

## The School of Education and The University Teaching & Learning Office

Cordially invites you to a Seminar on

### CONQUERING THE COMRADES MARATHON OF THE MIND

Presented by



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#### Workshop Details

**DATE:** Friday, 14 November 2014  
**TIME:** 16h00 - 18h00  
**VENUE:** Lecture Theatre 6 (LT6), Main Tutorial Building, Edge-wood Campus, UKZN

#### RSVP Essential

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#### Seminar Overview

"Call me Craig. Some years ago – never mind how long precisely – I thought I would set sail upon the sea of learning in search of a place where the answer to a troubling question may be found. This is my journey, so far." (Moby Dick, alt.) And what a journey it has been. However, from early on in my PhD journey I realized this was going to be more like running the Comrades marathon than sipping martinis on a gentle rocking ship while traversing the placid sea of learning. It's a journey that begins filled with hope, excitement and not a small amount of trepidation as we line up at the start. And then the gun goes and we're off – off with a motley cohort of fellow runners – all with the same destination in mind, the PhD medal at the end. Yet although we run this ultimate marathon of the mind together, each of us is running our own race, in our own way. This is my race, my blisters, my pains, my joys – but most importantly my lessons. For some of you, these will be your experiences too – but for all of you the joy of entering the stadium, hearing the music, experiencing the cheering will be the same. Unbelievable!

#### About Dr Blewett

"Creatively inspiring", is Craig's motto - a motto that has sustained him through marathons of the body and mind. In addition to having completed over 40 marathons and 9 Comrades marathons, Craig also has a PhD in educational technology. His passion is innovative teaching and learning and he has been involved in the implementation and research of innovative pedagogies for over 20 years. His PhD, on the use of Facebook for learning, and his current research, is exploring the future directions of new digital pedagogies.