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Quick Facts

- The project has been funded by curriculum enhancement grants.
- The site will offer iPad instructional information to Winthrop fine arts faculty, art education students and educators in the region.

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA -- Fine arts faculty collaborated this summer to produce a new site for educators that demonstrates the educational uses of the **iPad**.

Professor Mark Hamilton and **Assistant Professor Seth Rouser** have developed a new website that focuses on the best-demonstrated practices utilized in arts instruction within the classroom. The site will provide iPad instructional information for Winthrop fine arts faculty, Winthrop art education students, and educators throughout the region in conjunction with the **Winthrop University-School Partnership** and **NetSCOPE** (Network of Sustained, Collaborative, Ongoing Preparation for Educators) project. Hamilton and Rouser worked with fine arts education faculty Laura Gardner to help link the site to art education students and teachers as the site is launched.

The purposes of this project are:

- 1) To expand the use of advanced technologies by visual arts educators at Winthrop that began with the Fine Arts Technology Initiative by providing teaching resources that will aid in instructional improvement and curricular enhancement.
- 2) To assist in preparing Winthrop art education students in their internship experiences as they help serve specific needs in K-12 art classes, for example, with lessons involving technology.
- 3) To provide support and professional development in the uses of technology for school-based art teachers.
- 4) To strengthen and formalize relationships between the Winthrop art education program and our partners in the schools as we work together to meet the evolving needs of the art classroom.

Key content elements of the site include sections that:

- Illustrate free iPad apps and web tools available to educators.
- Illustrate how and where to archive and store files on the iPad.
- Illustrate how to document artwork and create a digital portfolio on the iPad.
- Demonstrate ways to show the iPad on a projection screen or computer monitor.
- Explain iPad operations and where to find manuals.
- Include application specific video art tutorials for use with the iPad.

The site also provides information about the purpose of the site and project; a link to students' images from the **Department of Fine Arts**; a link to the Department of Fine Arts website; and a link to the Department of Fine Arts blog where educators can find out more about what is happening in the department that might be of interest to them and their students.

The project has been funded by:

- 2014 Curriculum Enhancement Grant / Instructional Improvement Grant for Arts Instructional iPad

Website. (Professor Mark Hamilton and Assistant Professor Seth Rouser)

• 2014 Curriculum Enhancement Grant / Instructional Improvement Grant for Partnerships to integrate digital technology. ([Associate Professor Laura Gardner](#))

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