

Online/Blended Learning Resources

Online Cl@ssroom: Ideas for Effective Online Instruction

This monthly newsletter provides practical advice to enhance your design and teaching of online courses. Each issue features tips and insights from successful online course developers and instructors on topics such as course design, facilitation, assessment, interaction, student support and use of emerging technologies. Members of the Laurier community have free online access via PRIMO*.

EDUCAUSE

EDUCAUSE (<http://www.educause.edu>) is a non-profit association whose mission is to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology. They offer a comprehensive range of resources, programs and activities to member higher education institutions. One of our favourite publications there is the "Seven things you should know about..." series (e.g., wii, skype, podcasting, RSS) available at <http://www.educause.edu/7ThingsYouShouldKnowAboutSeries/7495>.

EmergingEdTech Blog

The EmergingEdTech Blog (<http://www.emergingedtech.com>) is written by Kelly Walsh, the Director of Institutional Information & Technology at The College of Westchester in New York. Walsh posts succinct weekly blog entries on new technologies that can be used to support f2f, hybrid, and online learning.

The Theory and Practice of Online Learning

This book published by the Athabasca University Press is available for purchase or as a free download (entire book or specific chapters) at <http://www.aupress.ca/index.php/books/120146>. It contains useful chapters on online learning theory, course design, and technology selection and implementation.

Jossey-Bass Guides to Online Learning

These guides (<http://www.josseybass.com/WileyCDA/Section/id-306212.html>) help higher education professionals improve the practice of online teaching and learning by providing concise, practical resources focused on particular areas or issues they might confront in this new learning environment. Many are available via TRELIS and new titles are added frequently.

Select Resources in the Educational Development Office Resource Library

- *147 Practical Tips for Synchronous and Blended Technology Teaching and Learning* by Rosemary Lehman and Richard Berg
- *Teaching Online* by Susan Ko and Steve Rossen
- *Blended Learning in Higher Education* by Randy Garrison and Norman Vaughan
- *Discussion-based Online Teaching* by Tisha Bender
- *Growing Up Digital* by Don Tapscott
- *Born Digital* by John Palfrey and URS Gasser
- *Principles of Effective Teaching in the Online Classroom* edited by Renee Weiss, Dave Knowton, Bruce Speck
- *Assessing the Online Learner*, by Rena Palloff and Keith Pratt
- *Engaging the Online Learner* by Rita-Marie Contrad and J. Ana Donaldson

*PRIMO Laurier's library catalogue: www.wlu.ca/library

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