I have issued directives to gather, in every feasible way, ***the information required to protect the United States*** and the free world against surprise attack and to enable them to make effective preparations for defense.”

General Dwight D. Eisenhower

President of the United States of America,
1953 –1961

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