



## Sakai Newsletter

March 23, 2006

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#### 1. Sakai Conference Registration

Registration is now open for the 5th Sakai Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, May 30 to June 2, 2006.

For more information about the conference visit:

<http://www.sakaiproject.org/vancouver/>

Please note: We have upgraded our conference site to work with our new user accounts system for [sakaiproject.org](http://sakaiproject.org), which is designed to minimize the number of user logins/accounts used on the [sakaiproject.org](http://sakaiproject.org) and other Sakai-related sites. If you experience problems creating an account or completing registration, please let us know.

To Register:

1. Go to <https://sakaiproject.org/conference/registration/>
2. Create a New account (New users only)
3. Activate your account (New users only)

4. Login (If you created an account for the Sakai Requirements Voting, you will use the same login. )

Once you log in, you can register for the conference, add your photo to the Sakai Facebook, and complete the Call for Proposals process. If you find bugs, please report them here: [http:// bugs.sakaiproject.org/jira/browse/WEB](http://bugs.sakaiproject.org/jira/browse/WEB)

We look forward to seeing you in Vancouver!

- Susan Hardin

## Position Openings

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### 2. Executive Director, Sakai Foundation

The Sakai Foundation, established in December 2005, seeks an extraordinary individual to fill the position of Executive Director. The Sakai Foundation is the organizational home of the Sakai community of institutions and commercial affiliates, the Sakai and Open Source Portfolio software, and facilitates development effort for open source learning and collaboration software. With over 100 educational and commercial members, the Sakai Foundation is a thriving community of developers and educators who are working together to design, create and support open source software.

The Executive Director will foster and facilitate community engagement in the Sakai Foundation and will coordinate the design, development and communication activities of the Sakai community. He or she will facilitate the ongoing work efforts across the entire project, and will collaborate with peer projects to foster interoperability. The Executive Director is responsible for the successful planning and operations of the Sakai Foundation, managing a purposefully small staff, and managing the financial resources of the Foundation.

Depending on the circumstances of the successful applicant, this position could be established in a number of ways, including:

- as a grant to an existing organization, with an agreement to second the employee to the Sakai Foundation, if the successful applicant wishes to remain where they are;
- as a personal consultancy directly with the Sakai Foundation;
- or potentially, as a position at the University of Michigan. If the latter, this would be a limited term appointment funded by a grant from a UM project. The successful candidate would be seconded to the Sakai Foundation for the duration of their employment.

The position description can be found at:  
<http://www.sakaiproject.org/jobs/director.pdf>

Resumes and confidential questions should be submitted to:  
[Exec-dir@collab.sakaiproject.org](mailto:Exec-dir@collab.sakaiproject.org)

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### 3. Open Source Implementation Specialist

Pacific Lutheran University has a position opening for Open Source Implementation Specialist to support our Sakai implementation.

General Description: Fosters and promotes deployment and use of open source teaching and learning tools. Provides technical leadership and support for university open source application deployment, integration, and system support. Works collaboratively with Web Development Team, Learning Management System Support, and Systems & Networking to support open source applications such as learning management systems (e.g., Sakai), web content management systems, and other teaching and learning tools. Designs, develops, and maintains local open source applications integrating a variety of web resources.

For more info: <http://www.plu.edu/~humr/jobs/open-source.html>

## Talks and Presentations

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### 4. Joseph Hardin will speak at the University of Detroit Mercy

Joseph Hardin will present the keynote address, "An Introduction of Open Source and the Sakai Open Source Collaboration and Learning Environment: the Theory and the Practice," at the Emerging Educational Technologies: Trends and A Look Ahead Conference. The conference is being presented by University of Detroit Mercy and Lawrence Technological University.

Date: March 27, 2006  
Time: 11:30am–4:30pm



Location: University of Detroit Mercy, Architecture Exhibition Hall, Loranger  
Architecture Building 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit, Michigan

For more information, visit: <http://research.udmercy.edu/ids/conference306/>

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## 5. Unicon Presents Sakai Collaborative and Learning Environment at TechEd Conference

PHOENIX, AZ - March 20, 2006 -- Unicon, Inc., the leading independent provider of open source-based enterprise portal, collaboration, learning, and integration technology for higher education institutions, will be exhibiting and presenting the Sakai Collaborative and Learning at the TechEd International Conference and Exposition in Pasadena, CA this March 27-29, 2006. The company will be exhibiting its latest open source and community source technologies at its booth #238 during the entire exhibition and will also sponsor a

There will be a 1-hour hands-on computer lab to provide academic instructors with an opportunity to experience Sakai through software training designed to enhance education. For more information or to register for the computer lab, visit [www.unicon.net](http://www.unicon.net)

Location:  
Pasadena Conference Center  
300 East Green Street  
Pasadena, CA 9101  
Room 211  
Time: 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

### About the Presenter - Patricia Wolfe

Ms. Wolfe has over twelve years of experience in corporate training and project management, working with companies such as Dell computer, Motorola, and Thomson Learning. Ms. Wolfe's expertise in Sakai extends from the instructor tool suite through Sakai functional administrator. Ms. Wolfe currently works with universities around the United States to deliver Sakai training and consulting services.

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## 6. Unicon Offers Sakai Tools Developer Training Seminar in Boston

Unicon, Inc. will be holding a Sakai Developer Training seminar in Boston, MA on April 18-20, 2006. The 3-day training course will provide an overview of Sakai tool development using JavaServer Faces (JFS) technology and include a series of exercises based on a real-life Sakai environment. The seminar is targeted to developers from schools and corporations who are interested in learning to develop tools for Sakai. For more information or to register for the training, visit [www.unicon.net](http://www.unicon.net)

Training Seminar Topics Include:

- Introduction to Sakai
- Overview of the Sakai Platform
- Installing the Sakai Kernel Bundle
- Developing Sakai Tools
- Cloning Exercise
- Accessing Sakai Services
- Services Exercise
- Developing Sakai UI Components
- JSF Exercise

Location:

MicroTek Training Center  
25 Burlington Mall Road  
Burlington, MA 01803 (17 miles from Boston)

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## 7. Events

### 5th Sakai (with OSP) Conference in Vancouver

May 30 - June 2, 2006

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Boston MA

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