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Research and Vita Summary

Richard T. Christoph was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Industrial Management from Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, in August, 1985. He currently serves as Professor Business and Information Systems of the College of Business and Information Systems, Madison, South Dakota. In this role, he is involved in a wide variety of instructional areas in the College and teaches in the Information Systems, and Strategic Management areas. His special interests include the telecommunications and networking areas.

Prior to joining Dakota State University in 1998, he worked for 11 years in both faculty and administrative roles at James Madison University in Harrisonburg Virginia. He then worked as both a faculty member and executive consultant for Florida Gulf Coast University in Ft. Myers, Florida as the university was designed, built and opened in 1997 as the 10th State of Florida institution.

Before beginning his academic career, he worked as a Marketing Representative with the IBM Corporation for five years specializing in large scale, online computing systems. He continues to consult in the area of commercial computer utilization.

Dr. Christoph is an active researcher and is the author of over 40 books, journal articles and proceedings in the Management and Computer Information systems area. His recent research has focused the impact of technology on the learning environment as predicted by self efficacy theory and is based on survey methodology. Some recent publications include:

With Puetz, R and Walters, J, "A Longitudinal Study Using Self-Efficacy Precepts To Evaluate Instructional Effectiveness Of Tablet PC Systems In The Classroom" presented and published in the refereed Proceedings for the 2007 South Western Decision Sciences meeting.

With Puetz, R and Walters, J, "Does Familiarity Breed Contempt? Comparing Instructional Effectiveness of Tablet PC Systems between Freshman and Upper Class Business Majors" presented and published in the refereed Proceedings of the 2007 South West Academy of Management meeting.

With Moran, M, Puetz, R and Walters, J, "The Distraction Factor – Does The Use Of Student Computers In The Classroom Lead To Educational Distraction?" presented and published in the refereed Proceedings of the 2007 Western Decision Sciences meeting.

With Puetz, R and Walters, J, "Using Self-Efficacy Precepts to Evaluate the Instructional Effectiveness of the Use of Tablet PC Systems in the Classroom", Presented in a regular session at the 2006 meeting of the Western Decision Sciences and included in the refereed Proceedings of the meeting.