

**Andrew Robinson, PhD**

*Dr. Andrew Robinson teaches for the Department of Communication Studies in the College of Arts and Humanities at Eastern Illinois University (EIU). Dr. Robinson also frequently teaches online graduate courses for the Illinois Online Network an extension of the University of Illinois. He received the Roger Whitlow Award for Excellence in Teaching from the School of Continuing Education at EIU in 2008.*

*Dr. Robinson's two main research interests are online education and religious coping. For example, he has studied "Positive or Negative Valence Toward Computer-Mediated or Online Teaching and Learning among Higher Education Faculty" and the topic of his most recent research "Keepin' the Faith: Crisis Management in Missionary Populations" is a joint venture with another colleague within the Department of Communication Studies.*

*Dr. Robinson designed and taught the Department of Communication Studies' first Web-based course. He has transferred a number of existing courses to the online environment and developed original online courses while at EIU—e.g., "Applied Communication" and "Communication and Education in Cyberspace." He teaches "Design of Learning Systems" for the University of Illinois, which involves teaching teachers how to design online courses.*

*Dr. Robinson is a life-long learner who applies integrative teaching and learning in his courses. Whether courses taught by him are delivered web-based, web-enhanced, or in a traditional classroom, he utilizes constructivist and collaborative teaching and learning strategies to enhance students' learning experiences. One of his favorite quotes is by William Arthur Ward, "The mediocre teacher*

*tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." This exemplifies Dr. W. Andrew Robinson's teaching philosophy and practice.*