



Introducing David Robertson

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I currently am enrolled in my 3rd semester at UWG taking two courses: MEDT 8484, Research Seminar and CEPD 8102, Lifespan Human Development.

I live in Murfreesboro, Tennessee where I am employed (part-time) with Christian Life Church as the Discipleship Ministries Director. I am also employed with the Digital Media Studio at the James E. Walker Library at Middle Tennessee State University.

I aspire to earn my Ed.S. in Media and Instructional Technology in 2012.

God knew I would be miserable if I were born prior to the 20th century! Technology and I have enjoyed a harmonious relationship for most of my adult life. I am the type of end user who downloads the BETA version of a program, upgrades immediately when the new release comes out, and regularly researches web sites like CNET.com for new tools to boost my personal productivity.

Currently I am armed and dangerous with a Windows 7 PC with all the trimmings at my home office, a digital voice recorder (that I carry even when I exercise), an iPhone, an iPad, and a Dropbox account to store all my critical files in the cloud. Additionally, I am the creator of multiple active blogs, numerous wikis that I manage, the systems administrator for Fellowship One, my church's Software as a Service (SaaS) contact management database, and the host of a weekly webinar using WebEx for an implementation team that I lead.

I recently was hired for a team leader position at the Digital Media Studio (DMS) located in the James E. Walker library at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) where I help students and faculty complete projects using the latest in Mac and Windows computers, micro text readers, pen tablets, and the latest in commercial and open source software.

The nature of both of my part-time jobs requires that research and study become a normative part of my lifestyle. In the DMS alone, the technology changes so rapidly that I must be in a continual learning mode leveraging online tutorial services such as Lynda.com plus hours and hours of on-the-job training.

As far as research is concerned, outside the normal assignments one might experience during a typical undergraduate degree, my first real exposure was during my master's degree program at MTSU. I had an exceptional professor to study under in an engaging course called "Application and Analysis of Educational Research." Here I learned about issues involving research that I had never previously considered. I learned about informed consent, privacy and confidentiality, and the ethical implications of conducting human subject research. Here I read "The Belmont Report" and completed a CITI course to certify a better comprehension of educational research involving human subjects.

Another interesting factor in my life is that I am legally blind and navigating through my degrees as a disabled student utilizing adaptive technology. I choose to view this as an outstanding opportunity to learn how to serve other disabled students and faculty and add value to their lives from the things I am learning.

I have been married to my wife, Monica, for the last 24 years, and together we have one daughter, Abigail, who is currently 19 years old and studying to become a medical missionary. We reside in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where I enjoy participating in triathlons and half marathons.