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EdTech & the Faculty Role: Changing Expectations and Career Implications

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The Career Forum offers an opportunity for open and informal discussion. The outline below serves as a launching point for the conversation, and the listed resources provide opportunities to surf and learn about current issues.

CAREER FORUM DISCUSSION GUIDE

● In your experience, how does educational technology (and innovative uses of educational technology, in particular) figure into career attainment and career progression for faculty members seeking tenure or promotion?

● Are there initiatives, projects, committees, or special assignments that faculty should seek? What initiatives get noticed?

● What professional development opportunities are most beneficial relative to EdTech? How do we tap into a learning trajectory that integrates EdTech and pedagogy?
  ○ How can innovative uses of educational technology drive career attainment or career advancement for those seeking full-time academic careers in educational technology?

● Given the increasingly competitive hiring environment, how does EdTech fit into the picture for adjunct faculty? Where should adjunct faculty place their emphasis if they want to build a portfolio of teaching opportunities?
  ○ Social media/networking: What is the best way for faculty to promote/position their EdTech knowledge and experience?
CAREER FORUM RESOURCES

We look forward to expanding the list of resources below during our Career Forum discussion.

General Reports and Surveys


- NMC Horizon Reports: Retrieved from https://www.nmc.org/publication-type/horizon-report/

Teaching & Learning Resources Related to Online Learning & Educational Technology Integration

- EDUCAUSE Review: https://er.educause.edu/
- Faculty Focus: http://facultyfocus.com (e-newsletter)
- The International Higher Education Teaching and Learning Association https://www.hetl.org/
- Journal of Educators Online: http://thejeo.com
- MERLOT: http://MERLOT.org
- Office of Educational Technology: https://tech.ed.gov/highered/
- Online Learning Consortium: http://onlinelearningconsortium.org
- Pedagogy First (a resource designed to help faculty select appropriate EdTech): www.pedagogyfirst.com

Related OL & Ed Tech Articles of Interest


Every campus seems to talk about the importance of IT – still not formally rewarding it.


**Pedagogical Certifications (with e-emphasis)**

- VoiceThread: [http://voicethread.com](http://voicethread.com)
- Quality Matters: [http://qualitymatters.org](http://qualitymatters.org)
- Online Learning Consortium Certificates & Mastery Series:
  - Certificates: [https://onlinelearningconsortium.org/learn/teaching-certificates/](https://onlinelearningconsortium.org/learn/teaching-certificates/)
  - Mastery Series: [https://onlinelearningconsortium.org/learn/mastery-series/](https://onlinelearningconsortium.org/learn/mastery-series/)
    - Social Media
    - Leadership in Online Learning
    - Both were taken by members of this group and were outstanding!
- Illinois Online Network (ION): [http://www.ion.uillinois.edu/](http://www.ion.uillinois.edu/)
  - MVRP: Making the Virtual Classroom a Reality (courses, badges, Master Online Teacher Certificate)