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We invite you to engage with the CourseSmart e-reader and explore the variety of textbooks that are available in that format. You may access all Pearson textbooks for free at this time. **As an added bonus, you can also read Dr. Wright's new book, *How God Makes the World A Better Place: A Wesleyan Primer on Faith, Work, and Economic Transformation*, in the e-reader format.**

We have included directions for accessing CourseSmart and a wealth of digital resources. Watch the video: http://mediacentral.indwes.edu/#entry_id=1_mfzuwdne or read the instructions:

1. Go to https://blackboard.indwes.edu/ and login.
2. Go to any Blackboard course you are enrolled as an instructor.
3. On the Blackboard Course Menu select "Tools".
4. Select "CourseSmart Instant Access Tool".
5. If this is your first time accessing CourseSmart you will need to select "My Bookshelf" and Submit.
6. On the "Pair Blackboard With CourseSmart Account" screen simply select Submit.
7. On the "Account Details" screen simply select Submit.
8. Complete your profile by providing a password for your CourseSmart account and agreeing to the Terms of Use. You will need your email address and the password you just created to access CourseSmart via their website or App.
9. In the upper "Search" box, search for Dr. Wright's book, *How God Makes a World a Better Place: A Wesleyan Primer on Faith, Work, and Economic Transformation*. This can be done by using Dr. Wright's name or the book title.
10. When you see Dr. Wright's book, you select "Get Instant Access."
11. You will be required to provide some information about your department, course, and course enrollment. Select "Add to My Bookshelf" after providing this information.

12. Select "Read Now" to begin exploring CourseSmart and Dr. Wright's book.

Other Helpful Information:
CourseSmart Mobile/Tablet Access: http://www.coursesmart.com/go/mobile
CourseSmart Product Features: http://instructors.coursesmart.com/ourproducts

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Check out information regarding the Learning Academy on our evolving CLI website by clicking this link: http://www.indwes.edu/CLI/

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The Midwest Scholars Conference (MSC) was held March 14-15 in Indianapolis and hosted by Indiana Wesleyan University. This year's theme was "Shifting Sands: Re-Imagining Scholarship, Theory, and Practice." The conference was well attended and included representation from over 20 other midwest schools. Please visit the MSC at http://www.indwes.edu/MidwestScholars/to see highlights from the conference. Be sure to mark your calendars for next year's conference on March 13–14, 2014.

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Faculty Frenzy has been well attended again this year. It is an annual series of faculty development workshops offered on the Marion campus. Sessions include full courses (as part of the Learning Academy) and short-term workshops on a variety of topics. Some of these sessions have been captured in a digital format in an effort to add them to our online offerings for both full time and adjunct faculty. This will include the Learning Academy courses (Course Design, Assessment of Student Learning, Course Delivery, Student Engagement, and Integration of Technology) as well as workshops offered in an online format beginning this fall.

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Erick Hilbert was named to the Cite Conference Advisory Board. The Cite Conference is an annual online learning conference hosted around the country by Pearson Learning. Erick was selected as an inaugural member of the Conference Advisory Board. He will meet regularly with other board members to help plan, improve, and coordinate the 2014 CITE Conference to be held Ft. Worth, Texas.

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Drs. Christopher and Erin Devers, along with students Allie Alayan, Cody Reaves, Chilton Garretson, Eric Carmichael, and Judie Keen presented research on video based learning at the Butler Undergraduate Research conference. Specifically, the research explored how watching online videos impacted student learning.

ID Team has Chapter Selected for Upcoming Book **Back to Top**

The ID team is working on a chapter for the upcoming book "Cases on Critical and Qualitative Perspectives in Online Higher Education." The Quality Matters (QM) Program reached out to the Indiana Wesleyan University instructional design team early this year and encouraged them to expand the written account that won IWU QM's institutional award last year. The ID team submitted a proposal and the proposal was accepted. The ID team is writing a chapter highlighting "Efficiency and Quality Improvement in Online Course Development." The book is scheduled to be published later this year.

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Dr. Brad Garner made a presentation at the annual conference of the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition in Orlando, Florida on Interactive Teaching Strategies in the First-Year Seminar.

Dr. Garner also made his tenth trip to Livno, Bosnia and participated in the Educational Leadership Institute in cooperation with Global Partners and World Hope International.

Dr. Christopher Devers spoke to the graduate dean's of Central Indiana's Christian universities at their quarterly meeting. The importance of scholarship was discussed along with the need for strong student research experience at both the graduate and undergraduate level. The universities represented were Taylor University, University of Saint Francis, Huntington University, Anderson University, and Indiana Wesleyan University .