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Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2009 *Connect*!

Within our large and diverse University, astounding achievements are occurring in an array of disciplines, reaching from the Washington Square campus to across the globe. And innovations in technology are happening everywhere at NYU, throughout our schools, colleges, programs, departments, centers, and in Information Technology Services (ITS).

This issue of *Connect* offers a look at some of the fascinating work taking place every day at NYU, and the innovative ways in which information technology (IT) is being used to accomplish it. Our contributors — researchers and administrators from many different fields and Schools, as well as ITS — represent a wide range of responsibilities. Their articles demonstrate the remarkable extent to which IT has become a strategic asset at NYU, benefiting every member of our University community, advancing research and learning, supporting administrative efficiencies, and enhancing existing collaborations and enabling new ones.

Beginning with this issue, *Connect* is moving away from print distribution to a primarily online format, becoming a web-only publication. This means that our online presence will become more robust, taking full advantage of the multimedia potential of the web, while also retaining options under which you can download and print your own copy. We hope you find the transition a smooth and useful one.

In this new format, *Connect* will continue to celebrate the contributions to information technology at NYU, and to foster the purpose of ITS, which remains to connect people — to other people, to their work and studies, and to the information, training, and technical resources they need to achieve their goals.

— Marilyn A. McMillan

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About *Connect*

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