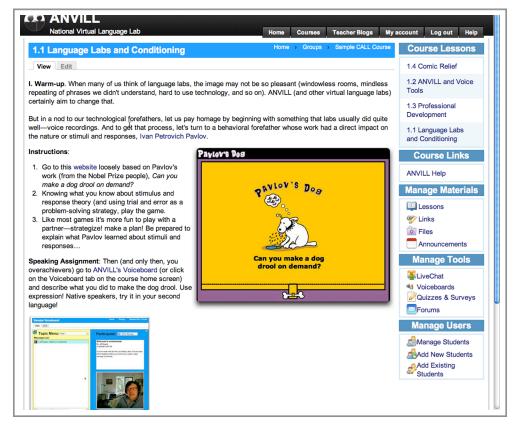
# YAMADA LANGUAGE CENTER

# Winter 2009 Update

- ...I'm looking for an easy way to incorporate multimedia in my web-based teaching.
- ...My high school has never had a language lab, so my kids have little opportunity to practice outside of class
- ...I'd like to teach my grad students about CALL, but it's hard to find speech tools they can take with them.



## **ANVILL 2.0 Released**

http://anvill.uoregon.edu

For the past year YLC has been working on a software toolbox called **ANVILL** (A National Virtual Language Lab) that addresses many of the issues raised above by language teachers in the last few years. Like the language lab console of old (now gladly gone from PAC 119), ANVILL is focused on providing interesting and comprehensible task-based language practice. But being web-based, it goes many steps further.

Thanks to a variety of templates ANVILL makes it easy for faculty to create media-rich web pages like the one above. It also greatly simplifies the process of assigning and assessing spoken language. Besides its own A/V communication tools (Voiceboards, Livechat, Student Recorder, etc.), ANVILL easily accommodates other media content and web-based resources such as blogs, wikis, and podcasts.

Thanks to our partners at the Center for Applied Second Languages (CASLS), we are able to offer ANVILL for free to all UO language faculty. This flyer has a brief overview of its features. If you're interested, contact Jeff Magoto at YLC to set up an account. We're offering two ANVILL workshops this term, **January 23** (Building an ANVILL Course) and **February 13** (Working with Media in ANVILL) from 3-5 p.m.

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Voiceboards is built in, making it easy to assign different kinds of spoken language tasks.

### **ANVILL** features

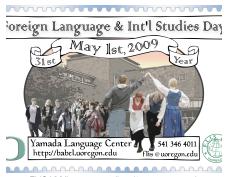
- Ad-free and secure audio-video tools for chatting, messaging, voice recording, and quizzing
- Easy creation and design of webbased course material
- Simple course management tools: a UO CRN is not required
- Unlimited storage of faculty files, graphics, and media
- Incorporates other web-based language resources; works inside Blackboard
- Handles multiple media types
- Includes its own audio and video players
- Built for language teachers by language teachers
- Free (GTFs can take ANVILL with them)



Kaori Idemaru, new faculty in EALL, does research on speech production and perception.

#### LANGUAGE TEACHING

- Two recent faculty hires reinforce UO's strengths in linguistics, technology, and language teacher training. Kaori Idemaru, EALL, couples her background in Japanese language pedagogy with linguistic research on speech production and perception. Dr. Idemaru comes to the UO after spending three years at Carnegie Mellon. Deborah Healey, AEI, is an internationally-known expert in Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) and the former director of the English Language Institute at Oregon State. Dr. Healey has more than 30 years experience in the English language teaching field. Welcome (back) to them both!
- Enrollments in World Languages
  Academy six language courses are
  expected to exceed 900 this year. Firstyear Sahaptin and Norwegian have been
  added to first-third year classes in Arabic,
  Korean, Portuguese, and Swahili.



FLIS XXXI poster-call us if you want one!

### SERVICE/OUTREACH

The call for presentations is now out (see insert) for UO's Thirty-First Annual Foreign Language and International Studies day.

This is the largest "foreign language event" in the state, and the UO's largest academic outreach initiative—we expect more than 1600 high school students and teachers on May 1, 2009.

And we need your enthusiastic support!

We're asking faculty and GTFs to give future Ducks a memorable experience—the chance to connect with you! By sharing your expertise in language, literature, cultural studies, art, dance, music, etc., you're creating a glimpse into the future, yours and theirs.

Interested? Sign up online, or use the enclosed form. For more information, contact **Michelle Keiser**, FLIS coordinator <fiis@uoregon.edu>.



The venerable language lab console was removed this summer—good riddance!

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

The University and the College of Arts and Sciences continue to support YLC's efforts to modernize and expand its IT infrastructure. Recent investments have allowed YLC to purchase 10 new computers for its labs, Windows software, 30 new headsets, and a new media server to support our virtual language lab efforts. The Keithan Lounge and Pacific 110 and 111 classrooms are getting better AV and computer capabilities.

We've also been able to partner with Information Services and Media Services to bring two new Flash Interactive Media servers online; these servers form the basis of all of our speech-based software efforts and will permit new kinds of interactive applications.

Finally, thanks to various donors, we've been able to upgrade some fundamental technology in Pacific 119 and 115—new tables and chairs!

FLIS is coming: May 1, 2009



**GARY TRENDLER, NEW IT CONSULTANT.** While he's no stranger to Pacific 113 regulars, we're pleased to announce that Gary Trendler has joined YLC's professional staff as an IT consultant and manager of our computer assisted language learning labs. Gary's 30 years of experience as a photographer, designer, and multimedia producer will be a tremendous asset to faculty and students alike who are grappling with the complexities of computer technology. Besides working closely with World Languages Academy faculty, Gary <gnt@uoregon.edu> will be looking at ways for YLC to evolve and re-define its labs and core technologies in the digital era.