



Welcome to the December 2008 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.

HERDSA news

- Masters Degrees for Tertiary Education Managers
The University of New England offers two masters degrees appropriate for tertiary education managers and providing pathways to PhD Study. These are the Master of Educational Administrative Education and the new Master of Educational Administration (Higher Education). Both are 48 credit point degrees requiring one year of full-time study or a part-time equivalent. Further information is available on <http://www.une.edu.au/courses/2009/courses/MEAD>
- Two new HERDSA guides are available now for purchase.
 - *The Research Matrix: An approach to Supervision of Higher Degree Research*, by Robyn Smith, and TW Maxwell.
 - *Academic Writing Retreats: A Facilitator's Guide*, by Barbara Grant.
- For the latest news items please visit the HERDSA website at <http://www.herdsa.org.au/>

International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (ISSOTL)

Interest groups are made up of ISSOTL members with an interest in a particular area within the broader area of the scholarship of teaching and learning. Interest groups provide members an opportunity to build connections with others who share their interests. They are encouraged to offer sessions at ISSOTL meetings, create their own methods of dissemination of scholarship and other information, and to find other ways to advance the aims of their members. The ISSOTL website has guidance for people seeking to form new groups; see <http://www.issotl.org/groups.html>. People interested in forming new interest groups are encouraged to contact jeffrey.bernstein@emich.edu to discuss any questions you might have. For people seeking to form new groups, we can post announcements on the website, in the ISSOTL Digest (blog), or the International Commons (newsletter).

Recently the ISSOTL Board has approved the following two interest groups. While both are now approved, they are always on the lookout for interested members. The groups are:

- Student Engagement
This ISSOTL Interest Group on Student Engagement serves as an international, interdisciplinary network for ISSOTL members who are committed to pursuing SoTL projects on the topic of student engagement. This group offers opportunities for dialogue, encourage and promote scholarly research on the topic, and provide support to ISSOTL members interested in student engagement. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Chris Garrett at cgarrett@okcu.edu <mailto:cgarrett@okcu.edu>.

- Sociology

Are you a sociologist interested in SOTL? Would you like to join a group of other sociologists for SOTL networking? If so, please send your name, institution/organization, and email address to Kathleen McKinney at kmckinne@ilstu.edu <<mailto:kmckinne@ilstu.edu>>.

Learning and Teaching Books, Journals and Other Resources

New Learning and Teaching Books

A woman's place is in the boardroom: the road map.

Thomson, P, Graham, J, Lloyd, T, Shore, B. Palgrave Macmillan 2008.

The authors continue their argument for the business case for increased representation of women in senior management and on boards. [\[more\]](#) *Source: DA (dadirect.com)*

Advances in e-learning: experiences and methodologies.

García-Peñalvo, Francisco J. Information Science Publishing, 2008.

Web-based training, known as e-learning, has experienced a great evolution and growth in recent years, as the capacity for education is no longer limited by physical and time constraints. [\[more\]](#) *Source: DA (dadirect.com)*

An introduction to community development.

Phillips. Taylor & Francis Ltd, 2008.

Comprehensive and practical, this textbook enables students to connect academic study and professional know-how, and demonstrates how to best plan the rebuilding, revitalization and development of communities utilizing a wide variety of... [\[more\]](#) *Source: DA (dadirect.com)*

Best ideas for teaching with technology : a practical guide for teachers, by teachers.

Reich, J, Daccord, T. M E Sharpe Inc, 2008

This practical, how-to guide makes it easy for teachers to incorporate the latest technology in their classes. Employing an informal workshop approach, the book avoids technical jargon and pays special attention to the needs of teachers... [\[more\]](#) *Source: DA (dadirect.com)*

Changing teacher professionalism: international trends, challenges and ways forward.

Gewirtz, Sharon. Mahony, Pat. Hextall, Ian. Taylor & Francis, 2008.

Significant changes in the policy and social context of teaching over the last 30 years have had substantial implications for teacher professionalism. [\[more\]](#) *Source: DA (dadirect.com)*

Communities of practice: Creating Learning Environments for Educators, Vol 1 & 2.

Kimble, C, Hildreth, P, Bowdon, I. Information Age Publishing, 2008.

The aim of this set of books is to combine the best of current academic research into the use of Communities of Practice in education with "hands on" practitioner experience in order to provide teachers and academics with a convenient source... [\[more\]](#) *Source: DA (dadirect.com)*

Developing intercultural competence and transformation : theory, research, and application in international education.

Savicki, V. Stylus Publishing, 2008.

Enrolments in international education programs are projected to grow exponentially as

students, parents, and university personnel seek to prepare future leaders who can live and work effectively in a global environment. [\[more\]](#) *Source: DA (dadirect.com)*

Education for Sustainable Development.

Chalkley, B, Haigh, MJ. Taylor & Francis Ltd, 2008.

In 2005, The United Nations launched its Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, which recognises that education, including Higher Education is the key to the change in social attitudes that will be needed to protect the welfare of future... [\[more\]](#) *Source: DA (dadirect.com)*

Educational Leadership and Administration

English, FW. Sage Publications Ltd UK, 2008.

Educational Leadership and Administration makes a real contribution in focusing scholars' attention of this key field on its relevant past and possible future. The selection of articles in this major work draws on regional knowledge... [\[more\]](#) *Source: DA (dadirect.com)*

How to get research published in journals.

Day, A. Gower Publishing Co, 2008.

Now in its second edition, this internationally best-selling book has been revised and updated. It focuses on helping people overcome some of the most common obstacles to successful publication. [\[more\]](#) *Source: DA (dadirect.com)*

Learning and Teaching Journals

- The latest issue of the International Review of Research in Open and Distance Learning (IRRODL) is now online at <<http://www.irrodl.org>>.
- Education & Information Technology Digital Library (EdITLib)
- The EdITLib Digital Library is a valuable online resource of peer-reviewed and published international journal articles and proceedings papers on the latest research, developments, and applications related to all aspects of Educational Technology and e-Learning. Website <<http://www.EdITLib.org>>.
- The latest World Scientific Education Newsletter is available on the website <http://www.worldscibooks.com/graphics/emailpromotion/newsletter/EducationNews_200810.html>

Learning and Teaching Conferences & Seminars

Within Australia

Quantitative Analysis of Teaching and Learning in Business, Economics and Commerce Disciplines Forum

6 February 2009, University of Melbourne.

The Teaching and Learning Unit, in conjunction with the Department of Economics at the University of Melbourne, is running its annual quantitative analysis of teaching and learning Forum. The Forum is one of the few national forums for high quality quantitative research in teaching and learning. To register, visit the website:

<http://tlu.ecom.unimelb.edu.au/contact_us/register.html>

Australian Higher Education Congress 2009

Transforming Education

24-26 March, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre

AUQF: Call for Contributions

Australian Universities Quality Agency Forum

Website: <<http://auqa.edu.au/auqf>>

1-3 July 2009, Alice Springs.

Call for Contributions are now open, and submissions are invited for both paper presentations and workshop sessions. Detailed guidelines and the submission timeline are available at

<<http://www.auqa.edu.au/auqf/2009/contributions/>>

Overseas

7th Annual eLearning Conference

Supporting the i-Generation

22 January 2009, Belfast, UK

Website: <<http://www.conferencealerts.com/seeconf.mv?q=ca1x60x6>>

INTED2009

International Technology, Education and Development Conference

9-11 March, 2009. Valencia, Spain.

Website: <http://www.iated.org/inted2009>

INTED2009 will be an excellent opportunity to present and discuss your projects and innovations on education and research in a multicultural forum that will count with the presence of professors and researchers from all continents of the world. The general objective of the conference is to promote international collaboration in the fields of Education, Technology and Research in all educational fields and disciplines.

College Teaching & Learning Conference

16-19 March 2009. San Antonio, Texas, USA

Web address: < <http://www.conferencealerts.com/seeconf.mv?q=ca1x3ii6>>

This conference is designed for K-12 and college of education faculty and administrators.

The deadline for abstracts/proposals is 16 February 2009.

ICETC2009

International Conference on Education Technology and Computer

17-20 April 2009, Singapore

Web address <<http://www.icetc.org>>

The aim objective of ICETC 2009 is to provide a platform for researchers, engineers, academicians as well as industrial professionals from all over the world to present their research results and development activities in Education and Computer Technology. This conference provides opportunities for the delegates to exchange new ideas and application experiences face to face, to establish business or research relations and to find global partners for future collaboration. Sponsored by: International Association of Computer Science and Information Technology.

Third International Personal Tutoring and Academic Advising Conference

21-22 April 2009, Liverpool UK

Hosted by Edge Hill University and co-sponsored by the Higher Education Academy and NACADA, this conference aims to explore the ways in which personal tutoring, academic advising and other forms of institutional support contribute to improving student success in higher education.

2nd International PBL Symposium

10 -12 June 2009. Republic Polytechnic, Singapore.

The theme of the symposium is “*What are we Learning about Learning?*” More information can be found at the symposium website: <www.rp.sg/symposium>

KGCM 2009

3rd International Conference on Knowledge Generation, Communication and Management

10-13 July 2009. Orlando, Florida, USA.

Website: <<http://www.2009iisconferences.org/kgcm>>.

Other international teaching and learning conferences can also be found at <<http://www.conferencealerts.com/school.htm>>.

Past conferences

Conference highlights from **Online Educa Berlin**, held on 3-5 December 2008 at <<http://www.online-educa.com/>>. The world’s largest global e-learning conference for the corporate, education and public service sectors.

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