

## Lea E. Williams

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**From:** varenfro@ncat.edu  
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**To:** Lea E. Williams  
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You're very welcome, Lea. Thanks again for supporting the project. Online UNST courses used the eReading Rooms regularly this past academic year, and they are now a requirement for all UNST online courses. We also piloted Elluminate Live! software this past semester, which allows for desktop sharing among students and faculty, live video conferencing, and a host of other pedagogically significant capabilities. I had a guest speaker in Belfast talking with Dean Graves and myself and a couple other faculty members, and it was very educational for us all, and I'm trying to get together a global guest speaker list. It seems if faculty members joined their collective connections then we would have a considerable list of speakers to choose from, if they would agree, and it would cost no money, as I envision it.

Unfortunately, the website that allowed for lectures to have questions attached at any point in the audio file has since gone out of business, and the site where the files were actually hosted has started charging. But, these problems can be worked around.

I have a hypothesis I'd like to test sometime in the future, if funding is ever available again. Not the best time to look for that now, though, I'm pretty sure.

Thanks again.

Virgil