Professional Development

eLearning’s Adam Greever was the presenter at ELPA’s fall professional development activity. The presentation topic was the Respondus Exam Study Software, an application that assists instructors in creating and uploading exams in D2L. The Respondus software acts as a translator for a test that may begin D2L as a word document and will be utilized. This software also enables the use of exam test banks exams in D2L.

This professional development activity allowed faculty to become familiar with a tool for improving online productivity. As online courses at ETSU become more prevalent, eLearning continues to support instructors and students with the latest software developments.

May 2013 Graduates

Jarrod Adams
Jeffrey Andersen
Kari Arnold
Steven Barnett
Carmen Bryant
Daniel Cantone
Cheri Clavier
Ivy Click
Krista Crum
Janet Dalton
Paula Davis
Julia Decker
Kimberly Dyke
Luke Finck
Christine Hogan-Young
Susan Lee
Keri Prigmore
Sharon Pickering
Hannah Reeder
Jama Spicer-Sutton
Derriell Springfield
Stephanie Tweed

Congratulations to all!

From the Chair

by Dr. Pamela Scott

As we continue to refine our online program delivery, we are involved in learning more about best practices in instruction and further developing our technology skills. We are pleased to have an excellent working relationship with the department of eLearning in this endeavor. We attribute much of the success with our programs to our partnerships with school districts, community colleges, private institutions, and businesses. We value these relationships and recognize their importance to our continued to success. As we continue our focus on developing forward thinking leaders, we welcome and solicit your continuing support. So, as we conclude another academic semester with full of creative energy and ideas, we wish each of you the very best in your own leadership journey.
In the News


Dr. Don Good served as a member of SACS 5th Year Review Committee (Summer 2013).

Dr. Eric Glover presented his book, Lead-Teach-Learn: The choice to be human, at the International Dialogue on Relational Leadership and Learning (sponsored by the Center for Relational Learning and, the Sidney Myer Chair of Rural Education and Communities, Flinders University Australia) in Santa FE, NM in October, 2013.


Dr. Jasmine Renner has been named a TBR Maxine Smith Fellow. This opportunity provides African-American employees of TBR schools the opportunity to participate in a working and learning environment that will enhance their work experience and career development.


Philip Rotich, ELPA doctoral fellow who graduated in December (2013), has been appointed as the Department Head for the Department of Education at Kenya Highlands Evangelical University.


Dr. Virginia Foley co-authored with Dr. Jason Horne and Dr. Bethany Flora the paper “Race to the Paycheck: Merit Pay and Theories of Teacher Motivation”, which they presented at International Conference on Learning and Administration in Higher Education (Nashville, TN) in May 2013. The authors received the Presentation Excellence Award and Best Paper Award.

Dissertation Boot Camp

The Dissertation Boot Camp, a collaboration between ETSU School of Continuing Studies, School of Graduate Studies, Writing Center, Sherrod Library, and Graduate Faculty, is a multi-day event, to guide students in writing their thesis or dissertation successfully.

Students register to attend four sessions: Fri 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Sherrod Library Rm. 309.

For more information, please call or visit: http://www.etsu.edu/gradstud/BootCamp.aspx

Dissertation Boot Camp
Spring 2014 schedule:

Session I
January 24-26, 2014

Session II
February 7-8, 2014

Session III
February 21-22, 2014

Session IV
March 21-22, 2014

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Online Learning Tools and Tips

By Dr. Bethany Flora

Students and faculty are pressed with time. Often we are not using online tools simply because we do not have the time to attend training or a workshop on that tool. In addition to the lack of time to explore new tools, there is also no single-stop shop online for exploring, comparing, and reviewing online learning tools. This column in the ELPA newsletter will offer up to three tips and tools in each edition for readers to try out.

FREE online ePortfolio sites: Three-ring binders for the techno-savvy scholar

With increasing use of online platforms for academic, social, and business purposes, more individuals are taking advantage of free online sites that serve as electronic binders. These electronic binders are called ePortfolios. Students can upload images, videos, and documents to their ePortfolio site. The collection of information, separated by tabs, can be a great tool for projects such as residency notebooks and internship experiences. Instead of emailing or uploading an entire document to your professor or students, you can direct people to your ePortfolio website with the copy and paste of a simple hyperlink.

Many of the sites, such as Livebinders, allow you to password-protect your binder so that you can share your binder link and password with a certain group of individuals. Below are three ePortfolio sites that students have used in the ELPA 6872 class:

LiveBinders
Cool thing about this platform: You can join the Livebinders folks live in a google hangout every Friday if you have questions about using this platform.
Website: www.livebinders.com
Video about Livebinders: http://www.livebinders.com/welcome/video_window_youtube
View great binders: http://www.livebinders.com/shelf/featured

Pathbrite
Cool thing about this platform: If you are a teacher, you can embed assessments in your site and enroll your students to take those assessments.
Website: https://pathbrite.com/
Overview: http://www.pathbrite.com/for-educators/#how-it-works

Canvas:
Cool thing about this platform: Canvas is an open-source learning site that does much more than house ePortfolios.
Website: https://canvas.instructure.com/login
Video about Canvas: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_naFK0J91G4

Graduate success

ETSU graduate students may take advantage of the service for Graduate Student Success, provided by the school of Graduate Studies. The graduate student success specialist, Kimberly Perry, provides services to assist graduate students with goal setting, overcoming obstacles, and providing support and services for graduate success. Please contact Kimberly Perry at 423-439-7062 or email her at gradsuccess@etsu.edu. The new location is in Sherrod Library, Rm. 462. Fall 2013 office hours can be located at www.etsu.edu/gradstud/SuccessService.aspx
Dr. Eric Glover has created a new website, LTL – The Lead-Teach-Learn Triad: Your Path to Learning, Teaching and Leading for a Better Community. The main focus of this website is on schools and its educators, and the purpose is to help them examine reality by questioning what teachers see and what it means in a new way. This framework was developed from Dr. Glover’s 30+ years of experience as a school teacher, principal and now as a professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis. The Myth of Accountability: What don’t we know?, which is Dr. Glover’s new book published in 2013, describes the LTL thinking and action process. Through this leadership framework, Dr. Glover intends to help educators to place more focus on student learning rather than on accountability, and to enable each of us to better address the problems generated by the contemporary machine image thinking. Through this website, Dr. Glover intends to help leaders and their organizations to reach greater leadership capacity. He offers to help leaders to enhance their capabilities to successfully adapt to changing environments through the application of the LTL triad and its primary tools: Developmental Empowerment and Open Inquiry. For more information on Dr. Glover’s website, please visit: www.ltltriad.com.

Glover goes online

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Student Workers

ELPA appreciate all the hard work and contribution these student workers provide to the de-
ELPA Welcomes New Doctoral Fellows

Fall 2013
Megan Owens, born in Ohio, completed her undergraduate degree in Sociology in 2007 and a Master of Arts in Counseling (concentration: Higher Education) in 2012 at East Tennessee State University. She recently held a position at Northeast State Community College which helped opened her eyes more into the world of higher education. She is a newlywed, who just got married this March to her husband, Sanders. Outside of school work, Megan loves to read, hike, bike, and cook.

Priti Sharma, from Mumbai, India, completed her undergraduate degree in Education (minor in Communication) at Bethany College, WV, and has earned two Masters degrees: M.S. in Communication from The College of New Rochelle, NY and M. Ed. in Educational Media and Educational Technology from East Tennessee State University. Priti volunteers to serve the International, Exchange as well as Native (U.S.) students on campus on different occasions to assist International Programs and Honors College. Along with performing multicultural dance, sponsored by the Multicultural Affairs office, she is also involved in choreography and teaching Bollywood Dance lessons to undergraduate and graduate students at ETSU.

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Lisa Rolle-Evans, born and raised in the Bahamas, is a two-time graduate of East Tennessee State University. She currently resides in Johnson City, TN with her children. Lisa holds BS and MA degrees in Sociology with a focus in Pharmacy. She has been a Board Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) since 2007, and is currently in pursuit of her Ed.D in the ELPA program Post Secondary and Private Sector Leadership concentration. She has served in the capacity of Domestic Violence Case Worker and Domestic Violence Court Advocate with First Tennessee Human Resource Agency and the Safe Passage Domestic Violence Shelter in Johnson City, TN. She spends time volunteering at the local hospital pharmacy when visiting the Bahamas, and serves as a voice for battered women and children in her community.

Whitney Schmidt is currently a doctoral candidate in the Educational Leadership Administrative Endorsement program after having earned her M.Ed. in Secondary Education and B.A. in English here at East Tennessee State University. Prior to joining us, she taught secondary grades English for 6 years, including her most recent position as high school English teacher at Oak Ridge High School in Oak Ridge, TN. She held prior positions as a middle school reading and language arts teacher at Whittle Springs Middle School in Knox County and high school English teacher at University School on the campus of ETSU. Schmidt lives with her husband, Robert, and son, Judah, in Powell, TN.
Educational Leadership Lighthouse Award

Presented each month to an ELPA student, faculty, or staff member who exhibits leadership qualities.

Dr. Catherine Glascock presented the May 2013 Lighthouse Award to ELPA fellow Scott Sawyer.

Scott Sawyer presented the August 2013 Lighthouse Award to Dr. Eric Glover.

Dr. Pamela Scott presented the November 2013 Lighthouse Award to Dr. Jasmine Renner.

Dr. Eric Glover presented the September 2013 Lighthouse Award to Dr. Pamela Scott.

Dec 2013 Graduates

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Carmen Belcher
Christopher Bogart
Erica Bradley
Martha Cantrell
Gary Childers
Brian Cinnamon
Gladys Cole
Gail Collett
Maria Costa
Flora Craig
Craig Hall
Jeffery Howard
Janice Irvin
Robert Kirkham
Margaret Mobley
Mindy Myers
Becky Olinger
Miriam Phillips
Yvonne Robinson
Philip Rotich
Thomas Sawyer
James Sharp
Christopher Strode
Kristin Turner
Evandro Valente
Aracelis Vasquez
Jamie Whitinger
Robert Winstead
Daniel Zhang

Congratulations to all!