



## Teaching and Learning Connections - May 2013



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**About Us**



TEACHING & LEARNING  
CONNECTIONS

FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND ASSESSMENT



The Office for Academic Excellence and Assessment (AEA) at Creighton University provides ongoing support and resources to enhance teacher effectiveness and student learning.

To learn more about faculty development programming, assessment, course design, student learning processes and/or effective teaching methods, or the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), contact [Mary Ann Danielson](mailto:MaryAnn.Danielson@creighton.edu) at 402.280.2535.

To help us all CONNECT, please forward your suggestions for materials to be included, as well as your awards and honors, to Danielson at [maddam@creighton.edu](mailto:maddam@creighton.edu). As a campus, we should be celebrating our teaching and

### CONGRATULATIONS TO CREIGHTON SOTL MENTOR AND SCHOLARS

**Kathleen Flecky**, occupational therapy, has been recognized as a SoTL mentor for the 2013 IISSAM institute. Flecky was a scholar participant at the National Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Summer Institutes in 2008 and 2009. She was a workshop presenter at the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL/IISSAM) at Creighton in 2011. She is one of six named scholars. [Learn more about Flecky and the other mentors.](#)

Four Creighton Faculty were among the competitively selected 2013 IISSAM scholars: **Donna Ehrlich**, education (in collaboration with Jeff Ehrlich, Park University, public relations), "The Perceptions of Using Online Story Telling: From Course Material to Student Constructivist"; **Kevin Graham**, philosophy, "A Blended Approach to Logic Instruction in Philosophy"; **Brian Kokensparger**, journalism, media and computing, "Using Audio Introductions to Reinforce Student Programming Skills in Introductory Computer Science Courses"; **Faith Kurtyka**, English, "Active Learning and Student Engagement in a Social Sorority." [Read more about the](#)

student learning successes!

Find past issues of this newsletter [here](#).

## [scholar presentations](#)

### AWARDS AND HONORS



#### GOLDWATER SCHOLAR

Junior Joseph Christensen has been named a Goldwater scholar. The Audubon, Iowa, native, majoring in chemistry, was selected as a Goldwater Scholar for the 2013-2014 academic year. He is the 13th Goldwater scholar at Creighton in the past 10 years. [Read More](#)



#### CONFERENCE TOP HONORS

Students Brent Bruck, Shweta Goswami and Zoran Pavlovic were awarded top honors at the West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference on April 20 in San Diego, Calif. Six Creighton students presented at the conference, along with more than 400 other undergraduates from 60 institutions nationwide. [Read More](#)



#### PAPERS PUBLISHED

Papers by senior Paul Bubash and alumna Erin Cahill, BA'12, will be published in the *Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa*, a religious studies/theology refereed, scholarly journal. Bubash's paper was prepared under the direction of Wendy Wright, Ph.D., and Cahill's under the direction of Eileen Burke-Sullivan, Ph.D.

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#### CREIGHTONIAN HONORED

The *Creightonian* was named the best all-around non-daily student newspaper in the Society of Professional Journalists' (Region 7) Mark of Excellence competition. Individual awards were presented to

Evan Holland (editorial writing), Matt Entringer (general news reporting and photo illustration), Jacob Padilla (sports writing) and Sara Gentzler (online in-depth reporting).

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#### ESSAY WINNER

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing (NCIN) Scholar Program recognized accelerated nursing student Eric Harvester as one of its February essay contest winners.

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#### NURSING HONORS

Students Kelsev Patience (*pictured*)



and Nickolas Gabriel were named Nebraska State Student Nurse of the Year and Board Member of the Year, respectively, at the Nebraska Student Nurses Association Convention.

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#### MEDICAL, GRADUATE AWARDS



Creighton medical and graduate students won seven of the 16 awards at the 44th Midwest Student Biomedical Research Forum held Feb. 23 at the Harper Center. Congratulations to Michelle Pequet, Chelsie Geyer, Randal Fowler, Michael Lehrer, Sean Judge, Joseph Chen, and Katie Langenfeld.

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#### FACULTY DEVELOPMENT



#### ASSESSMENT MENTORS

Assessment mentors are available, through the Office of Academic Excellence and Assessment, to assist individuals, programs and departments in conducting the many activities that comprise quality assessment.

[More Information](#) | [Request a Mentor](#)

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#### SUMMER E-ACADEMY

Save the date – The Creighton Office of Online Learning (COOL) will be hosting this year's Summer eAcademy for faculty June 4-6. Watch for more information regarding this new teaching

and learning opportunity.



#### BLUELINE ASSESSMENT TOOL

The Office of Academic Excellence and Assessment is proud to announce a self-paced workshop to complement the campus assessment certification/training efforts. Special thanks to AEA associate [Brian Kokensparger](#) for developing this BlueLine2 Assessment Tools Workshop. Information on the self-paced workshop can be found [here](#).



#### ONLINE TEACHING COURSE

The Creighton Office of Online Learning (COOL) is pleased to announce the availability of the Foundations of Effective Online Teaching and Learning certificate



course. The course encompasses foundational knowledge and skills necessary for successful online course facilitation. The next available session is July 22. To register or for more information, contact [Sarah Oliver](#), 280-3906.

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## CAMPUS RESOURCES

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### ONLINE DEVELOPMENT

Creighton has an institutional membership to [Sloan Consortium](#) and WCET. Both are great resources dedicated to improving the quality of distance education. Sloan Consortium announced changes in the 2013 Institute program of events, which will encompass a certificate program, mastery series, workshop series and webinars.



### LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

The Reinert-Alumni Memorial Library partners with both COOL and AEA to offer campus-wide subscriptions. Take advantage of the great resources found in the April issues of the [Teaching Professor](#) and the [Online Classroom](#). Contact Sally Gibson, 280-2228, for more information.

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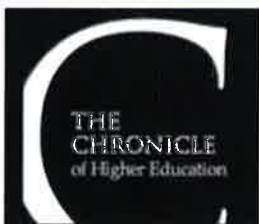
## RECOMMENDED READING

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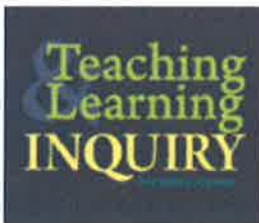
### FACULTY ARTICLE

[Moments of Joy: Preservice Teachers' Experiences of Professional Efficacy](#) by education professor Lynne E. Houtz, Ph.D., explores professional efficacy related to elementary and middle level teachers as they reflected on events/circumstances that affirm their career choice. The article is to be published in the *National Social Science Journal*.



### NEW TRADITIONAL STUDENT

Thanks to Laurie Galeski for recommending "The New Traditional Student" published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, which explores nontraditional and traditional students. [Read full article.](#)



### THE INQUIRY

*Teaching and Learning Inquiry* publishes insightful research, theory, commentary and other scholarly works that document or facilitate investigations of teaching and learning in higher education. [More Information](#)

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## REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

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SLOAN CONSORTIUM



The 19th Annual Sloan Consortium International Conference on Online Learning is accepting presentation proposals. The proposal deadline is May 20. [More information: submit a proposal.](#)



#### RUBRICS WANTED

Do you have a rubric that works particularly well for assessing student learning of any kind (course assignments, co-curricular, service-learning, etc.)? If so, please consider submitting it to the AEA office for inclusion in a Rubric Gallery and for possible inclusion in BlueLine2. Send rubrics as an e-mail attachment to [Brian Kokensparger](#). (Doc, docx, and pdf formats are preferred; web URLs are also welcome.)



#### LILLY CONFERENCE

The Annual Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching is accepting proposals for the conference held in Traverse City, Mich., from Sept. 19-22. The proposal deadline is June 1. [More information: submit a proposal.](#)

#### 2013 CONFERENCES



#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

12th ANNUAL INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGY AND COURSE REDESIGN XII COLLABORATIONS FOR EMPOWERMENT AND LEARNING, May 29-31, Fairfield, Conn. [Conference information.](#) (Conference brochures located in the AEA Office.)

2013 IISSAM FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE CONFERENCE, May 30-June 2, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. [More information.](#)

THE LILLY CONFERENCE ON COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY TEACHING, May 30-June 2, Bethesda, MD. [Conference information.](#)

THE 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TEACHING PROFESSOR CONFERENCE, May 31-June 2, New Orleans, LA. [Conference information.](#)

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION (AALHE) THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE, June 3-5, Hilton Lexington/Downtown, Lexington, Ky. [Conference information.](#)

BLENDED LEARNING 10th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, July 8-9, Booth

CONFERENCE, July 29, Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee, Wis. [Conference information.](#)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JUSTICE IN JESUIT HIGHER EDUCATION, Aug. 1-4. For more information, contact [Roger Bergman.](#)

29th ANNUAL DISTANCE TEACHING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE, Aug. 7-9, Madison, Wis. [Conference information.](#)

THE LILLY CONFERENCE ON COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY TEACHING, Sept. 19-22, Traverse City, Mich. [Conference information.](#)

10th ANNUAL CONFERENCE of INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY for the SCHOLARSHIP of TEACHING AND LEARNING (ISSOTL), Oct. 2-5, Raleigh, N.C. [Conference information.](#)

2013 ASSESSMENT INSTITUTE, Oct. 27-29, Indianapolis. [Conference information.](#)

19th ANNUAL SLOAN CONSORTIUM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ONLINE LEARNING, Nov. 20-22, Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort, Orlando, Fla. Call-for-presentations scheduled to open in February. [Conference information.](#)



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