

Supercourse Newsletter
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Dear Friends,

"There's no disaster that can't become a blessing, and no blessing that can't become a disaster"
Richard Bach

This has been a most hectic period of time. You can find disaster lectures at our Supercourse site in the upper right hand corner. The lectures on hurricanes and disasters are very nice, we have to thank Ali and Eric. It has been a rather surreal time. I asked Eric to give the Cutler lecture here in Pittsburgh and then in a rather manic state asked Eric if he wanted to teach a million. Eric is not much different than I so he said yes. We sent us a beautiful lecture on disasters which he will be presenting Sept. 29. Mita sent it to Eugene in Russia, and it was put on the web on Aug. 26, on this day we sent the PowerPoint slides to you. I love to joke and made a rather morbid joke to Mita saying, you know what would bring the most attention to Eric's lectures?... A disaster. Amazing, and very sadly on Aug. 29 Katrina struck. I felt very guilty about this. However, this powered the Supercourse and the disaster lectures into the world. It was scary, and the effort took hold such that millions of people now know about the Supercourse. In some ways the horror of Katrina helped to educate millions about disasters. During the past few weeks we have learned much about how to disseminate disaster information.

Web Casting: We would love to have you join the web cast of Dr. Noji's lecture. Here are the instructions to see if you are able to obtain the lecture. Please try it out. We would love for you to join in.

Viewing Pitt Media Site Live

The University of Pittsburgh Center for Instructional Development and Distance Education (CIDDE) provides web media services to the university community.

1. Check the overview of Pitt Media Site and introduction on their home page.
2. View the introductory video on the bottom of the page
3. If this works correctly on your computer, you are all set to accept our streaming lecture.
4. If you experience difficulties with this sample web cast, check the system help and FAQ here.
5. Firewall Blocking—our media server software broadcasts may be blocked by network firewalls. If you get an access error viewing the sample video you may be behind a firewall. The rule change you will need is to open port 3306 to our server at the 136.142.65.243 IP address.

Sir Doll Memorial lecture

We proudly announce the Sir Richard Doll memorial lecture. Dr. Sean David took the initiative to develop an outstanding lecture. Dr. Mita Lovalekar from our team oversaw the development. Sir Richard Doll was one of the first medical researchers who confirmed the link between smoking and lung cancer. He was one of the world's most highly regarded researchers and teachers. His proof of the link between smoking and lung cancer is responsible for saving millions of lives. Sir Doll passed away in July 2005, at the age of 92 years.

Dr. Patricia Buffler has kindly sent us a PowerPoint presentation by Sir Richard Doll at UC Berkeley. Also, Dr. Avasarala from India has sent us a memorial lecture for Sir Richard Doll. We have received messages from more than 50 people with great suggestions for the lecture, with many articles, pictures and URLs. We thank all of them. We are proud to give you all a set of

lectures that you can use to present about Dr. Doll. We would appreciate any comments that you may have.

Please view these lectures at:

Memorial lecture by Dr. Sean P. David

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec20491/index.htm>

Presentation by Sir Doll

www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec20471/index.htm

Memorial lecture by Dr. Avasarala

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec20481/index.htm>

The House of Shack

Autumn is coming in Wexford. The crickets are screaming at this time of year. We have a new BIG deer floating around our yard. We call him "the Shack" of Bridgebook Lane. He wanders around like he owns our property. "Shack" greatly disturbs our dog Benson, Benson, weighing in at 15 kilos is not match for 100 kilo Shack. Jan's mother gave us some lovely plants, Shack moved right in, and Benson went nuts. Finally I went out and yelled, Shack looked at me with Jan's mothers plants being a Caesar's salad dripping from his mouth. We do not own our property, Shack does.

Knowledge is going to make you stronger. Knowledge is going to let you control your life. Knowledge is going to give you the wisdom to teach their children. Knowledge is the thing that makes you smile in the face of disaster.

Avery Brooks

Come See the Web Cast!!

Ron, Eric, Faina, Mita, Soni, Eugene, Ali, Julia, Arlene, Saida, Sunil, Tom

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