Professor Peter Bol, Vice Provost at Harvard, will open the edtech talk series for 2015 from 12.00-1.00pm on Friday 20th February with Who Learns What, When, and How? Parsing the 2 Million Registrants in HarvardX MOOCs.

As Vice Provost for Advances in Learning, Professor Bol leads and coordinates two of Harvard’s prominent academic endeavors: the Harvard Initiative for Learning and Teaching, a presidential initiative launched in October 2011, and HarvardX, the University’s branch of the online educational venture edX, which offered its first classes last year.

Professor Bol's talk will address the following topic: The data stream from registrants in Massive Open Online Courses is also massive, and not easy to analyze. The techniques Harvard has employed have given us greater insight into the audiences for MOOCs and how they make use of these learning opportunities.

Read more about his ideas as a pioneer in pedagogical experimentation, both online and in the classroom.

Register

#edtechtalk Series

The next edtech talk will be held on 20 March 12.00-1.00pm when Professor Adam Bridgeman (Science) and Dr Sandra Peter (Business School) will present their experiences and expertise on Active Learning Online and In Class. Following their sessions at the Sydney Teaching Colloquium which were very well received, Adam will talk about Guided Inquiry in First Year Chemistry while Sandra will discuss Blended Learning in Business.

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eLearning Workshops

As part of the DVC(Education) #edtechtalk series, Sydney eLearning will be running a series of workshops covering best practice for teaching online using the University's eLearning enterprise systems. These workshops part of a suite of academic development programs in collaboration with the Institute of Teaching and Learning.

The first session will be conducting a lunchtime information session in Carslaw 175 on Wednesday 11th February from 1.00–2.00 pm. This session will focus on:

1. New tools and features in Blackboard
2. A demonstration of Kaltura the video streaming solution integrated with Blackboard
3. New features in the Blackboard enrolments middleware allowing staff more control over access to their Blackboard sites
4. An explanation of the lecture recording opt out process

Registration is through CareerPath, search "elearning" in the search box at the top right of the screen.

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To view dates for the rest of the series and register, visit the Sydney eLearning website.