

Second Life Inventory:

What is Penn State doing with Second Life?

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Summary:

Penn State has a significant presence in Second Life. We have four islands linked together - you will find a much more detailed list below. Although there is a large presence in Second Life, there isn't as much variety of uses. The vast majority of the space is utilized as a virtual meeting space. There are numerous informal and formal meeting spaces available in the PSU Islands. These range from beach chairs overlooking the ocean to detailed conference centers. The other major area of use is in information dissemination including streaming video, audio, text, images, links to external websites, etc. The entire second life experience is engaging and interactive; however, the Penn State Second Life experience so far has not involved any interaction with other SL citizens. The islands have been mostly deserted.

Penn State Berks Island is probably the most mature space. The buildings have a high level of detail and there is a fair amount of information available throughout the space. Many of the virtual buildings mirror the real campus, so you can definitely get a feel for what PSU Berks offers in "real" life.

This is not an exhaustive list of the PSU Second Life presence, because many users are in very experimental stages. Most of these spaces were found via google, search feature in Second Life, and the TLT Virtual Worlds Community blog.

Map of major PSU Islands:



The image is a bit small (even when you click to enlarge), so here's a quick rundown:

- Top left: PSU Berks
- Top right: Istanian
- Middle: Penn State Isle
- Bottom: Penn State Isle 2

Penn State Isle

PSU Harrisburg

- [Links to Spanish textbook](#)

- Link to download latest podcast

PSU Great Valley

Education Technology Services

- Information
- State of the University video

PSU College of Arts and Architecture

- Semi-accurate replicate of the Palmer Museum

ISTania

- Welcome Center
 - “Library”
 - Basically links out to a bunch of website such as Cnet, wired, second life blog, etc.
 - Can send out an email to IST through clicking on the mailbox
 - Links to relevant IST Second life sites
 - Message board, “stickies” style
 - Video testimony of various students
- Auditorium
 - Huge theater with stage
- Teleporter Hub
- Student Showcase
- Neo Dante Area
 - Audio of IST student testimony
- Seminar Shack
- Penn State Sandbox
 - instructions on how to construct

Penn State Isle 2

Welcome to the Penn State School of Visual Arts New Media Art Department!

If you are a new media student at Penn State and are interested in having your work featured here with a link to your own private studio space here in the Penn State New Media area, please IM Micala Lumiere or email micala@gmail.com and provide

at least one image 512×512 that we can feature our our column and link to your private space.

If you are not a Penn State new media student, but are interested in learning more about what Penn State New Media Art is all about, please feel free to wander around our area and also visit our website at <http://www.newmedia.sova.psu.edu/> .

Lounge area for ADTEC 531, Fall 2007 participants

IST 110 Abington, Fall 2007

Also, there's another screen describing a furniture design challenge.

Schreyer Honors College

Welcome to the Schreyer Honors College at Penn State SL Campus!

The purpose of the virtual representation of the SHC is to provide visitors to our campus with more information about one of the premier honors programs in the United States. It also provides a place where Scholars can meet to socialize, discuss thesis and projects, and to talk about their experiences in the SHC.

- Links to website
- Slideshows of SHC pictures

Penn State Berks

- **Office of the Chancellor: Dr. Susan P. Speece**
- **Janssen Conference Center**
- **Ontelaunee Tower**
- **Beaver Community Center (lounges, etc)**
- **Games: pool, mini-putt (directs to website), chess, backgammon, checkers, othello, etc.**
- **Preytberger Gallery (Art Gallery)**
- **Perkins student center (links, welcome center)**
- **Thun Library**

- **Luerssen Building**
- **Blue Marsh Tower**
- **Franco Building (Conference rooms)**
- **Pfeffer Farm**
- **Schuykill Tower**
- **Tully's (restaurant)**
- **Tulpehocken Tower**
- **Bookstore**

World Campus

WC recently hired a social networks adviser to oversee web 2.0 social networks such as Second Life, Facebook, etc.

SL Teen (inaccessible from "regular" SL)

Undergraduate Admissions Obtains Island in SL Teen Grid!
Undergraduate Admissions at Penn State has purchased an island in the teen grid of Second Life specifically designed to allow for interaction with prospective students considering college. The island will provide information on Penn State including all of our campuses and the admissions process.

Some Photo examples

A picture is worth a thousand words. Then how many words is a video or an actual walk through worth? If you're interested, it's much easier to get a grasp of what's going on by creating a second life account, logging in, and exploring.



An informal gathering area.



A formal gathering area.



Conference room.



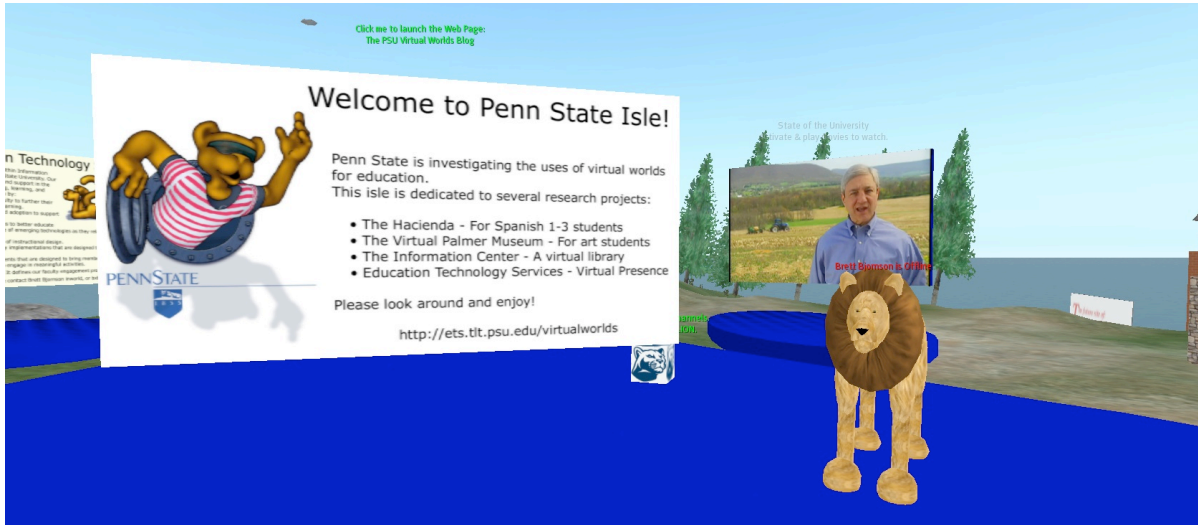
Art gallery.



Link library.



One link.



Welcome area. "State of the University" address streaming video in the background.



IST Welcome area. Video testimonials shown on big screen.



Virtual Palmer Museum.