What’s New with CAUSEweb and MERLOT?

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CAUSEweb (www.causeweb.org) and MERLOT (www.merlot.org) are online resources for statistics educators. MERLOT has peer-reviewed applets, videos, simulations, tutorials, and activities which work well for either online or traditional classes. CAUSEweb has many of these resources (plus others, including jokes, cartoons, songs, and quotes), but also serves as a contact point for professional development opportunities such as conferences, workshops, and webinars.

eCOTS next May

The United States Conference on Teaching Statistics (USCOTS) happens during odd-numbered years. Since 2012 is an even-numbered year, we are hoping to try something new to reconnect the statistics education community and energize everyone with new ideas. From May 14-18, 2012, the first bi-annual Electronic Conference on Teaching Statistics (eCOTS) will take place through CAUSEweb. Be on the look-out soon for the eCOTS call for proposals to be posted on CAUSEweb. The themes for eCOTS 2012 are:

- Teaching Statistics: Debating some of the Big Ideas
- Statistics for the Modern Student
- Reaching Out and Building Relationships Beyond the College Statistics Classroom

Workshops at the Joint Math Meetings

Before the Joint Math Meetings (http://jointmathematicsmeetings.org/meetings/national/jmm2012/2138_intro) in Boston, Massachusetts, there will be three Mathematical Association of America (MAA) Ancillary
Workshops for statistics educators. Advance registration is required and participants should bring a laptop. No walk-in registrations will be accepted. This year, the workshops (all of which take place on Tuesday, January 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 2012) include the following:

- “Teaching Modeling-Based Calculus” ([http://www.causeweb.org/workshop/jmm12_modeling/](http://www.causeweb.org/workshop/jmm12_modeling/)) by Daniel Kaplan (Macalester College), Daniel Flath (Macalester College), Randall Pruim (Calvin College), and Eric Marland (Appalachian State University)

Recent CAUSEweb Webinars

As always, if you are searching for new activity ideas, or are interested in learning about ways to teach certain concepts or topics, we encourage you to check out the latest webinars that are now posted on the CAUSEweb site:

What’s new in the Journal of Online Learning and Teaching (JOLT)

MERLOT regularly publishes the Journal of Online Learning and Teaching (JOLT). Those interested in viewing the current issue of JOLT (published in September, 2012) can find it at the following website: [http://jolt.merlot.org/currentissue.html](http://jolt.merlot.org/currentissue.html). The current issue includes articles that might be of interest to the online instructor, included are articles on using Second Life, improving face-to-face instruction based on lessons learned from online instruction, designing and orchestrating online discussions, and strategies for successful online co-teaching.