Upcoming Conferences of Note

June 2–4: *The Teaching Professor Conference*
St. Louis, Missouri
http://www.magnapubs.com/2017-teaching-professor-conference

This conference theme this year is "Cutting-Edge Learning for Exceptional Educators." Specific topic areas include recent pedagogical research, innovative classroom techniques, new technology tools, challenges of a global classroom, and best practices in teaching.

June 9–11: *Adult Education Research Conference*
University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma
http://newprairiepress.org/aerc

The Adult Education Research Conference is an annual North American conference that provides a forum for adult-education researchers to share their experiences and the results of their studies with students, other researchers, and practitioners from around the world.

June 20–21: *ArmyU – Competency-Based Education Network Symposium*
Kansas City, Missouri

Army University and the Competency-Based Education Network (CBE-N) are teaming up to present a two-day symposium that will feature overviews of some of Army University's work to develop learner profiles, establish cooperative degree programs, and map competencies to academic degrees and industry credentials. The symposium will also include updates from CBE-N associates and organizations on the latest advances in competency-based education and learning.

July 25–27: *Distance Teaching & Learning Conference*
Madison, Wisconsin
https://dtlconference.wisc.edu

The 33rd annual Distance Teaching & Learning Conference is the place to learn from the best and engage with other distance education professionals. Whether you are new to the field or a seasoned expert, you will find many opportunities to network, gain new insights, and transform your day-to-day work.

July 31–August 2: *iFest*
Alexandria, Virginia
http://www.ndia.org/events/2017/7/31/adl-ifest

The National Training and Simulation Association's Advanced Distributed Learning iFest provides unique opportunities for military, government, industry, and academia professionals to share the latest in distributed learning innovations. This year's theme emphasizes learning analytics with associated topics such as technological interoperability (e.g., xAPI), implementation, privacy, and security. iFest will also include an optional "PlugFest" for xAPI and the burgeoning Total Learning Architecture on 2 August.

August 7-10: *Lilly National Conference*
Asheville, North Carolina
https://www.lillyconferences-nc.com

This conference is one of several that are part of the Lilly Conference Series on Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning.

October 31–November 1: *American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE)*
Memphis, Tennessee
http://www.aaace.org/?page=2017AnnualConference\

This is the annual conference of one of the nation's largest organizations for adult and continuing education. AAACE is the publisher of three leading adult education journals, including the *Adult Education Quarterly*, *Adult Learning*, and the *Journal of Transformative Education*. This year's theme is "Adult Education: One Chorus of Many Voices."

Service Notes

The Army Learning Concept for Training & Education, 2020-2040 (ALC-TE), http://www.tradoc.army.mil/tpubs/pams/TP525-8-2.pdf, was approved and published on 13 April 2017. This seminal Army learning concept document updates *ALC for 2015* and provides the vision for the Army learning enterprise for the foreseeable future. *ALC-TE* calls for the Army to develop a "persistent, blended, adaptable, tailorable, mobile, and accessible learning ecosystem" to optimize learning outcomes.

The Air Force **Instructor/Developer of Online Learning** (IDOL) Course builds organic instructor/developer capabilities by training principles, theories, and teaching strategies for delivering collegiate-level curriculum in an online or blended learning environment. For more information, please contact the 81st Training Group, Keesler Faculty Development Flight at 81trss.tsf3@us.af.mil.

Air Force **Enterprise Blended Learning Service** (EBLS) is live and moving toward full operating capability. Air Education Training Command (AETC) partnered with OPM USALearning to add AF services to an IDIQ contract vehicle; asynchronous and synchronous capability. In the future, EBLS will be part of the Air Force's Advanced Distributed Learning Service (ADLS), which will offer learning capabilities not tied to a single LMS (currently using Blackboard), connected by the Total Learning Architecture API interface. For more information, please contact Air Education and Training Command, Information Technology Service Provider, Business Relationship Managers at AETC.ITSP.BRM@us.af.mil.

The Marine Corps **Future Learning Group** was created by the United States Marine Corps Training and Education Command (TECOM) in January 2017 as part of the Commanding General, TECOM's Special Staff. The mission of the Future Learning Group is to seek and assess innovative methods and technologies in order to enhance learning. For additional information, visit http://www.tecom.marines.mil.

Highlighted Learning Organizations

Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) Initiative

https://www.adlnet.gov/about

ADL's mission is to modernize technology-based, network-enabled training and education across the Total Force, Federal Government, and Coalition Partners. ADL stewards associated distributed learning policy and coordinates across stakeholders to increase distributed learning interoperability, effectiveness, and efficiency.

Federal Government Distance Learning Association (FGDLA)

http://www.fgdla.us/

The Federal Government Distance Learning Association (FGDLA) is a nonprofit, professional association formed to promote the development and application of distance learning in the federal government. The FGDLA actively fosters collaboration and understanding among those involved in leveraging technology and instructional media, encourages the application of all forms of distance learning media, and embraces innovative methods in integrating instructional technologies to meet the training and education needs of the federal government.

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