

In Brief

Name change: The former *Online Newsletter* has become the *Distance Education Newsletter* in order to include news you can use about iCourses and MOOCs. Read this newsletter for the latest developments in the fast growing world of distance education.

Online Test Proctoring: The online test proctoring center in Strong Hall Rm 107 has added extended hours on Tuesday evening until 7 pm this fall. As usual, the center will be open on Tuesdays until 8:30 pm during final exam week. For more information call **Nasser Darabi**, Coordinator, at 836-6665.

Missouri State Online on Facebook: We are now on Facebook! Please like and visit our [Facebook page](#) for updates pertaining to Missouri State Online.

Education Events

Innovation Showcase: In November, Missouri State Online is collaborating with OTC and Evangel University on an Innovation Showcase Conference. This is a virtual conference that will be presented simultaneously on all three campuses. Presenters and panel discussions will be live online for attendees with Q&A at the end of each session. **Dr. Jesse Stommel**, Founder and Director of [Hybrid Pedagogy](#), a digital journal of learning, teaching, and technology, will be on the OTC main campus to provide the keynote address.



We are currently soliciting presentation proposals. Please visit the [Proposal Submission Page](#) or contact Lacey Geiger (LaceyGeiger@MissouriState.edu) or Gary Rader (GaryRader@MissouriState.edu) for more information.

Education Events (continued)

Second International Congress on Education: On September 3, 2015, **Dr. Gary Rader** participated in the Second International Congress on Education via SKYPE in Rio Tercero, Argentina. The presentation was in collaboration with a colleague in political science at the Institute for Higher Education (IDES). Both instructors have been collaboratively linking their courses with service-learning projects to enhance civic awareness. The participants who attended the virtual session witnessed first-hand a virtual and collaborative learning environment similar to that experienced by students in both countries.

Education Opportunities



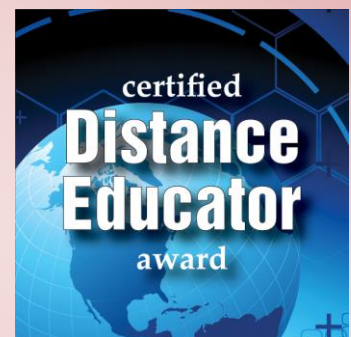
Missouri's Civil War: Join us now for Missouri State's upcoming Massive Open Online Course featuring the Civil War in Missouri. Discover how Missouri emerges as a flashpoint of larger national tensions during the Civil War; how it offers a microcosm of the divisions between the North and South; and how it powerfully illustrates the devastation that civil war brought upon bitterly divided border states.

No materials are required for the course and registration is free! [Sign up now](#) to secure your spot. The course begins October 19. [Follow us on Facebook](#) for fun leading up to the class!

Awards

Master Online Course Recognition Award (MOCRA): The 2015 competition is ready to launch. A new selection process will be instituted to enhance the number of nominees. Nominations will be drawn from the Digital Professor Academy, department head suggestions, and student submissions. Master Online Courses will be awarded in the following categories:

- Best in Course Design
- Best in Interaction and Collaboration
- Best in Instructional Media and Technology
- Best in Assessment
- Best in All Categories



Certified Distance Educator Awards for 2015: Missouri State Online has awarded its first three Certified Distance Educator Awards to **John Bourhis** (Communication), **Jokima Hiller** (Hospitality and Restaurant Administration), and **Jennifer Pursley** (Math). The purpose of the award is to encourage professional development, growth, and innovation in distance education. If you wish to become eligible for this recognition, please visit our [page](#).