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Midwest Scholars Conference

Be sure to mark your calendars for next year’s conference on March 13–14, 2014. Please visit the MSC at midwestscholars.org to see highlights from the 2013 conference.

Teaching & Learning Research

Should I provide students with my PowerPoint slides? Are clickers effective and how should I use them in class? What are some of the most effective ways to increase learning? Dr. Christopher Devers addressed these questions, as well as others, in a recent keynote titled What Works! for the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Business retreat -- both the [talk](#) and the PowerPoint [slides](#) are available online (the pictures in the PowerPoint are linked to more resources).

Additionally, he wrote [meta-analysis summaries](#) that review the literature for selected learning and technology topics (i.e., blogs, clickers, learning styles, etc.), which can be helpful when designing courses, assignments, etc.

Speaking Engagements

In July, Dr. Brad Garner spoke at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education (some compare it to MIT here) based in Monterrey, Mexico. This school has over 90,000 students on 33 campuses in 25 cities across Mexico. This is Mexico's largest institution of higher education.

Last summer he did two days of training with the faculty at the Chihuahua campus. They invited him back to do a one hour keynote address for their "Annual Congress" of all faculty, staff, and administration on 7.25.13

from their central campus in Monterrey, via satellite to all 33 locations and to over 3,000 faculty members. He shared the approaches and strategies for effective teaching with students in higher education.

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