Meet Our Team

NANSLO Montana Lab

Brenda Canine is the NANSLO lab manager at Great Falls College Montana State University in Great Falls, Montana. She has also been an adjunct instructor at GFCMSU teaching microbiology and chemistry. Before joining the NANSLO team, she was a research scientist at the McLaughlin Research Institute studying the genetics of neurodegenerative diseases. Canine holds a Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences and a B.S in chemical engineering and has experience working in private, government, and industry labs.

NANSLO British Columbia Lab

Albert Balbon is the architect of the Remote Web-based Science Laboratory (RWSL) used to deliver university-level lab exercises to students via the Internet. His RWSL work has garnered international attention and is at the core of the North American Network of Science Labs Online (NANSLO). Launched in 2011, NANSLO serves multiple institutions and is capable of delivering RWSL to students around the world.

Balbon is also the supervisor of distributed learning at North Island College in British Columbia, Canada. In that role, he is responsible for the planning of resources and the successful implementation and ongoing evaluation of e-learning technologies and also acts as an expert resource on issues involving e-learning technologies. Balbon has been involved with distributed learning at North Island College for 30 years.

Balbon was recognized for his excellence with a British Columbia Innovation Award in Education and Technology in 2006 and a Canadian National Staff Excellence Award from the Association of Canadian Community Colleges in 2010. In December 2014, Balbon was honored with second place in the Discipline Award in Natural Sciences in Philadelphia at the Wharton-QS Stars Awards 2014: Reimagine Education.