

Donald F. Costello

Donald F. Costello has had a mixed career splitting his time between Universities and Business. He helped start three Computer Science Departments and three University Information Technology facilities (University of Nebraska, University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh and Madison and Colorado State University). He has taught undergraduate and graduate courses and has done work in research areas of Statistical Computing, Performance Modeling, and Standards for Learning Objects and Managing Intellectual Property and Cryptography. He is a 40-year member of ACM and is a fellow of the British Computing Society. He has lectured all over the United States as well as in England, Ireland, Austria, Germany, India and Sri Lanka. He also held a four-year Carnegie Foundation grant to investigate how IP is managed in Universities around the World.

In business career he has managed IT facilities, founded and sold two firms and consulted with over 100 firms throughout the world. His recent consulting includes five years consulting on ERP systems, SAP, as well as being a Technical Consultant on DotCom and e-Learning projects.

He created the first wired city in Nebraska (really West of the Mississippi) Papillion and worked in Germany to e-wire Leipzig and Visselhovede for which he was honored.

He has been a distinguished lecturer for the Association for Computing Machinery and in 2006 was named “The Most Distinguished Lecturer” for that society.

Don currently holds a position as a Senior Lecturer in Computer Science at UNL and NCITE scholar and is working on the importance of standards in modeling the large systems needed to support e-learning environments. He is active in security and has given talks around the country on “Elliptic Curve Cryptography”.