



Welcome to the December 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 welcomes new staff

**Dr Megan Kek** is the Learning and Teaching Designer supporting the Faculty of Sciences and is the key resource person for evaluations. Her research interests are problem-based learning, educational environments, student approaches to learning and approaches to teaching and evaluations. <http://www.aare.edu.au/news/newsplus/news60.pdf>

## USQ Wins \$220000

In collaboration with Deans, Professor Lynne Hunt (PVC L&T) prepared an application to enhance Faculty Development Planning for learning and teaching. The aim of the program will be to assist faculties and campuses to build capacity to apply for Carrick grants, awards and fellowship, thereby providing a sustainable income source for future learning and teaching initiatives.

The Promoting Excellence funds will assist in USQ's Program Revitalisation Project, which forms part of 'Realising Our Potential'. This is a significant boost to our potential to provide assistance to faculties. Congratulations to all involved.

## National emphasis on WIL

Two recent reports have focussed attention on WIL as a mechanism for improving graduate's abilities to quickly integrate into the workforce. These reports are a good reflection of the growing importance of WIL in Australia.

### Business Industry Higher Education Collaboration Council:

The full copy of the BIHECC paper and related documents can be found at:

[http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher\\_education/programmes\\_funding/programme\\_categories/key\\_priorities/business\\_industry\\_higher\\_education\\_collaboration\\_council.htm#Reports](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/programmes_funding/programme_categories/key_priorities/business_industry_higher_education_collaboration_council.htm#Reports)

### Universities Australia: National Internship Scheme:

The full copy of the Universities Australia National Internships Scheme Discussion Paper can be found at:

<http://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/content.asp?page=/publications/discussion/dp-0107.htm>

## LTSU Video Resources

Organised by LTSU, the 2007 USQ Learning and Teaching Visiting Scholar Program has resulted 26 national and international learning and teaching scholars interacting with USQ staff. To ensure long-term outcomes, Jeff Black and his DeC multimedia team have collaborated with LTSU to facilitate the development of some 30 videos on a range of pedagogical issues. Refer to <http://www.usq.edu.au/ltsu/develop/pdprogram/default.htm>

## Zotero, an open-source bibliographic database

One of the most exciting sessions at the [2007 Educause](#) meeting this past October was a session describing [Zotero](#), an open-source bibliographic database that can be used by individual faculty members, students, and independent scholars. The next version, scheduled for release in early 2008, will allow any defined group to use and contribute to the database. It is indeed the next generation of bibliographic management software packages pioneered by such companies as [Endnote](#), [Refworks](#), and [Procite](#). In essence, Zotero takes advantage of what has gone before and makes gigantic leaps forward in flexibility, ease of use, and certainly in cost to the educational community.

A demo of Zotero can be found at: [http://www.zotero.org/videos/tour/zotero\\_tour.htm](http://www.zotero.org/videos/tour/zotero_tour.htm)

## DEST data on student numbers

### **Students 2006 [full year]: selected higher education statistics**

This series - 'Students: Selected Higher Education Statistics' - contains statistics relating to students enrolled in higher education courses in each Australian Higher Education Provider. Data in each publication is reported in numbers and Equivalent Full-time Student Load (EFTSL). Refer to <http://url.edna.edu.au/7QSY>

## Students' 'Evolving' Use of Technology

This article reports on the investigation into how students use information technology and how it can be harnessed to improve their learning experience. Refer to <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2007/09/17/it>

## Learning and Teaching Books, Journals and Other Resources

### New Learning and Teaching Books

Commonwealth of Learning has released four new titles in its' Knowledge Series:

- Acquiring Accreditation in Distance Learning
- Adapting Learning Materials for Distance Learning
- Designing Learning Objects for Online Learning
- Knowledge Management Strategies for Distance Education.

Refer to <http://www.col.org/colweb/site/cache/offonce/pid/3129>

*Curriculum and Imagination: Process Theory, Pedagogy and Action Research*  
James McKernan – refer to <http://www.routledge.co.uk/9780415413381>

*Balancing Dilemmas in Assessment and Learning in Contemporary Education*  
Editors - Anton Havnes, Liz McDowell – refer to  
<http://www.routledge.co.uk/9780415955843>

## Learning and Teaching Journals

### **Brookes electronic-Journal of Learning and Teaching (BeJLT)**

There are a number of papers arising from the Brookes Student Learning Experience Conference, an interesting narrative from a new blended-learning teacher and perspective pieces from the School of Arts and Humanities and the Westminster Institute of Education. Available at <http://bejlt.brookes.ac.uk/>

### **Practice and Evidence of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education**

Call for papers for April 2008 edition – Special edition focusing on Enquiry Based Learning  
Submission deadline - 15 January 2008  
[www.pestlhe.org.uk](http://www.pestlhe.org.uk)

### **Journal of Educational Multimedia and Hypermedia**

Available on the Ed/ITLib Digital Library (formerly the AACE Digital Library)  
[http://www.editlib.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Reader.TOC&volume=16&issue=4&source\\_code=JEMH](http://www.editlib.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Reader.TOC&volume=16&issue=4&source_code=JEMH)

### **Journal of Technology and Teacher Education**

Also available on the Ed/ITLib Digital Library (formerly the AACE Digital Library)  
[http://www.editlib.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Reader.TOC&volume=15&issue=4&source\\_code=JTATE](http://www.editlib.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Reader.TOC&volume=15&issue=4&source_code=JTATE)

### **The Curriculum Journal - The development of learning to learn in a European context**

Featuring articles on the whole curriculum, cross-curricular issues, assessment requirements and new approaches to teaching and learning.  
<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t713695259>

## Other Learning and Teaching Resources

### **International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (IJ-SoTL)**

New issue now online and accessible at <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/ijsofl/current.htm>.

**The Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education** has announced a major initiative which could lead to the creation of a national infrastructure that will enrich discipline-based initiatives sector-wide. <http://www.carrickinstitute.edu.au/carrick/go>

## Contact List for Teaching and Learning Centres

This link provides access to teaching and learning centres across the globe.

<http://www.cte.ku.edu/cteInfo/resources/websites.shtml>

This link provides access to teaching and learning centres based in the U.S.

[http://www.hofstra.edu/faculty/ctse/cte\\_links.cfm](http://www.hofstra.edu/faculty/ctse/cte_links.cfm)

## Learning and Teaching Conferences

### 2007

**Philosophy Society of Australasia Conference - Creativity, Enterprise, Policy- New Directions in Education**

6-9 December 2007

Wellington, NZ

**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>

### 2008

**TEACHING AND LEARNING FORUM 2008**

30 - 31 January 2008

Curtin University of Technology

Perth, Western Australia

<http://lsn.curtin.edu.au/tlf2008/registration.html>

**INTED2008 (International Technology, Education and Development Conference)**

3 - 5 March 2008

Valencia, Spain

<http://www.iated.org/inted2008>

**5th Annual Symposium of the Learning Development in Higher Education Network**

17 - 18 March 2008

University of Bradford, UK

<http://www.aldinhe.ac.uk/index.htm>

**2nd CELT Conference: Preparing for Academic Practice - Disciplinary Perspectives**

8 - 9 April 2008

University of Oxford, UK

<http://www.learning.ox.ac.uk/cetl.php?page=196>

**Third European Conference on First Year Experience**

7 - 8 May 2008

Wolverhampton (UK)

[www.wlv.ac.uk/celt/efye](http://www.wlv.ac.uk/celt/efye) <<http://www.wlv.ac.uk/celt/efye>>

**Lifelong Learning Conference - Personal Learning Environments: How can we harness ICTs to effectively support lifelong learning?**

Calls for expressions of interest to contribute and take part in the discussion at a symposium on Personal Learning Environments 2008

16 – 19 June 2008

Yeppoon, Queensland

[http://cddu.cqu.edu.au/index.php/Symposium\\_on\\_Personal\\_Learning\\_Environments\\_2008](http://cddu.cqu.edu.au/index.php/Symposium_on_Personal_Learning_Environments_2008)

**2nd International Pedagogical Research in Higher Education (PRHE) Conference -Curriculum Change for Learning**

16 - 17 June 2008

Liverpool Hope University, UK

<http://www.hope.ac.uk/learningandteaching/prhe/>

**World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia & Telecommunications**

30 June – 4 July 2008

Vienna, Austria

<http://www.aace.org/conf/edmedia/call.htm>

**AUQF2008**

9 – 11 July 2008

Canberra, ACT

<http://www.auqa.edu.au/auqf/2008/contributions/index.htm>

**EARLI/Northumbria Assessment Conference 2008**

EARLI is the European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction

27 – 29 August 2008

Hosted by Humboldt University, Berlin

<http://www.iqb.hu-berlin.de/enac2008>

**16th Improving Student Learning Symposium**

**IMPROVING STUDENT LEARNING - THROUGH THE CURRICULUM**

1-3 September 2008

University of Durham, Durham, UK

<http://www.brookes.ac.uk/services/ocslid/isl/isl2008/>

**Open Access and Research Conference 2008**

24 September - 25 September 2008

Brisbane, Australia

[www.oar2008.qut.edu.au](http://www.oar2008.qut.edu.au)

**WACE Asia Pacific Conference - Work Integrated Learning (WIL): Transforming Futures. Practice...Pedagogy...Partnerships**

Hosted by the Australian Collaborative Education Network (ACEN)

29 September – 3 October 2008

Manly, Sydney

<http://www.acen.edu.au/>

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**The University of Atlanta's First International Symposium - Online Learning: Toward the Globalization of Higher Education**

24 - 26 October 2008

Atlanta, GA

<http://www.UofA.edu>

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