



THIS WEEK IN THE CTRE

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Upcoming Events

University Closed	12/26
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CTRE By The Numbers

For those of you who would like some additional training to help you use LiveText, you should know that in the Spring Semester, there will be not 1, not 2, not 3, but 4 [LiveText workshops](#), all of which will be led by Ms. Angela Poole.

Watch future newsletters for updates.

2 iPad Apps Worth Knowing About

According to the website [MacNN.com](#), there are a couple new iPad apps worth knowing about that uniquely demonstrate the platform’s “full range of capabilities with interactive educational content.”

One is the productivity app, **Office² HD**, which enables users to work with their Microsoft



Office Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files. Users can edit and manipulate documents in many ways previously unavailable to them. PDF creation and wireless printing have also been added, making this a powerful and flexible new tool. To learn more about Office² HD, watch the video [HERE](#).

Also available now is Evernote’s **Skitch**. This

app allows users to perform screen-capture and annotation tasks while on the internet. For example, you might come across a page of text or an image that you want to quickly add notes to and share with your students; Skitch would allow you to do just that. To learn more, watch the video [HERE](#).

If you’ve had success using iPad apps in your own teaching, let the CTRE know!

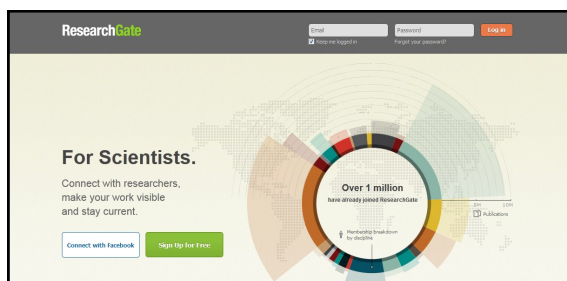
Top Networks for Higher Educators

A recent issue of *Tech & Learning* brought attention to 20 social networking sites that educators have been using to connect with each other, as well as their students (for the full list, click [HERE](#)).

Included here is a list that combines *T&L*’s selections, as well as a few of our own from the CTRE:

1. [ResearchGate](#)—Allows you to network with “the

largest global community dedicated to science and research.” With over a million users to date, that’s



a lot of potential collaboration!

2. [Academia.edu](#)—An equally robust, though

more heterogeneous, network than ResearchGate, Academia.edu allows you to share research papers with academicians from around the world in all fields of study.

3. [IT4ALL](#)—A great network for sharing best practices in teaching with technology.

Enough suggestions to keep you busy for a while.

4. [Edudemic](#)—Includes

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Looking Forward

A Brief List of Some Upcoming Conferences

If you're looking to attend a conference to deepen your understanding of your content area, strengthen your research, or connect with other faculty, here are some ideas:

Increasing Access and Success For Underrepresented Populations: The Importance Of Family Engagement

1/24 \$345 [LINK](#) Online

26th International Self-Directed Learning Symposium

2/8 \$250 [LINK](#) Cocoa Beach, FL

*International Society for the Social Studies
Annual Conference*

3/1-3/2 \$105/\$165 [LINK](#) Orlando, FL

International Journal of Arts and Sciences Conference for Academic Disciplines

3/13-3/16 \$240/\$360 [LINK](#) Las Vegas, NV

International Conference of Cultural and Social Aspects of Research

3/22-3/24 \$225/\$275 [LINK](#) San Antonio, TX

International Symposium on Education and Psychology

3/30-4/1 \$350/\$400 [LINK](#) Hong Kong

*Engaging Hearts and Minds:
An Agenda for Global Citizenship Education*

4/16-4/17 TBA [LINK](#) Toronto

Top Networks (cont.)

some very useful “How-To” guides and “Top 5” lists on using technology in the classroom.

5. [Diipo](#)—Features dashboards and apps to keep your students up-to-date, even if you're not teaching an online class.

6. [Technology Integration in Education](#)—This website, the sole creation of Greg Limperis, contains a wealth of innovative ideas for engaging your students with technology.

7. [Educator's PLN](#)—An attractive and info-rich website developed by Thomas Whitby, this network has attracted some of education's brightest and

most innovative minds.

8. [Plurk](#)—A website similar to Twitter, but slightly “hipper,” which is always useful in getting your students to use it.

9. [Facebook](#)—It might not have won over the hearts and minds of all professors, but it's a surefire way to reach your students.

Honorable Mention: [Commons-in-a-Box](#)—Last place on the list, but only because it's not up and running yet! The City University of New York (CUNY) has been developing this open-source sharing project for quite some time now, and there is a lot of enthusiasm being

generated for it. The Modern Library Association (MLA), for example, will take part in the initial phase of development by using the new platform “to create its own MLA Commons for its 30,000+ members,” as noted by CUNY's website.

If you're interested in learning more about how social networks can help you in your teaching and/or research at CSU, stop by the CTRE any time.

