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Welcome to the Graduate School of eLearning (GSeL). This month, all M.S. programs will conduct their Final exams. PhD-eLM and PhD-T&T will also conduct defense exams for their candidates. Please contact your Program Directors, instructors and advisers for more information about the exams, their dates and locations. All students must file petitions in a timely fashion to schedule their exam at any of the approved exam sites, especially those residing outside Bangkok and Thailand. **Merry Christmas and Seasons Greeting** to all the students, the staff and the faculty of GSeL.

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HISTORIC-ISH HOLIDAYS

Neil Porter Brown



The colder months might be the ideal time to visit Old Sturbridge Village. The craftspeople—blacksmiths, tanners, potters, and coopers—ply their trades as other costumed interpreters bring early American history “to life,” yet the crowd of visitors has thinned.

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LMS TO THE RESCUE – OVERCOMING CHALLENGES OF WORKFORCE TRAINING AND LEARNING MANAGEMENT FOR THE AVIATION SECTOR

Anubha Goel

Today, the Aviation industry is at the cusp of the digital era. Organizations and their employees are connecting like never before, thereby leaving a huge impact on the airline industry.

A plethora of effective workforce training programs on employee safety, soft skills, ground handling, cabin crew and aircraft maintenance are provided to accomplish varied organizational goals. Technological advancement and evolution in aircraft technology has brought new training approaches.

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EDWARD SNOWDEN EXPLAINS BLOCKCHAIN TO HIS LAWYER-AND THE REST OF US

Ben Wizner

Over the last five years, Edward Snowden and I have carried on an almost daily conversation, most of it unrelated to his legal troubles. Sometimes we meet in person in Moscow over vodka (me) and milkshakes (him). But our friendship has mostly taken place on secure messaging platforms, a channel that was comfortable and intuitive for him but took some getting used to for me. I learned to type with two thumbs as we discussed politics, law, and literature; family, friends, and foster dogs. Our sensibilities are similar but our worldviews quite different: I sometimes accuse him of technological solutionism; he accuses me of timid incrementalism.



Through it all, I've found him to be the clearest, most patient, and least condescending explainer of technology I've ever met. I've often thought that I wished more people — or perhaps different people — could eavesdrop on our conversations. What follows is a very lightly edited transcript of one of our chats. In it, Ed attempts to explain “blockchain” to me, despite my best efforts to cling on to my own.

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CHRISTMAS IN THAILAND

Hannah Lukaszewicz

Thailand does a really good job at trying at Christmas! However, as the famous Thailand saying goes, it's “same but different”. If you haven't heard that saying it basically means it's similar but very different. We decided to film our Christmas week here in Thailand just to give you a glimpse of what Christmas in Thailand is like. Instead of Christmas gifts we each got a Sak Yant tattoo a gift that will last a lifetime. Here is how we spent our Christmas in Thailand.



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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.



Charles Dickens
Great English Writer
1812-1870

23 CHARTS AND MAPS THAT SHOW THE WORLD IS GETTING MUCH, MUCH BETTER

Dylan Matthews

For most Americans, these feel like bleak times. We have a massively unpopular, [scandal-plagued president](#) whose aides are being convicted of serious federal felonies. [Overt, old-fashioned racism](#) is publicly visible and powerful in a way it wasn't only five years ago. More than 200 admired, powerful men have been accused of [sexual misconduct or assault](#).

This is all real, and truly alarming. But it would be a mistake to view that as the sum total of the world in 2018. Under the radar, some aspects of life on Earth are getting dramatically better. Extreme poverty has fallen by half since 1990, and life expectancy is increasing in poor countries - and there are many more indices of improvement like that everywhere you turn.

But many of us aren't aware of ways the world is getting better because the press - and humans in general - have a strong negativity bias.



Bad economic news gets [more coverage](#) than good news. Negative experiences [affect people more, and for longer](#), than positive ones.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the Christmas Edition of eLearning@AU. In this last edition of 2018 you will find a series of interesting articles about new eLearning pedagogies, technologies and trends.



GSeL also publishes a biannual journal titled AU-eJournal Interdisciplinary Research. Details of this journal can be accessed from the link given below. Please send your comments about the contents of this eNewsletter and other suggestions to-

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First Semester (1/2018): August, 2018 – December, 2018*

Second Semester (2/2018): January, 2019 – May, 2019

Summer Session (3/2018): June, 2019 – July, 2019

*This calendar is subject to change without notice. For further details contact you're Program Director

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9th Global Business Research Conference

Kathmandu, Nepal
December 21-22, 2018

International Symposium on Social Sciences and Management (ISSSM)

Hokkaido, Japan
January 22 -24, 2019

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Bangkok
March 15-17, 2019

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