

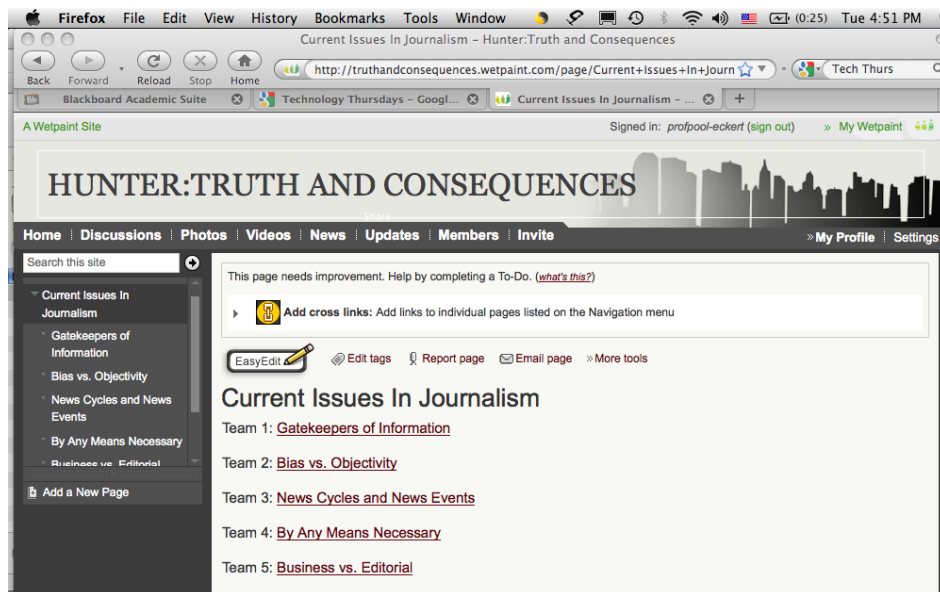
## What is Wetpaint?

Wetpaint is a free site that can be used to create public or private wikis. In addition to allowing users to post text, audio, and video, Wetpaint has features that can help create a sense of online community, such as personal profiles for wiki contributors and threaded discussion boards. Wetpaint also allows you to create templates for wiki pages, to customize the look and navigation of the site, and to view the contributions made by each site member. **NOTE:** Unfortunately, the free version of Wetpaint currently contains ads in the sidebar.

## How can Wetpaint enhance teaching and learning?

Wikis are good tools for group projects, collaborative writing, collaborative problem solving, and for creating shared course resources such as glossaries or annotated bibliographies. Wikis can also be good tools for showcasing or publishing student work online. Each wiki page in Wetpaint has an associated threaded discussion board, which can help students collaborate as they work together to create a page. Because Wetpaint has features that go beyond a simple wiki, some instructors have chosen to put their course materials on Wetpaint and use it as an alternative to learning management systems such as Blackboard. Examples of how Wetpaint has been used in higher education can be found here:

<http://wikisineducation.wetpaint.com/page/Higher-Ed+Wikis>.



## How can I get started with Wetpaint?

Wetpaint can be accessed at <http://www.wetpaint.com/>. After you sign up for a Wetpaint account, you will be able to create as many Wetpaint sites as you would like. Online help is available at <http://www.wetpaintcentral.com/>. For additional assistance, please contact our educational technologists at [edtech@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:edtech@hunter.cuny.edu).