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CHECK THIS TECH! *innovative teaching tools & services*

Google Tour Builder is a new way to create presentations that lets you highlight map locations, add photos, text, and video, and share it all! Tied into the Google system of apps, this free beta software provides a new tool for using the power of Google Earth and all of its rich imagery and spatial referencing. It provides linear, hub, and pathless storylines, so you can control how lines between your location pins are drawn and how the presentation content progresses. You can upload video to enhance the instructional experience with the presentation. The site provides a [gallery of sample](#) tours and descriptions of different applications of this new technology. You create the tour, then share your creation with your students. Dive in and check out this new Google tool.



Did you know? Tips for faculty



CTL is hosting streamed sessions from the [Online Learning Consortium's Accelerate](#) international conference that will be held in Orlando, Florida from **November 15-17**. We have been funded for an unlimited group package, which means we can tune in to the [streamed sessions](#) while the conference is underway, and then also have access to 110 different streamed sessions for one year from the live presentations. This is a large conference with a lot of great programming. Watch your email for details on which sessions will be streamed live in the library and how to access other available sessions that are of interest to you and your department or colleagues!

Suggestions? Please click on our [Ideas box](#)!



Faculty Watercooler

Faculty discussions on subjects that matter to you

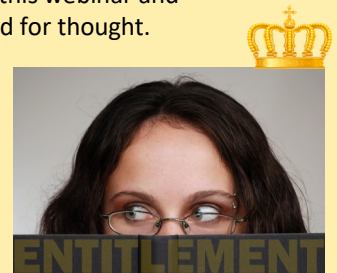
Entitlement in higher education—the discussion is ON!

With the semester wrapping up this webinar and recent [articles](#) provide some food for thought.

For full access to the hour-long webinar linked below you will need to create a free account (UCM is a paid member). You will also discover a lot of other great resources there!

[Student Entitlement: Truth, Fiction, or Some of Both?](#)
(Webinar, 60 mins.)

[Student Entitlement: Key Questions & Short Answers](#) (article)



Keeping Up

The latest in Teaching and Learning

The Best in Teaching and Learning Apps

In your discussions on teaching and learning best practices have you ever wondered which apps would foster your efforts to create a rich and meaningful learning environment?

The American Association of School Librarians ([AASL](#)) has released its **2017 Best Apps for Teaching and Learning**.

These apps are recognized as the best in exceptional value for inquiry-based teaching and learning. AASL has been releasing this list of best apps for a specific year since 2013. The apps are categorized in six areas: Books, STEM, Organization & Management, Humanities & Art, Content Creation, and Off the Beaten Apps. Although most apps are geared toward Elementary+, they can be modified for use at the higher education level.

To see past years' lists of chosen apps, browse to: [2016](#) | [2015](#) | [2014](#) | [2013](#)

Check out this "2 minute* *takeaway*" for a short videotaped nugget of advice from teaching peers, this content is from the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence Faculty Development at UT Arlington

**some videos may be a bit longer!*

American Association
of School Librarians



2 minute

takeaway
Staying Productive
Podcast Series:

[Creating a Semester Plan and Working the Plan](#)
with Dr. Maria Martinez-Cosio