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HELTASA 2014 at the UFS

The University of the Free State wishes to invite you to HELTASA 2014, which will take place 18–21 November 2014. The conference theme will be **Accessing success: Using evidence for change**.

In a year in which South Africa celebrates 20 years of democracy we, as academic scholars, must evolve and direct our activities towards finding evidence-based proof of our achievements. Critical reflection is needed if we are to enhance student engagement while advancing teaching and learning.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bloemfontein!

Congratulations to Dr Paul Prinsloo and the UNISA team for putting together a well-organised and informative HELTASA 2013! It was a job well done!

Topics for HELTASA 2014

We have identified the following areas of interest for discussion at the conference. We believe these discussions will help to equip our students to access success:

- Scholarship of teaching and learning
- Academic staff development
- Blended learning
- Curriculum structure and design

We look forward to engaging in academic excellence! Do not hesitate to contact us for further information. Visit our website at <http://ctl.ufs.ac.za/content.aspx?id=16> to view the electronic invitation.

Pre-event workshops

First term 2014

The organising team will host pre-event workshops throughout 2014 leading up to the HELTASA conference in November.



Prof David Pace is a renowned academic of Indiana University, will be the presenter at the first workshop, which will take place in January 2014. He is well known for his research on De-coding the

Disciplines: Helping Students Learn Disciplinary Ways of Thinking, and is a co-founder of the Freshman Learning Project.

In March 2014 the second pre-event will be hosted by **Robert Branch** of the University of Georgia. He is known for his



groundbreaking work in instructional design and visual literacy. Dr. Branch emphasizes student-centered learning, teaches courses related to instructional systems design.

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