

# Member Newsletter

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*Please invite your  
colleagues to join us at  
<http://bit.ly/bgnlig>*

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## Check out our Group Rules

Hello again, and welcome to our new members! Our goal with this monthly newsletter is to share news of our activities, and to keep it short, while useful. We know your time is valuable, and we appreciate you sharing it with us.

LinkedIn Feature of the Month... Share your special announcements and your web pages under the Promotion tab. That way, our academic discussions stay promotion-free and focused on [academic] topics. This keeps our discussion board professional and engaging. For details, click on the "Group Rules" link on the group home page.

## Message from the Director

Sociability is a hot topic in higher education today. The topic is not just related to the use of social media technology and tools, but it is also about how we as educators interact with our students to create a more engaging and active learning environment.

Within the context of the teaching-learning process, how do we enhance the teacher-student relationship to create a more effective learning environment, didactically and pedagogically? In a recent article published in the ProfHacker section of the Chronicle (see <http://chronicle.com/blogs/profhacker/>), I offer my personal observations and those of others on the topic and provide some practical tips for how you can increase your sociability. Please check it out and post your comments at the bottom of the article.

Finally, we would like to involve more of your colleagues in our discussions. Please invite your colleagues to join us. You may invite them by using the Invite link at the top of our group homepage or by sending them the following link <http://bit.ly/bgnlig>

Kind regards,

Patrick Blessinger

## Research Collaborations

Research Collaborations...join and participate in the scholarship subgroup if you would like to collaborate on research papers with other educators. Select Subgroups under the More tab on the group homepage, and select the Scholarship Subgroup.

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*Research collaborations can be found in the Scholarship subgroup.*

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## Dialogue as Means of Change

If you haven't already, go to our portal, <http://HETL.org>, and read Dr. Olga Kovbasyuk's article on "Dialogue as Means of Change". And while you're there, consider what you could add to our growing base of articles, by submitting your own article. Please see <http://hetl.org/policies/> for submission requirements and themes.

Do you have questions? General questions/issues relating to discussion posts? Contact Cyndy Woods-Wilson or David Bugay. You can find them through LinkedIn mail. For research collaboration queries or for queries about article submissions to The HETL Review (our e-journal), used LinkedIn email to contact Patrick Blessinger.

## Manager's Choice

Manager's Choice Feature. Each week we highlight different discussions representing different topics, different points of view, and different practices throughout our world, from conceptual to practical. And wow! There are some great ideas available in these discussions. Check 'em out! Click on the "see all" link in the Manager's Choice section of the group home page.