



Welcome to the latest edition of LTSU Alert, produced by USQ's Learning and Teaching Support Unit (LTSU). The aim of LTSU Alert is to disseminate news, information and events relating to learning and teaching – both in Australia and internationally.

LTSU Professional Development Blog and Workshop

USQ's Learning and Teaching Support Unit (LTSU) is experimenting with a new form of PD during 2007: Blogging. The aim is to engage USQ staff in collegial construction of their own knowledge on the designated topic. The aim is also to engage staff in discussion with colleagues and to share ideas across faculties and campuses. Sessional staff are particularly invited to participate.

To join in please access the LTSU blog site at <http://iteach.usq.edu.au/ltsu/>. When you get to this site please read the welcome message that contains the instructions on how you should log in.

Our inaugural March Blog will be led by Dr Jenny Naish, Middlesex University, London. She has many years of experience of work-integrated, university learning. She has had to face issues associated with rigour and work-based assessment. She knows how retention rates vary between students engaged in work-based learning and those undertaking coursework degrees. She can provide advice on work-based curriculum development and she knows how to develop positive partnerships with industry. Please join Dr Naish for asynchronous, on-line discussion via the LTSU March Blog 26-30 March.

Please also join your colleagues for a face-to-face debriefing at a BYO lunch at Toowoomba, Springfield and Fraser Coast campuses on Friday 30 March 12-13.30. Rooms to be announced via global email.

Carrick Institute

Discipline Based Investigation Funds

The intention of the Discipline-Based Initiatives Funding Scheme is to support the exchange and dissemination of good practices within disciplines. As well as helping to promote dissemination and development of effective learning and teaching, the grants are intended to raise awareness of the importance of effective teaching and learning methods, and to facilitate networking between institutions and across the sector. Expressions of interest are now being called for under the Discipline-Based Investigation Funding. Round 1 applications close 13 April 2007. For further information refer to <http://www.carrickinstitute.edu.au/carrick/go/home/dbi/pid/114>. If you are considering making an application, or are already involved in applying, please contact [Julie Shinnors](#) who is managing USQ's involvement in Carrick activities.

Apple Learning Interchange

The Apple Learning Interchange (ALI) is a free online resource for educators - <http://edcommunity.apple.com/ali/>. This online community provides a wealth of content ranging from simple lesson ideas to in-depth curriculum units, rich with digital media. Naturally it features materials developed using Apple's ilife suite but the images, video and audio materials can be used by Mac and PC people alike.

Podcasting

If you are interested in introducing podcasting into your teaching, but are unsure of how podcasting works, refer to this Edith Cowan University site which provides easy links to various areas of Apple's guide to podcasting: <http://podcast.ecu.edu.au/help.html>

National Code for Working with International Students

DEST is visiting various cities throughout April, May and June 2007 to explain aspects of the National Code 2007. For more information refer to http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/international_education/policy_issues_reviews/key_issues/esos/

Learning and Teaching Books, Journals and Other Resources

New Learning and Teaching Books

Graduate Attributes, Learning and Employability
Paul Hager and Susan Holland, Springer, ISBN 9781402053412

Problem-Based Learning Online
Maggie Savin-Barden, Kay Wilkie, Open University Press, ISBN 97803352200069

Use of Blogs
Axel Bruns and Joanne Jacobs, Peter Lang, ISBN 9780820481241

Learning and Teaching Journals

Calls for Submissions and Reviews

Journal of College Student Retention: Research Theory and Practice

This journal is looking for manuscript reviewers – refer to http://www.ccsr.org/journal_reviewer.html

International Journal of Web Based Communities

Call for submissions for its special issue on mobile and flexible learning communities – refer to <https://www.inderscience.com/browse/index.php?journalID=50>

Academy of Management Learning and Education Journal

Call for submissions – refer to <http://www.aom.pace.edu/amle>

Asian Journal of Education

Call for papers for special issue on the role of distance education in the implementation of the right to education –refer to <http://www.asianjde.org>

New Issues**International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning**

First issue now available at <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/ijstl/current.htm> . Join the listserv for conversations about the improvement of student learning by going to <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/ijstl/dl.htm>

Journal of Technology and Teacher Education

The latest issue of the Journal of Technology and Teacher Education is now available at http://www.editlib.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Reader.TOC&volume=15&issue=2&source_code=JTATE

Other Learning and Teaching Resources

The Routledge website at <http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/rout~db=all> provides cross-searchable access to journals, eBooks, reference works and abstract databases.

The Database of Research on International Education has recently been updated with new entries at <http://aei.dest.gov.au/AEI/PublicationsAndResearch/ResearchDatabase/>

Learning and Teaching Conferences**International Online Conference – Assessment Design for Learner Responsibility**

29-31 May 2007

Online – participation is free!

<http://www.reap.ac.uk>

European Learning Styles Information Network (ELSIN) 12th Annual Conference

12-14 June 2007

University of Dublin, Ireland

<http://www.elsin2007.com>

2007 Conference of the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

2-5 July 2007

Sydney

<http://www.indiana.edu/~isstl07/>

10th First Year in Higher Education Conference

4-6 July 2007

Queensland University of Technology

<http://www.fyhe.qut.edu.au/>

2007 HERDSA Conference

8-11 July 2007-03-12

Adelaide

<http://conference.herdsa.org.au/2007>**2nd International iPED Conference 2007: Researching Academic Futures**

10 and 11 September 2007

Coventry University Technocentre, UK

<http://www.coventry.ac.uk/iped2007>**3rd International Conference on Pedagogies and Learning**

26-28 September 2007

USQ Springfield Campus

<http://www.usq.edu.au/pedagogies2007>**World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare and Higher Education**

October 15-19, 2007

Quebec City, Canada

<http://www.aace.org/conf/elearn/call.htm>**Purpose, Periphery, and Priorities - 2007 Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education Conference**

October 25 - 28, 2007

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

<http://www.podnetwork.org/pod>**Conference for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning**

1-2 November 2007

Georgia Southern University, USA

<http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/ijsotl/conference/>**Second International Conference on Language, Education, and Diversity (LED)**

21-24 November 2007

University of Waikato, New Zealand

<http://education.waikato.ac.nz/research/conference/index.php?id=4>**Asia-Pacific Conference on Educational Integrity: Creating a Culture of Integrity**

6-7 December 2007

University of South Australia

<http://www.unisa.edu.au/educationalintegrity/conference/>**International Conference on E-Learning - Quality Assurance in Content Development**

12-14 December 2007

Selangor, Malaysia

<http://i-learn.uitm.edu.my/uicel2007>**Student as Producer: Reinventing the Undergraduate Curriculum**

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University of Warwick, UK

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/sociology/research/cet/>

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