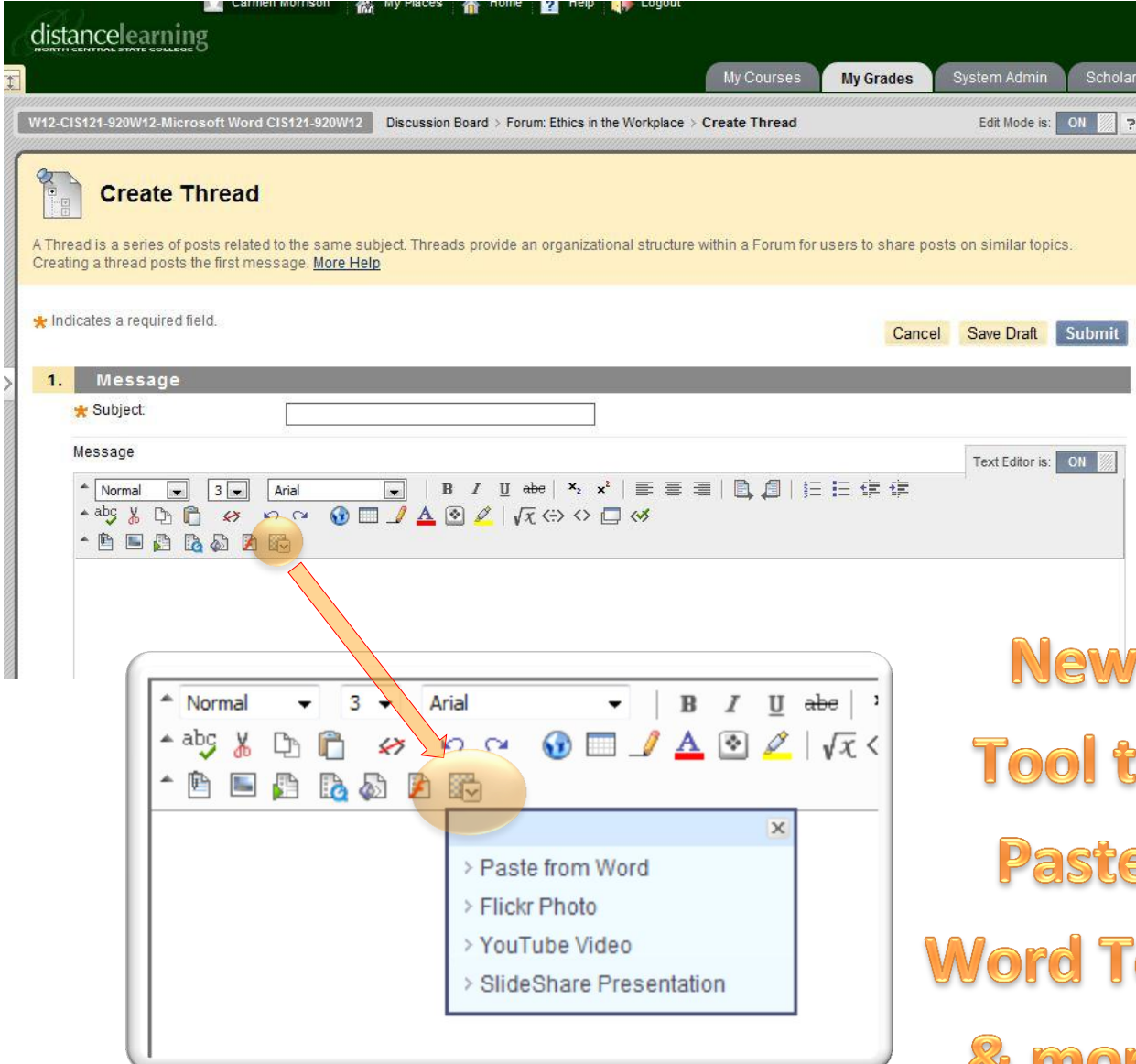


NEW TOOL JUST ADDED TO BLACKBOARD!



The image shows a screenshot of the Blackboard 'Create Thread' page. The page title is 'W12-CIS121-920W12-Microsoft Word CIS121-920W12' and the forum is 'Ethics in the Workplace'. The 'Create Thread' section includes a 'Message' form with a 'Subject' field and a rich text editor. The rich text editor toolbar has a 'Mashup Tool' icon (a blue and white checkerboard with an arrow) highlighted by a red circle. A callout box shows the menu options: 'Paste from Word', 'Flickr Photo', 'YouTube Video', and 'SlideShare Presentation'. To the right of the screenshot, the text 'New Tool to Paste Word Text & more' is written in a large, orange, stylized font.

When creating any content item in Blackboard (i.e., announcements, assignments, discussion board postings), you may find it **helpful to use the "Mashup Tool" if you are pasting text from Microsoft Word or inserting a YouTube video, SlideShare Presentation, or Flickr Photo.** (It is the last button on the toolbar and looks like a blue and white checkerboard with an arrow on it.)

➡ This is particularly **helpful to instructors AND students** if you compose text in Microsoft Word and then copy and paste it into Blackboard. (It **eliminates reported problems** of embedded HTML code, which can cause items to display incorrectly or not display at all.)

Help file: <http://help.blackboard.com/instructor/index.htm>

(Please note that Blackboard's Help file has not been updated yet to include the new "Paste from Word" feature.)

3-minute video on How to Insert a Youtube video into your course:

http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_course_content_creating_a_mashup.htm