

**MERLOT** (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching at [www.merlot.org](http://www.merlot.org)) is an open, leading edge, user-centered, searchable collection of peer reviewed online learning materials, catalogued by registered members, and a set of faculty development support services. MERLOT's strategic focus is on serving the needs of higher education yet teachers and learners at all levels of education engaged in both formal and informal teaching and learning are welcome members and contributors to MERLOT. MERLOT's vision is to be a premiere online community where faculty, staff, and students from around the world share their learning materials and pedagogy.

**MERLOT** maintains its currency through ongoing and continuing communication with its worldwide supporters in a variety of ways, including the annual MERLOT Conference, the *Journal of Online Learning and Teaching* (JOLT at <http://jolt.merlot.org>), member publications, news, and our MERLOT Voices website (<http://voices.merlot.org>) to enable MERLOT users to communicate with others. MERLOT's open access Content Builder tool now enables any MERLOT member to build, post, and catalog their open educational resources to share with the world.



### MERLOT and You

- Create your own personal profile in MERLOT.
- Find the right materials faster with our improved browse and search.
- Find experts and peers in the online teaching community through our services.
- Personalize MERLOT services to get the resources and communications you want.
- Create your own course materials with Content Builder.
- Share your expertise easily; build relationships with peers who value your expertise.
- Participate in building a free and open educational community for the world.
- Receive recognition for your contributions to the MERLOT community.
- Become a Peer Reviewer for MERLOT.

### MERLOT Agriculture Editorial Board

The MERLOT Agriculture Editorial Board is responsible for the MERLOT Agriculture collection, the Peer Review of Agriculture materials, and the MERLOT Agriculture Community. MERLOT Agriculture features:

- Over 300 Learning Materials,
- Over 200 Registered Members,
- Over 70 Peer Reviews of Agriculture Learning Materials, and
- 8 Agriculture Peer Reviewers.

To become an Agriculture Peer Reviewer, contact Mark Rieger at [mrieger@ufl.edu](mailto:mrieger@ufl.edu)

Come join MERLOT and contribute to the future of high quality online learning at: <http://www.merlot.org>



*"When we review online learning materials, we bring professional recognition to the site authors and thus encourage them to further development of learning materials. I enjoy the collegiality, dedication, and professionalism of my fellow math editors." (Danny Davis, Professor and Math Peer Reviewer, Shorter College)*

## Be Recognized as a MERLOT Peer Reviewer

Our Peer Reviewers are part of an international community of discipline experts who are recognized for their knowledge and proficiency in their fields. You can join this elite group of content experts who critically evaluate teaching and learning materials with the MERLOT Peer Review Process.

### We'll Help You Become a Peer Reviewer

We're by your side as you begin the Peer Review process, starting with your enrollment in GRAPE (Getting Reviewers Accustomed to the Process of Evaluation) Camp. Once you complete GRAPE Camp, you will be mentored by an Associate Editor as you conduct a Peer Review on a learning material in your discipline. Serving as a Peer Reviewer enables you to become more familiar with the types of learning material available; in fact, many Peer Reviewers say it helps them be better teachers themselves. You'll also be recognized with a letter of appreciation at the end of the year.



### Join Us for GRAPE Camp

MERLOT is committed to improving the effectiveness of teaching and learning by expanding access to high quality teaching and learning materials that can be easily incorporated into faculty-designed courses. In order to insure quality, materials available through MERLOT are peer reviewed. Peer Reviews consist of an evaluation of the material's **Quality of Content, Potential Effectiveness as a Teaching Tool, and Ease of Use.**

GRAPE Camp is an online webinar that will walk you through the steps in the MERLOT Peer Review Process. You will participate with a group of instructors from the U.S. and other countries. All the information you need to conduct the review, as well as documentation is provided. After completing GRAPE Camp you will be ready to complete a review in your discipline area.

You can find out more information about GRAPE Camp and see the current schedule for sessions at:

<http://taste.merlot.org/peerreviewer.html>. If you have questions, contact [cathy@merlot.org](mailto:cathy@merlot.org)

## MERLOT – Get Engaged with Teaching

- Over 23,000 Teaching Materials
- Over 84,000 Members
- Personal Collections
- Member Comments
- Learning Assignments
- 22 Discipline Portals
- Virtual Speakers Bureau
- Content Builder

### What Do Peer Reviewers Do?

Members of the Editorial Boards are, like you, integrating the best of educational technology with their teaching practices.

- As a Peer Reviewer, you will learn to:
  - Evaluate high quality interactive learning materials.
  - Solicit and post learning materials and assignments.
  - Develop Personal Collections to easily access materials
- To become a Peer Reviewer you must:
  - be an instructor at an institute of higher learning,
  - be recognized for excellence in teaching,
  - have experience using technology in teaching, and
  - have participated in your discipline association(s).

