

“Research in Action” Podcast Instructor Guide

Use the following episode description, learning objectives, guiding questions and activity suggestions to more easily include “Research in Action” podcast episodes as a supplemental resource for your course.

Dr. Kay Shattuck on Being a Research Director [00:00-36:31]

Research in Action - Episode 144

Podcast and Episode Information

“Research in Action” is a weekly podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines.

On this episode of the podcast, Dr. Kay Shattuck, who has worked in adult education more than 30 years, focusing on online and distance education over the past few decades. She earned her doctorate at Penn State University under the guidance of Michael G. Moore. Kay was a member of the initial group of Maryland distance educators who developed what would become Quality Matters. Her earliest involvement in 2003 was in providing a review of the research and best practices literature and being part of the committee that developed the first QM iteration of standards of quality online course design. As QM's Director of Research, she continues to provide research support and direction for new QM tools and resources for the field. Her academic affiliation is with the lifelong learning and adult education program at Penn State where she taught online for many years. She is an associate editor of The American Journal of Distance Education. Kay developed and was editor of Assuring Quality in Online Education: Practices and Processes at Teaching, Resource, and Program Levels and authored “Teaching Online: Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?” a review of the faculty participation literature in the upcoming 4th edition of the Handbook of Distance Education.

Segment One [00:00-15:09] - In this segment, Kay shares about the history of Quality Matters as a research organization.

Segment Two [15:10-36:31] - In this segment, Kay discusses her day-to-day work as a director of research for a national organization.

Show notes and a transcript for this episode can be found at:

<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e144/>

Learning Outcomes

By listening to this episode, students will be able to:

- Describe Quality Matters
- List resources related to Quality Matters
- Discuss some of the gaps within online education research

Guiding Questions for Listening

- What is Quality Matters (QM)?
- How did Dr. Shattuck become involved with Quality Matters?
- What is an example of a Quality Matters standard?
- What are some of Dr. Shattuck’s tips and strategies for managing large research studies?
- According to Dr. Shattuck, what appear to be some of the gaps within the research in online education?
- What is meso-level research?
- According to Dr. Shattuck, why are literature reviews important?

Possible Activities

- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e144/>) and look at an additional resource that is linked in connection with this episode. Students can write a short review of that resource to share with their peers.
- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e144/>) and post an additional resource connected to the content of the episode in the comments section.
- Have students share questions that are raised for them based on the content of this episode. What would they ask Dr. Kay Shattuck they could?

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About the Research in Action Podcast

“Research in Action” (RIA) is a podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines. Episodes are posted weekly and include guest interviews and occasional solo episodes. Guests are from a range of higher education institutions and share their expertise on qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods as well as their personal experiences as researchers, research and writing practices, organizational and productivity strategies, and much more. Some weeks, bonus content will also be posted.

“Research in Action” is hosted by [Dr. Katie Linder](#), research director for Oregon State University Ecampus.

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