

# Distance Education Faculty Update – August 2016



Welcome Distance Educators!

We've decided to reformat the Distance Education Newsletter. Instead, we'll now send a monthly communication with more timely updates and links to upcoming events. We hope you find this new format useful. If you have ideas for what you might like to see included, let us know at [MSOnline@MissouriState.edu](mailto:MSOnline@MissouriState.edu).

Classes begin August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We've provided a few links to upcoming events you might be interested in prior to the start of the semester as well as some reminders and links to our new faculty training series.

## **Upcoming Events:**

**August 17:** Join us for the 31<sup>st</sup> [Showcase on Teaching and Learning](#). This event includes faculty presentations as well as lunch and a keynote address.

**August 18-19:** [Ask the Experts Sessions](#) will be held in Meyer Library 205 all day August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. You can also attend Virtual Office Hours through Collaborate.

## **Just a Reminder:**

- Be sure to clearly communicate any proctoring requirements (whether you're using on-campus proctoring or an online proctoring service) with students early in the semester.
- If you are using the [Online Test Proctoring Center](#), be sure to schedule your exams as soon as possible.
- We suggest that whenever possible faculty make their blackboard courses available to students one week prior to the semester. We've provided some short videos below if you're unfamiliar with the setup of Blackboard.

## **Blackboard Faculty Videos:**

- [Making your Blackboard Course Available](#)
- [Posting your Syllabus](#)
- [Sending a Welcome Announcement](#)
- [Personalizing your Blackboard Course](#)