



# Teaching and Learning at Curtin

September 2011

## Upcoming T&L Events

- Faculty of Science & Engineering Teaching and Learning EXPO, 14 September 2011
- [5th Asia Pacific Conference on Educational Integrity](#), Perth 26-28 September 2011
- [ePortfolios Conference](#), Perth 17-18 October 2011
- [Graduate Capability Standards](#), Perth, 19 October 2011
- [ATN Assessment Conference](#), Perth 20-21 October 2011
- [Miri Teaching and Learning Conference](#), 25-26 November 2011

## Useful Links to Curtin websites

[Teaching and Learning](#)

[Academic Integrity](#)

[Centre for eLearning](#)

[Assessment and Moderation](#)

[eVALUate](#)

[Teaching Performance Index](#)

[Curtin Policies website](#)

[ALTC Awards](#)

## ALTC Awards and Citations - Congratulations

### ALTC Teaching Awards

Excellence in Teaching Awards recognise teachers renowned for teaching excellence, who have outstanding presentation skills and who have made a significant contribution to enhancing the quality of learning and teaching in higher education. Each award is valued at \$25,000. Congratulations go to:

**Dr Lisa Tee**, Director Teaching and Learning, School of Pharmacy

**Ms Lisa Goldacre**, Lecturer, School of Business Law and Taxation

**Ms Katharina Wolf**, Lecturer, School of Marketing

### ALTC Citations

Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning recognise and reward the contributions made by individuals and teams to the quality of the student learning. Each Citation has

a prize value of \$10,000. Congratulations go to:

**Associate Professor Sonia Dickinson**, School of Marketing, Curtin Business School  
**Associate Professor Joseph Fernandez**, Department of Journalism, Humanities

**Dr Karen Glaister**, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Health Sciences

**Dr Allan Goody, Coordinator**, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Office of Assessment, Teaching and Learning

**Professor Rick Ladyshewsky**, Curtin Graduate School of Business

**Associate Professor Janice McKay**, Department of Medical Imaging, Science & Engineering

**Ms Yin Ling Tan**, Department of Chemical Engineering, Curtin Sarawak

### Faculty T&L EXPOs

- **Science & Engineering** 14 September 2011
- **Interfaculty symposium for unit coordinators on best practice strategies for the induction of sessional staff.** Coming mid Nov 2011



## Connecting student cohorts using social media (Twitter) - Dr Tama Leaver

Dr Tama Leaver, Internet Studies Lecturer, was one of 10 staff awarded an eScholar grant in 2010 to focus on projects that would enhance student engagement through the use of social media tools for formal and informal learning purposes. The aim of Tama's project was to encourage different forms of student peer interaction, and student-teacher interaction, across a range of communication tools. The premise was that student

learning would be enhanced and be more enjoyable, if students had an array of non-assessed interaction options. Twitter was introduced mid-way through the unit and students were encouraged to set up an account and try out the platform. Most students found Twitter easy to use, and a significant numbers used it numerous times, with tweets ranging from questions about assessment and course material, to students sharing interesting re-

sources and links, through to social interactions not directly related to the unit at all. This rich diversity of informal learning and social interaction was exactly what the project was designed to enhance. One tip Tama suggests is to define the boundaries of usage and response times and make this explicit from the start. See the Centre for eLearning website for the [showcase of Tama's project](#)

## What's happening...

### Academic Integrity

The backlog of plagiarism Level II/III incidents has now been entered in the Plagiarism Recording System.

The integration of the *Turritin* tools is complete and these are being used in various units across Curtin.

### Graduate Capabilities

In preparation for the forthcoming establishment of TEQSA, strategic funds have been made available

to support course coordinators to articulate standards for generic capabilities (graduate attributes) for their courses. For more information email [b.oliver@curtin.edu.au](mailto:b.oliver@curtin.edu.au)

### eScholars

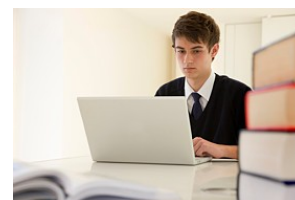
Submissions have been called for 2012 eScholars grants to support academic staff to explore and implement new technologies in teaching and learning. See the [eScholars website](#) for more information.

### iLectures

An iLectures working party is investigating different vendors of iLecture software against Curtin requirements.

### iPortfolio

A 'moving forward' paper outlined 3 major areas for the iPortfolio i) IT issues ii) sustainability, and iii) future direction. Faculties were asked for feedback and then a Plan will be developed.



Engaging students to learn

## T&L Research and Resources

### Curtin Research in Higher Education

Visiting Professor Mick Healey was warmly received with over fifty-five participants attending the formal workshops and informal meetings. Prof Healey covered; strategic issues; developing the scholarship of T&L; linking discipline based research and teaching; and developing an inclusive curriculum for students. Prof Healey commended Health Sciences

on their model for supporting staff in their research in T&L.

Some strategic T&L Funding has been made available for academic staff to develop their T&L research into a conference paper and/or publication. More information will be sent out shortly.

### Journal of Teaching & Learning for Graduate Employability

The current issue of the

Journal contains three papers and one editorial. You are invited to visit the journal and consider submitting an article. See the [JTLGE website](#)

### Lights Camera Action

The Centre for eLearning now has recording facilities available for audio visual, recording, editing or publishing. Visit the [CeL website](#) for tips and helpful hints.

**Blackboard Upgrade 27-29 Dec 2011**  
See the [Blackboard Upgrade website](#) for details

## English Language Proficiency

### Embedding Language Development Across the Curriculum

A seminar presented by Assoc/Prof Carmela Briguglio provided an insight into how staff can assist students, particularly those who have English as an additional language, to continue to develop their English language skills to high levels.

Assoc/Prof Briguglio and Dr Katie Dunworth launched the new HERSDA Guide "Teaching students who have English as an additional language: A

handbook for academic staff in higher education'. Information on purchasing the book is available by emailing [office@herdsa.org.au](mailto:office@herdsa.org.au)

### English Language Project

This funded ELP project is to work with 8 staff, exploring and developing activities to embed communication skills into a unit. Contact Assoc/Prof Carmela Briguglio or Dr Katie Dunworth for more information.

### Discipline-Based Core Communication Skills Units

*ELP Strategy 2:* The audit phase of identifying core communication skills units in each Faculty is nearing completion. Essential criteria are being developed to help consolidate the English language components within each unit.

More information on the Curtin ELP Strategy is available from the [ELP website](#)