IAFOR has entered into a number of strategic partnerships with universities across the world to form the IAFOR Global Partnership Programme. These academic partnerships support and nurture IAFOR’s goals of educational cooperation without borders, connecting the organisation with institutions that have an international and internationalising profile, and a commitment to interdisciplinary research.

The IAFOR Global Partnership Programme provides mutual recognition and scope for Global Partner institutions and organisations to showcase their research strengths, as well as engage in the development of projects and programmes with IAFOR.
The European Conference on Education 2019
Birkbeck, University of London & University College London (UCL)
July 19–21, 2019

Conference Theme: “Independence & Interdependence”

Early Bird Abstract Submission Deadline: March 07, 2019
Final Abstract Submission Deadline: May 07, 2019
Registration Deadline for Presenters: June 07, 2019

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Aloha! Welcome!

Dear Colleagues,

I am very excited for IAFOR to be coming back to Hawai’i for the fourth year running, and am happy to report that this year’s event, comprised of jointly run conferences on education and social sciences and sustainability will grow to welcome around 320 delegates from some 40 different countries, making it our biggest gathering in Oahu, “the gathering place”, since we began.

Questions of sustainability, energy and the environment are issues at the very heart of these beautiful islands, which have a long, storied, rich but troubled history, the social and environmental effects of which are ongoing. Scratching the surface reveals a lot more than the tropical paradise presented by the tourism industry that plays such a large role in both the identity and economy of Hawai’i.

An international conference like this offers an immense opportunity for information and research to be shared, highlighting the local context to an international audience, and inviting discussion from the delegates from many different countries. This gathering and sharing, inviting comparative and contrastive discussion, and informing future research paths is the most important part of a conference, and I encourage your active participation. There is so much for us to learn from each other, and in a world which seems ever more divided and polarised, the coming together of people from across the world to discuss issues related to education and sustainability is something to be celebrated.

Leafing through the conference programme, I am truly inspired by the exciting range and depth of presentations on offer, and I would like to thank the Organising Committee for their role and energy in making this event, particularly to our colleagues at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, and most especially to Professors Xu Di and Curtis Ho. A conference comes and goes in a few days, but I would like to acknowledge the year round dedication and hard work which goes toward making an event like this happen. I would also like to thank the Keynote and Featured Speakers who have agreed to support this event, most especially to the occupants of three of the most senior positions in education in Hawaii; Dr Kishimoto, who as superintendent of education oversees all public education, Dr Lassner, who is president of the University of Hawai’i, and Dr Vuylsteke, who is president of the renowned East-West Center.

I look forward to meeting you all, to forging new partnerships, and to making new friends over what promises to be a great event.

Mahalo! Thank you!

Dr Joseph Haldane
Chairman & CEO, IAFOR
Conference Theme

Independence & Interdependence

IIICEHawaii

The 2019 conference theme for the IAFOR conference series in Hawaii is "Independence & Interdependence", and invites reflections on the desirability, extent and limits of our individual independence and autonomy, of that of our students, and of the institutions and structures within which we work, teach and learn. We do not educate, and are not educated in vacuums, but in such contexts and constraints as families, groups, and societies; of nations and cultures; of identities and religions; and of political and financial realities.

Ever changing technologies offer new ways for us to be independent and autonomous learners, encouraging students to be self-directed and confident in making choices, and enabling and empowering students and teachers to be proactive and to tailor content. However, myriad technologies and services make us more dependent on the very things allowing autonomy. How do we help students and teachers alike navigate and curate the vast information available? How do we encourage individual growth while also underlining the importance of belonging and of the reciprocal responsibilities and privileges of education? How do we help students build the skills and attitudes necessary for positive engagement in distributed, globalised communities that so often lead to polarisation and alienation instead? How do we educate with independence and interdependence in mind?

IIICSEEHawaii

The technological and logistical advances of globalisation have enabled us to become independent and empowered as never before, but at the same time they have made us more dependent on the very things allowing autonomy. While technologies allow us to communicate with those on the other side of the world, they can also make us detached from those immediately around us, and in some cases alienated, or lonely. And yet this increased interconnectedness offers great opportunities to work together to solve some of the world’s most pressing issues, and reminds us of our responsibilities towards each other. Our independence is contextualised in the relations we enjoy with others; in our families and communities, shared institutions, in our wider societies, geographical and political entities, and finally as a part of the one world we all share.

The 2019 conference theme for the IAFOR conference series in Hawaii is Independence & Interdependence, and we hope and expect this important thematic lens to encourage wide reflections on the importance and interrelation of such concepts as autonomy and identity, rights and responsibilities, and power and control; and within a variety of contexts from politics and geopolitics to energy, sustainability and the environment; and from education, technology and logistics, to culture and language; from psychology and security, to considerations of equity and justice.
Become an IAFOR Member

IAFOR provides an excellent personal and professional environment for academics and scholars of all ages and backgrounds to come together and exchange the latest ideas, and inform each other’s perspectives through their own cultural and disciplinary background and experiences. We are able to do this thanks to the exceptional network of individuals and institutions around the world who support our work and help shape our exceptional events globally. We emphasise the nurturing and supporting of young academics from different backgrounds, providing mutual advice and guidance, and offer more senior academics the chance to forge working relationships outside of their traditional networks.

In a world where division and strife are underlined and played up in national and local contexts, and political posturing frequently seeks to ostracise and demonise, IAFOR is committed to working across cultural and national borders, and to work to bring people together. We believe that mature human interaction and academic and cultural exchange are essential to offering positive versions of the future, where cooperation happens with individuals and institutions who share a commitment to bridge divides, to being good global citizens, and to making the world a better place.

By becoming a member, you will become a stakeholder in the IAFOR mission of facilitating international exchange, encouraging intercultural awareness, and promoting interdisciplinary discussion in the hope and expectation of generating and sharing new knowledge. Join us now in this growing global organisation, and help make a difference today.

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The International Academic Forum (IAFOR) promotes and facilitates multifaceted approaches to one of the core issues of our time, namely globalisation and its many forms of growth and expansion. Awareness of how it cuts across the world of education, and its subsequent impact on societies, institutions and individuals, is a necessity in creating effective and equitable educational policies and practices across the globe. IAFOR’s conferences on education have these issues at their core. The conferences present academics with three unique dimensions of experience; encouraging interdisciplinary discussion, facilitating heightened intercultural awareness and promoting international exchange. In short, IAFOR's conferences on education are about change, transformation and social justice. As IAFOR’s previous conferences on education have shown, education has the power to transform and change whilst it is also continuously transformed and changed.

Globalised education is becoming increasingly socially, ethnically and culturally diverse. However, at the same time education is often defined through discourses embedded in Western paradigms as desired outcomes become increasingly determined by dominant knowledge economies. Policies, practices and ideologies of education help define and determine ways in which social justice is perceived and acted out. What counts as "education" and as "knowledge" can appear uncontestable but is in fact both contestable and partial. Discourses of learning and teaching regulate and normalise gendered and classed, racialised and ethnicised understandings of what learning is and who counts as a learner.

In many educational institutions and systems anywhere in the world, we often face a stubborn assumption that teachers are the possessors of knowledge to be imparted to students, and that this transmission is neutral, impartial and objective. However, learning is about making meaning, and in so doing learners experience the same instance of teaching in very different ways.

Learners and teachers share complex social, cultural, political, ideological and personal circumstances; therefore all learning will depend in part on previous educational experiences, as well as on age, gender, social class, culture, ethnicity, individual capacities and more.

IAFOR’s calendar includes several annual conferences on education where participants, explore common themes in different contexts to develop a shared interdisciplinary research agenda, build intercultural awareness, and promote international exchange.

Information on all upcoming IAFOR conferences here:

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Aims & Scope

The IAFOR Journal of Education is an Open Access, peer-reviewed, international and intercultural journal. The journal encourages interdisciplinary research, with the primary focus being on addressing critical issues and current trends and research in education. Papers submitted by academic researchers, theorists, practising teachers, policy-makers and educational administrators are welcomed. All papers published in the journal have been subjected to the rigorous and accepted processes of academic peer review. Submissions should be original, previously unpublished papers which are not under consideration for publication in any other journal. All articles are submitted through the submission portal on the journal website and must conform to the journal submission guidelines. Please note that papers already submitted to or published in IAFOR Conference Proceedings will not be accepted for publication in IAFOR’s journals.

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Brian Aycock, IAFOR, Japan

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Uncle Bruce Yoshio Keaulani, Living Life Source Foundation
Aunty Kehaulani Lum, Living Life Source Foundation

10:25-10:30 Welcome Address | Room 306 (3F)
Joseph Haldane, IAFOR, Japan

10:30-10:40 Welcome on Behalf of University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa | Room 306 (3F)
Nathan Murata, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, USA
Curtis Ho, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, USA

10:40-10:50 Welcome on Behalf of the IAFOR Executive Committee & Recognition of IAFOR Scholarship Winners | Room 306 (3F)
James W. McNally, University of Michigan, USA
Sela V. Panapasa, University of Michigan, USA

10:50-11:00 Conference Photograph | Pakaloka Charlot Courtyard

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*Education and Sustainability: Local Lessons from Hawai‘i*
Christina M. Kishimoto, Hawaii State Board of Education, USA
David Lassner, University of Hawai‘i, USA
Richard R. Vuylsteke, East-West Center, USA
Joseph Haldane, IAFOR, Japan (Chair)

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*Opportunities Gained Through Interdisciplinary Research*
Amanda Müller, Flinders University, Australia

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*SDGs and Education: Sustainable Financing for Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia*
Keiichi Ogawa, Kobe University, Japan

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17:15-18:15 Featured Panel Presentation | Room 302B (3F)

Independence and Interdependence
Deane Neubauer, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (emeritus), USA (Chair)
Joshua Mok Ka Ho, Lingnan University, Hong Kong SAR
David Ericson, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, USA
Curtis Ho, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, USA
Sela V. Panapasa, University of Michigan, USA

This panel is organised in association with the Asia Pacific Higher Education Research Partnership (APHERP)

19:00-21:00  Conference Dinner (Optional Ticketed Event)
Meeting time & location: 18:15 at Room 304 (3F)
Group leaves for restaurant at 18:30
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16:30-17:00 Closing Session
Directions & Access

The Hawai'i Convention Center is centrally located in the heart of Honolulu, at the gateway to Waikiki, on the corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Kapiolani Boulevard. The venue can easily be reached by both car and bus.

Venue Address

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Driving Directions from Honolulu International Airport

- Upon exiting the airport terminal, take the H-1 east on-ramp
- Stay in your right lane and exit onto Nimitz Highway
- Drive approximately six miles on Nimitz Highway (which later becomes Ala Moana Blvd)
- Turn left onto Atkinson Drive
- Turn right onto Kapiolani Avenue
- Turn right onto Kalakaua Avenue
- Entrance to the parking garage is on the right

Public Bus Transportation (“TheBus”)

Public transportation to the Hawai'i Convention Center from the airport and all parts of Oahu is available on “TheBus”. For information on routes, times and fares, call (808) 848-5555 or visit their website at www.thebus.org.

Around the Conference Venue

Located within walking distance of Waikiki, the Hawai'i Convention Center is a large, modern events venue conveniently located 8 miles (12 km) from the Honolulu International Airport, within 1.5 miles of 28,000 hotel rooms in all price categories, and adjacent to an array of shopping, dining, and entertainment venues.
General Information

Registration

You will be able to pick up your registration pack and name card at the Conference Registration Desk. The Conference Registration Desk and Publications Desk will be situated in the following locations during the conference:

- **Thursday** 09:15-13:00 Room 304 (3F)  
  14:00-16:00
- **Friday** 08:30-17:00 Room 304 (3F)
- **Saturday** 08:30-15:00 Room 304 (3F)

If you have any questions or concerns, IAFOR staff and volunteers will happily assist you in any way they can.

Name Badges

When you check in, you will receive a registration pack, which includes your name badge. Wearing your badge is required for entrance to the sessions. You must wear your badge at all times during the conference.

Internet Access

Free WiFi for light use like reading emails and web browsing is available in all public spaces. If you want to stay connected in all common areas and lobbies, you can purchase Instant Internet from your device. Streaming video will not be possible. **If your presentation includes video, please bring it on a file that can be played without an internet connection.**

Purchasing Additional Internet

Open your browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, or other standard browser). You should see a Smart City splash page. If you do not see the splash page when you open your browser, please refresh your browser. If you still do not see this page you may need to manually select the network name, "Instant Internet", by following your computer’s procedure for viewing and selecting a wireless network. If this is your initial purchase, enter your username (email address) and password in the area shown on the left and click BUY NOW. Follow additional prompts to complete your purchase or log-in. Refer to service options and limitations shown to the right. If you have already created an account and are returning for an additional session, click LOGIN.
General Information

Refreshment Breaks

Complimentary coffee, tea, and water will be available during the scheduled coffee breaks at the Plenary Session on Thursday morning and during the rest of the conference in Room 304 (3F). Light snacks will also be provided.

*Food and drink (excluding water) are not allowed in the presentation rooms.*

Printing

For your convenience, we are able to offer a complimentary printing service of up to ten A4 sheets should you need this. Please ask for assistance with printing and be advised that printing may not be available at peak times.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in the Hawai‘i Convention Center. Please smoke outside of the building in designated smoking areas.

What to Wear & Bring

Attendees generally wear business casual attire. You may wish to bring a light jacket or sweater as meeting rooms are air-conditioned and sometimes cool.

Photo/Recording Waiver

Human interaction through networking and dissemination of this knowledge is at the core of what IAFOR does as an academic research organisation, conference organiser and publisher. As part of the archiving of the conference event, IAFOR takes photos in and around the conference venue, and uses the photos to document the event. This also includes the filming of certain sessions. We consider this documentation important and it provides evidence of our activities to members, partners and stakeholders all over the world, as well as to current and potential attendees like you. Some of these photos will therefore appear online and in print, including on social media. The above are the legitimate interests of the organisation that we assert under the new European Union law on General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Under this legislation, you have an absolute right to opt out of any photo. We are committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. Read our full privacy policy – [www.iafor.org/about/privacy-policy](http://www.iafor.org/about/privacy-policy)

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Oral & Workshop Presentations

Oral Presentation Sessions will run from 09:00 on Friday and Saturday. They are generally organised into parallel sessions by streams. Oral Presentations are normally scheduled in sessions comprising three presentations, lasting 90 minutes in total. In sessions with two Oral Presentations, the session will last 60 minutes, and in the case of four Oral Presentations, an extended session lasting 120 minutes will be scheduled.

The time in the sessions is to be divided equally between presentations. We recommend that an Oral Presentation should last 15–20 minutes to include time for question and answers, but should last no longer than 25 minutes. Any remaining session time may be used for additional discussion.

Equipment

All rooms will be equipped with a MacBook computer pre-installed with PowerPoint and Keynote and connected to a LCD projector or LCD screen. If you wish, you may directly link your own PC laptop, although we advise you to use the computer provided by plugging in your USB flash drive. We recommend that you bring two copies of your presentation in case one fails, and suggest sending yourself the presentation by email as a third and final precaution.

Session Chairs

Session Chairs are asked to introduce themselves and other speakers (briefly) using the provided printouts of speaker bios, hand out the provided presentation certificates at the end of the session, ensure that the session begins and ends on time, and that the time is divided fairly between the presentations. Each presenter should have no more than 25 minutes in which to present his or her paper and respond to any questions. The Session Chair is asked to assume this timekeeping role, and to this end yellow and red timekeeping cards are used as a visual cue for presenters, letting them know when they have five minutes remaining, and when they must stop.

Please follow the order in the programme, and if for any reason a presenter fails to show up, please keep to the original time slots as delegates use the programme to plan their attendance.
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Conference Poster Session

The Conference Poster Session is 60 minutes in length and takes place on Thursday in Room 304 (3F) in the Hawai‘i Convention Center from 16:00-17:00. The poster display boards are 1800 mm high x 900 mm wide. Tape will be provided for putting posters up. Please be aware that there are no on-site facilities for printing posters. Please print your posters in portrait format.

Presentation Certificates

Poster Presenters can pick up a certificate of presentation from the Registration Desk. All other presenters will receive a certificate of presentation from their Session Chair or a member of staff at the end of their session.

Conference Proceedings

The Conference Proceedings are published on the IAFOR website (papers.iafor.org), and can be freely accessed as part of IAFOR's research archive. All authors may have their full paper published in the online Conference Proceedings.

Full text submission is due by February 05, 2019 through the online system. The proceedings will be published on March 05, 2019. Authors will have PDF copies of their offprints emailed to them by April 05, 2019.

A Polite Request to All Participants

Participants are requested to arrive in a timely fashion for all presentations, whether to their own or to those of other presenters. Presenters are reminded that the time slots should be divided fairly and equally between the number of presentations, and that presentations should not overrun.

Participants should refrain from talking amongst themselves and ensure that mobile phones are switched off or set to silent mode during presentations.
Lunch & Dinner

Lunch

Lunch on Thursday, Friday and Saturday is included in the conference registration fee. Lunches will be distributed at the times shown below in Room 304 (3F). Please remember to bring your conference name badge as you will need to show this in order to claim your lunch. There is also an excellent choice of restaurants and cafes within walking distance of the conference venue.

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Official Conference Dinner

The official Conference Dinner is a ticketed optional event ($100). Please remember to bring your name tag to the Conference Dinner. Conference Dinner attendees should meet in Room 304 (3F) at 18:15 on Friday, January 4, 2019. The group leaves for the restaurant at 18:30. It takes approximately 5 minutes to walk to the restaurant.

Restaurant name: The Signature Prime Steak & Seafood
Restaurant address: 36, Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Drive
The Reverend Professor
Stuart D. B. Picken (1942–2016)

The late Reverend Professor Stuart D. B. Picken began his distinguished career in academia as a Rotary Scholar on a research trip to Japan. A native of Scotland who had dedicated himself to religious studies, he immediately became fascinated by Japanese culture and the practice of Shinto. He was particularly drawn to the parallels and differences he saw in Western pedagogy compared to that of the East and began a lifelong mission to bridge the communication and knowledge gap between the two worlds.

Picken was appointed Professor of Philosophy at the International Christian University (ICU) in 1972. Here he turned his Western theological and philosophical training to comparative religious and cultural studies of Japan, at a time when the country was emerging from the shadows of the Second World War.

His groundbreaking and controversial work on suicide in Japan made his name within the country, but it was his subsequent work on Shinto that influenced the rehabilitation of the religion at a time when it was dismissed in the West as pagan and primitive, or unjustly caricatured for its wartime associations.

Whether in his research or teaching, Picken devoted much of his life to increasing understanding between his adopted country of Japan and the West, and in 2007 he was recognised with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, an imperial decoration for his pioneering research and outstanding contribution to the promotion of friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom. He also served as the International Adviser to the High Priest of the Tsubaki Grand Shrine, one of Japan's largest and oldest shrines.

From 2009 he was the founding Chairman of The International Academic Forum (IAFOR), where he was highly active in helping nurture and mentor a new generation of academics, and facilitating better intercultural and international awareness and understanding.

Stuart D. B. Picken was a cherished friend and an inspiration to IAFOR and its community of supporters. In honour of Professor Picken and his dedication to academia, the ideals of intercultural understanding and the principles of interdisciplinary study, IAFOR has created the Stuart D. B. Picken Grant and Scholarship, an award supported by the Stuart D. B. Picken Memorial Fund. Awards will be made to PhD students and early career academics who are in need of funding to complete their research, and whose work demonstrates excellence in the core values of academic rigour, intercultural sensitivity and interdisciplinarity.
Our warmest congratulations go to Akiko Ohta, Madiha Zahid Pervez, Tanya Manning-Lewis, Reem Al-Samiri and Simoni Valadares, who have been selected by the conference Organising Committee to receive IAFOR Scholarships to present their research at The IAFOR International Conference on Education – Hawaii 2019 (IICHEHawaii2019) and The IAFOR International Conference on Sustainability, Energy & the Environment – Hawaii 2019 (IICSEEHawaii2019).

IAFOR’s grants and scholarships programme provides financial support to PhD students and early career academics, with the aim of helping them pursue research excellence and achieve their academic goals through interdisciplinary study and interaction. Awards are based on the appropriateness of the educational opportunity in relation to the applicant’s field of study, financial need, and contributions to their community and to IAFOR’s mission of interdisciplinarity. Scholarships are awarded based on availability of funds from IAFOR and vary with each conference.

Find out more about IAFOR grants and scholarships: www.iafor.org/financial-support

Akiko Ohta | Stuart D. B. Picken Grant and Scholarship Recipient

44504
Through my Autoethnographic Lens: ITAs Experience and Identity in Teaching at a Canadian University
Akiko Ohta, Simon Fraser University, Canada

Akiko Ohta is currently a PhD student in the Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University in Canada. Her current research interests include the challenges and identities of the International Teaching Assistants in North American universities and the community-based educational support for new immigrants and refugees in Canada.

Madiha Zahid Pervez | IAFOR Scholarship Recipient

43773
Effect of Reflective Teaching Practices on the Performance of Prospective Teachers
Madiha Zahid Pervez, Lahore College for Women University, Pakistan
Afifa Khanam, Lahore College for Women University, Pakistan
Ghazala Noureen, Lahore College for Women University, Pakistan

Miss Madiha Zahid is currently a PhD Scholar of Education at Lahore College for Women University in Lahore, Pakistan. Born in Lahore, Madiha Zahid is a postgraduate at the institute of research and evaluation in Lahore College for Women University, and also graduated with a master of philosophy degree in education at Lahore College for Women University. Madiha Zahid then attended University College, University of Punjab gaining her master and bachelor degree. Her master degree research was in the area of measurement and assessment and her master of philosophy area was educational administration. She recently completed a project under teacher entrepreneurship. She is currently a PhD scholar and visiting lecturer at Lahore College for Women University Lahore.
Tanya Manning-Lewis | IAFOR Scholarship Recipient

44204
Identity Crossroads: Exploring the Impact of an Inner-City Community's Language Practices on Four Jamaican Boys' Gendered Identities and Academic Success
Tanya Manning-Lewis, University of Victoria, Canada

Tanya Manning-Lewis is a 3rd-year PhD student at the University of Victoria in the department of Curriculum and Instruction. Her research focuses on Jamaican boys’ use of Jamaican Creole and the impact on their gendered identities and acquisition of English. She is a graduate of the University of the West Indies, Jamaica and is passionate about doing research work that can be beneficial to the youths in her home country. Her future interest is to do further research work with at-risk youths in Jamaica, while forging a career as a professor in curriculum development and literacy.

Reem Al-Samiri | IAFOR Scholarship Recipient

44406
The Investment of Saudi Mothers in the US in Their Children’s Arabic Heritage Language Learning
Reem Al-Samiri, University of Kansas, United States

Reem Al-Samiri is a doctoral candidate in the Curriculum & instruction TESOL program at the University of Kansas. Her research interests include heritage language learning, TESOL teacher education, and language teacher identity. Reem is also affiliated with King Abdulaziz University in Saudi Arabia, where she was an instructor for adult EFL learners and a member of the Professional Development Team. Reem is currently a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and has been published in the Arab World English Journal.

Simoni Valadares | IAFOR Scholarship Recipient

44532
Voluntarism in a Sustainable-Service-Learning-Engagement Basis for Fostering Graduate Students’ Success in Higher Education
Simoni Valadares, University of New Mexico, United States
Glenda Lewis, University of New Mexico, United States

Ms Simoni Valadares is currently a PhD candidate of the Department of Linguistics of the University of New Mexico. She is a member of the Graduate and Professional Student Association of the UNM. She is a mentor at the Peer-Mentoring Program of the UNM’s Program of New Mexico Graduates of Color UNM.
The International Academic Forum’s journals conform to the highest academic standards of international peer review, and are published in accordance with IAFOR’s commitment to make all of our published materials available online.

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**How do we ensure academic integrity?** Once appointed, the journal editor is free to appoint his or her own editorial team and advisory members. All papers published in the journal have been subjected to the rigorous and accepted processes of academic peer review. Neither editors nor members of the editorial team are remunerated for their work. Authors will never be asked to contribute to publication costs.

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Anshuman Khare, Athabasca University, Canada

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Yvonne Masters, University of New England, Australia

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Lystra Hagley-Dickinson, Plymouth Marjon University, UK

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Melinda Cowart, Texas Woman’s University, USA

**IAFOR Journal of Literature & Librarianship**  
Richard Donovan, Kansai University, Japan

**IAFOR Journal of Media, Communication & Film**  
Celia Lam, University of Nottingham Ningbo China, China

**IAFOR Journal of Politics, Economics & Law**  
Craig Mark, Kyoritsu Women’s University, Japan (journal currently on hiatus)

**IAFOR Journal of Psychology & the Behavioral Sciences**  
Shahrokh Shafaie, Southeast Missouri State University, USA  
Deborah G. Wooldridge, Bowling Green State University, USA

**IAFOR Journal of the Social Sciences**  
Tingting Ying, Ningbo University of Technology, China
Thursday, January 03 | 10:05-10:25 | Room 306 (3F)

Cultural Presentation: Hawaiian Oli Opening

For the first time, the IAFOR Hawaii Conference Series 2019, with the theme Independence and Interdependence will be opened with a Hawaiian Oli – the spiritual chant which connects powerfully with Hawaiian ʻāina and Aloha as well as Hawaiian ancestors and all spiritual lineages. This indigenous and cultural tradition will honour all diversity and unity of humanity as we gather to create a meaningful and new scholarly and educational direction and destiny for all. Uncle Bruce Keaulani and Auntie Kehaulani, featured speakers of the 2017 event, will lead us in this very special opening.
Thursday January 03
Plenary Session
Nathan Murata

Nathan Murata completed his PhD from The Ohio State University and joined the faculty at Chaminade University to start their special education program. He left Chaminade to pursue a position at the University of Toledo. Nathan returned to Hawaii as an Assistant Professor in the Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science (KRS) department, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. He became a Full Professor, served as Department Chair and Associate Dean prior to becoming Dean of the College of Education.

He co-authored two textbooks, numerous publications and local, state, national and International presentations. He secured over $2.5 million dollars in U.S. DOE, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Programs training grants, and contracts worth over $1.5 million from the State of Hawaii, Department of Health focusing on the Hawaii Concussion Awareness and Management Program (HCAMP) in collaboration with the Hawaii Department of Education. HCAMP is the only state supported concussion awareness and education program in the country. Working within the context of Adapted Physical Education, and with the support of external partners, he organized the first Interscholastic high school basketball games featuring both students with disabilities and those who are at-risk. His program has received a State Senate resolution in 2018 from the honorable Sen. Michelle Kidani.

Curtis Ho

Curtis Ho is Professor, Department Chair and Graduate Chair of the Learning Design and Technology department at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. He has been a UH faculty member for over 30 years, teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in educational media research, interactive multimedia, web-based instruction, distance education, video technology, and computer-based education. He has taught courses in American and Western Samoa and Saipan, and was the first to offer a course statewide over the Hawai‘i Interactive Television System.

Curtis Ho received his PhD in Educational Technology from Arizona State University where he served as instructional designer. He has consulted for public and private schools, financial institutions, and higher education. For several years he directed the Office of Faculty Development and Academic Support for the University of Hawaii’s Manoa campus. He has presented extensively at national and international conferences at locations including Beijing, Copenhagen, Eskisehir, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Lugano, Rome, Kumamoto, Kyoto, Melbourne, Montreal, Osaka, Panang, Taipei, Takamatsu, Tokyo, Toronto, and Vancouver.

Professor Ho was a Principal Investigator, Co-Principal Investigator and Project Director for three US Department of Education grants totalling over $9.8 million US dollars. He is a co-organiser of TCC Worldwide Online Conference, an executive committee member of E-Learn, Association for the Advancement of Computers in Education, and is also past-President of the Pan Pacific Distance Learning Association, a chapter of the United States Distance Learning Association and of the Pacific Association for Communications and Technology, a chapter of the national Association for Educational Communications and Technology.
Welcome Address: James W. McNally & Sela V. Panapasa
Welcome on Behalf of the IAFOR Executive Committee & Recognition of IAFOR Scholarship Winners
Thursday, January 03 | 10:40-10:50 | Room 306 (3F)

James W. McNally
Dr James W. McNally is the Director of the NACDA Program on Aging, a data archive containing over 1,500 studies related to health and the aging lifecourse. He currently does methodological research on the improvement and enhancement of secondary research data and has been cited as an expert authority on data imputation. Dr McNally has directed the NACDA Program on Aging since 1998 and has seen the archive significantly increase its holdings with a growing collection of seminal studies on the aging lifecourse, health, retirement and international aspects of aging. He has spent much of his career addressing methodological issues with a specific focus on specialized application of incomplete or deficient data and the enhancement of secondary data for research applications. Dr McNally has also worked extensively on issues related to international aging and changing perspectives on the role of family support in the later stages of the aging lifecourse.

Sela V. Panapasa
Dr Sela V. Panapasa studies family support and intergenerational exchanges among aged Pacific Islanders living in the US and Pacific region. Her work examines changes in elderly living arrangements and headship status in response to demographic and socioeconomic change. Her interests include family demography, race and ethnicity, measuring health disparities and comparative studies.
The technological and logistical advances of globalisation have enabled us to become independent and empowered as never before, but at the same time they have made us more dependent on the very things allowing autonomy. While technologies allow us to communicate with those on the other side of the world, they can also make us detached from those immediately around us, and in some cases alienated, or lonely. And yet this increased interconnectedness offers great opportunities to work together to solve some of the world’s most pressing issues, and reminds us of our responsibilities towards each other. Our independence is contextualised in the relations we enjoy with others; in our families and communities, shared institutions, in our wider societies, geographical and political entities, and finally as a part of the one world we all share.

Ever-changing technologies offer new ways for us to be independent and autonomous learners, encouraging students to be self-directed and confident in making choices, and enabling and empowering students and teachers to be proactive and to tailor content. However, myriad technologies and services make us more dependent on the very things allowing autonomy. How do we help students and teachers alike navigate and curate the vast information available? How do we encourage individual growth while also underlining the importance of belonging and of the reciprocal responsibilities and privileges of education? How do we help students build the skills and attitudes necessary for positive engagement in distributed, globalised communities that so often lead to polarisation and alienation instead? How do we educate with independence and interdependence in mind?

This panel will draw on this joint theme of Independence & Interdependence across the Education and Sustainability, Energy and Environment conferences, with short keynote presentations from three distinguished leaders in Hawai‘i, before opening up to a panel discussion and then audience Q and A.
Christina M. Kishimoto

Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto began a three-year contract as superintendent on August 1, 2017. She is responsible for efficiently and effectively administering the Hawaii public school system in accordance with law and educational policies adopted by the Board of Education. On October 3, 2017, Dr. Kishimoto presented an Implementation Plan to advance the goals of the DOE/BOE Strategic Plan. Her plan is targeted around three high impact strategies: School Design, Student Voice, and Teacher Collaboration.

Dr. Kishimoto is a former Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer for Gilbert Public Schools in Gilbert, Arizona, a district with an enrollment of 36,500 students and an annual budget of $305 million. She also served as Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of School Design at Hartford Public Schools in Connecticut, was the Founder and Director of The Center for School Improvement & Leadership Development at Area Cooperative Education Services, and Assistant Dean of Student Services for Wesleyan University. She earned a Doctorate in Education Administration from Columbia University Teachers College, a Master of Public Administration in Public Affairs and Policy from the University of Connecticut, and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Barnard College.

David Lassner

David Lassner is the 15th president of the University of Hawaii and concurrently serves as the Chancellor of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. He has worked at the university since 1977, and was most recently its vice president for information technology and chief information officer. Lassner is also a member of the university’s cooperating graduate faculty and has taught both online and in-person in computer science, communications, business and education.

In his prior positions Lassner played an active leadership role in a variety of local, national and international information and communications technology organizations. He served on the boards of Hawai‘i’s High Technology Development Corporation and Public Broadcasting Service affiliate and he chaired the state’s Broadband Task Force. Lassner also served on the board of Internet2 and was a co-founder and board member of the Kuali Foundation, a founding steering committee member and past-chair of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education’s Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET) cooperative and past chair of the boards of the Pacific Telecommunications Council and of EDUCAUSE, the major professional association for information technology in higher education.

He is currently a WICHE commissioner, a board member for the National Association of System Heads (NASH), and on Board of Governors of the East-West Center. He also serves on the boards of the Aloha United Way and the Blood Bank of Hawai‘i.

Lassner led Hawai‘i’s major statewide federally funded project that interconnected all public schools, libraries and campuses on six islands with fiber optics and is an active principal investigator with the National Science Foundation, from which he has received multiple grants over the past 20 years focused on research and education networking and cyberinfrastructure. He is principal investigator for the Maui High Performance Computing Center and for the Pacific Disaster Center, major Department of Defense programs on Maui.

Lassner earned an AB in economics summa cum laude and MS in computer science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a PhD in communication and information sciences from the University of Hawai‘i. He has been recognized with Internet2’s Richard Rose Award, WCET’s Richard Jonsen Award and as a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Hawai‘i.
Richard R. Vuylsteke

Dr Richard R. Vuylsteke (pronounced VUL-stek) took office as the East-West Center’s 11th Chief Executive on January 1, 2017. A former EWC grantee and staff member, he rejoined the Center after several decades living in Asia and serving most recently as President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong.

Previously he served as President of the American Chamber in Taipei, Editor-in-Chief of the Taiwan Review, and Area Studies Coordinator for the US Department of State Foreign Service Institute in Taipei. Earlier in his career, he was a research fellow in East Asian Legal Studies at Harvard Law School as well as a Fulbright scholar at the University of Rajasthan, India.

Originally from Illinois, and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Illinois College, Dr Vuylsteke was an East-West Center grantee in the 1970s while he earned MA and PhD degrees from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, specializing in Western and Chinese political philosophy. While still a graduate student he joined the Center’s staff as a research assistant to the Director of the Culture Learning Institute, and later worked as a special assistant to the EWC president with focus on Pacific Community topics. In addition, he taught courses at the University of Hawai‘i and Chaminade University in Asian history and social, political and legal philosophy. He also worked at the Pacific Forum (now Pacific Forum/CSIS).

Prior to graduate school, he served three years in the US Army, leaving active duty as a 1st Lieutenant. While in the service, he was stationed in Hawai‘i at the US Army Pacific Command (USARPAC) as Chief of the China Desk and later seconded to CINCPAC (now PACOM) as Chief of the Soviet Far East Desk.

His areas of expertise include strategic and operational leadership of multicultural organisations; Asia Pacific business and trade, and Asian and Western history and philosophy.

Dr Vuylsteke is married to Josephine Wu Vuylsteke, a former broadcast journalist; they have three sons.

Joseph Haldane (Chair)

Joseph Haldane is the Chairman and CEO of IAFOR. He is responsible for devising strategy, setting policies, forging institutional partnerships, implementing projects, and overseeing the organisation’s business and academic operations, including research, publications and events.

Dr Haldane holds a PhD from the University of London in 19th-century French Studies, and has had full-time faculty positions at the University of Paris XII Paris-Est Créteil (France), Sciences Po Paris (France), and Nagoya University of Commerce and Business (Japan), as well as visiting positions at the French Press Institute in the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas (France), The School of Journalism at Sciences Po Paris (France), and the School of Journalism at Moscow State University (Russia).

Dr Haldane’s current research concentrates on post-war and contemporary politics and international affairs, and since 2015 he has been a Guest Professor at The Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP) at Osaka University, where he teaches on the postgraduate Global Governance Course, and Co-Director of the OSIPP-IAFOR Research Centre, an interdisciplinary think tank situated within Osaka University.

He is also a Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Philology at the University of Belgrade, a Member of the International Advisory Council of the Department of Educational Foundations at the College of Education of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, and a Member of the World Economic Forum’s Expert Network for Global Governance.

From 2012 to 2014, Dr Haldane served as Treasurer of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (Chubu Region) and he is currently a Trustee of the HOPE International Development Agency (Japan). He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society in 2012, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 2015.

A black belt in judo, he is married with two children, and lives in Japan.
Dr Müller will discuss the opportunities gained through conducting interdisciplinary research and the benefits of team-based research projects. She will give practical strategies for publishing in reputable journals and provide examples of the lessons learned from her own journey, both positive and negative. Dr Müller will give her own key principles about forming effective research teams, and then discuss how to go about choosing an appropriate outlet to disseminate research findings. Following on from the main presentation, a hands-on workshop will help members to identify their own individual strengths (such as the skill sets they can bring to a research project and team) and discover their own opportunities for future research.

Amanda Müller

Dr Amanda Müller is a Senior Lecturer at Flinders University, where she teaches English for Specific Purposes. Among her achievements, she has been a top-three finalist for a national innovation award in nursing, an invited speaker on language testing and clinical communication, a consultant for multicultural aged care support, has two international quality badges for her computer games, awarded Flinders University’s Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Early Career Researcher, Flinders University’s Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Teaching Excellence, and Executive Dean’s Individual Prize for Innovation. She is a nationally accredited editor and a current member of the governing Council of Flinders University. Dr Müller has been involved in eight successful research grants.

Dr Müller has worked in many multidisciplinary research groups and published on a diverse range of topics, including simulation-based learning, English language testing and policy, nursing English, computer-assisted language learning, teaching kanji, academic English, teaching psychomotor skills in ultrasound, higher education, childbirth, English dialects, phonological awareness, and nursing registration policy. Her articles have appeared in top international journals, such as International Journal of Nursing Studies, Medical Teacher, Women & Birth, Journal of Further and Higher Education, Internal Journal of Pedagogies and Learning, and Journal of Educational Computer Research. She has produced a number of book chapters and two books. She has also presented papers at many international conferences. She is constantly looking for new opportunities to conduct and disseminate research.
In 2015, the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4-Education 2030 was adopted with an ambitious Target 4.2 on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), which states, "By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education". However, despite the global commitment and established benefits of investing in ECCE, it is still a sub-sector that is seriously underfunded in the Asia and the Pacific region. Public spending is often not sufficient, and external funding is, at times, not large enough or sustainable. However, a few studies have been conducted to identify specific challenges and innovative practices for financing ECCE, considering the detailed contexts of each country.

Against this background, this study explores strategies for sustainable financing of ECCE in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam, employing the mixed methods approach. In its qualitative component, semi-structured interviews were conducted with stakeholders at central, provincial, district, and institutional levels. The key findings show that Cambodia and Laos depend on external funding, while a community preschool system is applied in Cambodia to expand access to ECCE in rural/remote areas. In Vietnam, there are some innovative practices, such as collaboration with private sector actors, in urban areas on an ad hoc basis. The study implied that, in addition to ensure adequate, efficient, and equitable funding, governments are recommended to set a framework to promote strategic engagement with the private sector in promoting sustainability in financing ECCE.

Keiichi Ogawa

Dr Keiichi Ogawa is a Professor/Department Chair in the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies at Kobe University in Japan, where he teaches the human capital development, education finance/administration, and development management. His research interest lies in economics of education, education finance, and comparative international education.

His professional experiences include serving as Education Economist at the World Bank, Senior Advisor at the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Advisor at the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Consultant at the Asia Development Bank (ADB), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), UNICEF and UNESCO, and Advisory Committee Member at the Japanese Ministry of Education (MEXT). He has also served in various graduate schools, including Honorary Professor at Kyrgyz National University, Visiting Professor at Columbia University, and Adjunct Professor at George Washington University.

He has served as a Governing Board Member of the UNESCO IIEP, Secretary General/Board Member of the Japan Society for International Development (JASID), and Board Member of the Japan Comparative Education Society (JCSES). He has also served on the Advisory Editorial Board for BAICE (British Association for International & Comparative Education), Lao Journal of Economics and Management, and Souphanouvong Academic Journal, as well as Editorial Board Member for Comparative Education (Japan Comparative Education Society), Journal of Economics and Business Administration, Journal of International Cooperation Studies, Africa Education Research Journal, and Journal of International Educational Cooperation.

Professor Ogawa received Distinguished Services Awards from the Yemeni Ministry of Education, in 2005 and 2009, and from the Lao Ministry of Education and Sports, in 2011 and 2018, for his contributions to the development of education. He also received the Early Career Award from Teachers College, Columbia University, in 2009; the President's Award from Kobe University, in 2010; the Professional Achievement Award from Hawai‘i Pacific University in 2011; and the Evaluation Award from the Prime Minister of Uganda, in 2014.

He has worked on development assistance activities in over 30 countries and has co-authored or co-edited six books and over 70 journal articles/book chapters. Many of these works are related to educational development and cooperation in international settings. He holds his PhD in Comparative International Education and Economics of Education from Columbia University.
The IAFOR Documentary Photography Award 2018

Join us as we celebrate the winners of this year’s IAFOR Documentary Photography Award – an international photography competition that seeks to promote and assist in the professional development of emerging documentary photographers and photojournalists.

www.iaforphotoaward.org
The IAFOR Documentary Photography Award was launched by The International Academic Forum (IAFOR) in 2015 as an international photography award that seeks to promote and assist in the professional development of emerging documentary photographers and photojournalists. Another important objective of this contest is to help bridge the divide between the world of practicing photojournalists/documentary photographers and the world of academic scholars, and create an accessible and exciting ground for dialogue and discussion at our conference events, and beyond. The award has benefitted since the outset from the expertise of an outstanding panel of internationally renowned photographers, including Dr Paul Lowe as the Founding Judge, and Ed Kashi, Simon Roberts, Simon Norfolk, Emma Bowkett, Monica Allende, Jocelyn Bain Hogg, Maria Teresa Salvati and Ziyah Gafić as Guest Judges.

As an organisation, IAFOR's mission is to promote international exchange, facilitate intercultural awareness, encourage interdisciplinary discussion, and generate and share new knowledge. In keeping with this mission, and in appreciation of the great value of photography as a medium that can be shared across borders of language, culture and nation, and to influence and inform our academic work and programmes, the IAFOR Documentary Photography Award was launched as a competition that would help underline the importance of the organisation's aims, and would promote and recognise best practices and excellence. In support of up-and-coming talent, the IAFOR Documentary Photography Award is free to enter.

Now in its fourth year, the award has already been widely recognised by those in the industry and has been supported by World Press Photo, British Journal of Photography, Metro Imaging, MediaStorm, Think Tank Photo, University of the Arts London and RMIT University, among others.

The work of the 2018 winners will be screened at IICEHawaii/IICSEEHawaii2019.

Image by Subhrajit Sen | 2018 Third Place Winner
Paul Lowe | Founding Judge

Our Founding Judge, Dr Paul Lowe is a Reader in Documentary Photography and the Course Leader of the Masters program in Photojournalism and Documentary Photography at the London College of Communication, University of the Arts London, UK. Paul is an award-winning photographer who has been published in *TIME, Newsweek, Life, The Sunday Times Magazine, The Observer,* and *The Independent,* amongst others. He has covered breaking news the world over, including the fall of the Berlin Wall, Nelson Mandela’s release, famine in Africa, the conflict in the former Yugoslavia, and the destruction of Grozny.

His book, *Bosnians,* documenting 10 years of the war and post-war situation in Bosnia, was published in April 2005 by Saqi books. His research interest focuses on the photography of conflict, and he has contributed chapters to the books *Picturing Atrocity: Photography in Crisis* (Reaktion, 2012) and *Photography and Conflict.* His most recent books include *Photography Masterclass* published by Thames and Hudson, and *Understanding Photojournalism,* co-authored with Dr Jenny Good, published by Bloomsbury Academic Press. Paul is an Emeritus Member of VII Photo Agency.

Maria Teresa Salvati | Guest Judge

Maria Teresa is Founder and editor-in-chief at Slideluck Editorial, which exhibits a selection of the best photographic works and multimedia presented during Slideluck events worldwide, as well as works from guest artists.

Maria Teresa conceived and curated the project *Born the Same,* a selection of ten different works exploring sub-cultures and micro-stories working as reminders that we are all born the same, despite cultural, emotional and political conditions. The project was first presented at Les Rencontres De La Photographie Arles 2017, during La Nuit de l’Année, and is now travelling globally.

She co-edited and co-curated Hungry Still, an exhibition and publication produced and designed by Slideluck London, FORMAT Festival and QUAD, and printed by AKINA Factory. The collective project showcases twenty-four of the best works that have contributed to the English platform, since its inception, with a selection of images combined with personal anecdotes and recipes.

Maria Teresa is also a personal branding consultant. She helps photographers find their “spot of beauty” and vision, advises them on how to build their identity, and helps them communicate via the most appropriate channels (i.e. social media). Now she teaches in Bari, Italy at F.Project School of Photography and Cinematography, in Rome at Officine Fotografiche, and as a guest lecturer at the London College of Communication (LCC).

Ziyah Gafić | Guest Judge

Ziyah Gafić is an award winning photojournalist with 19 years of experience, focusing on societies in conflict and Muslim communities across the globe. He covered major news stories in over 50 countries. His work has appeared in *TIME, Le Monde, The New York Times, GEO, The Sunday Times Magazine, La Repubblica, The Telegraph Magazine, The New Yorker,* among others. He authored five books including *Troubled Islam, Quest for Identity,* and *Heartland.* His work won a plethora of awards, including multiple awards at World Press Photo, Visa pour l’image, Arles Rencontres de la photographie and grants from Magnum Foundation, Getty Images and Prince Claus Fund.

Ziyah is member of VII Photo Agency and a TED Speaker.
Supporters

The IAFOR Documentary Photography Award is supported by a number of leading institutions, organisations and publications around the world in its aim to promote and recognise best practice and excellence in documentary photography and photojournalism. These partnerships are a testament to the high regard in which the award is held within the photography industry.

The IAFOR Documentary Photography Award would like to thank the following organisations for their support:

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Poster Session

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High-quality curriculums play a key role in successful education, and curriculum development is one of the mandatory tasks for every educator. Dysfunctional curriculums not only degrade learning outcomes but also result in students complaints. Educators and researchers have put significant efforts into developing high quality curriculums and a number of curriculum development models have been established. However, a curriculum is by no means static. No single curriculum can meet every student’s requirements and suit for all situations. Curriculums should actually be under continuous refinement in order to adapt to the constantly changing environment, including the demographic of students. Thus, the effective method and guidance that assist dynamic curriculum development and refinement are required. This research is to adapt and utilize a widely used software engineering Agile-model to guide and support dynamic curriculum development and refinement. The adapted Agile model, like the original one, consists of a number of iterations each of which achieves one of the course learning objectives. The curriculum is dynamically refined and enhanced in each iteration to best suit the students’ background and achieve the current iteration learning objective. Each iteration is organized into four phases and the tasks and activities in each phase are specified to continuously refine, enhance, and optimize the curriculum. A step-by-step easy-to-follow guidance, which leads to adaptive high quality curriculums, will also be created and presented. It is expected that the teaching and learning outcomes will be promoted significantly by applying this system.
School-university partnerships have been among the most frequently recommended approaches to educational reform. From the university perspective, the goal of these partnerships is to bridge the disconnect between what teacher candidates are taught in on-campus courses and what they implement in P-12 settings with students. This study describes the impact of a literacy strategies course taught at a local public school that includes special education teacher candidates working with students with Emotional Behavioral Disorders (EBD) on literacy strategies that are taught in the classroom portion of the course. Within the framework of the course, participating students with EBD receive 45 minutes of small group literacy strategy instruction from special education teacher candidates each week as they implement the instructional strategies taught in the course. Resulting data relating to the impact of the participating students with EBD include growth on curriculum-based measures of reading comprehension. The results also show that EBD student participation in the reading strategies activities increased over time as relationships were formed with the teacher candidates. Data on the impact on teacher candidate growth include positive ratings on course evaluations on the school-based literacy strategies course when compared to sections of the same course taught on the college campus and the results of a questionnaire given to teacher candidates at the conclusion of the semester that show the positive impact of the course on their professional growth as well as their attitudes toward students with EBD.

Community-based schools provide education that is relevant to the culture and needs of the community. The role and level of participation of the community in the development of the school curriculum is also examined.

According to California State East Bay (CSUEB) office of Faculty Development, 25% of instruction is online or hybrid with more than 17% of instruction in completely online courses; 5% of students take courses exclusively online and nearly one-third of our students enrolled in at least one online course. The most recent enrollment counts for online and hybrid courses show that there were 37,700 students enrolled in 1,300 sections during the last academic year. Quality Matters (QM) has been the benchmark of faculty training and certifying online or hybrid courses in many universities. QM is an international organization that is recognized as a leader in quality assurance for online education. It provides professional development in the use of rubrics, tools, peer review, and practices to improve the quality of online education. CSUEB has been using QM to ensure quality assurance are in place. The purpose of this study is to explore the impact of QM training on student success during an academic year at CSUEB. It will look at whether or not QM certified courses improves student success. Furthermore, it will analyze the success among student groups: First Generation (FirstGen), Under Represented Minority (URM), Pell Grant Eligibility (PellElig), and Remediation (Remed). In addition, the Findings and Recommendations section will summarize the result findings and make recommendations on future study along with delimitation of this study.

Use of Contextualized Programming Projects for Computational Thinking Learning
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Computational thinking emphasized the ability to use computer science knowledge to solve problems. The importance of learning computational thinking has been highlighted by many research. However, the learning material or teaching approach for computational thinking learning is still limited. Numerous of studies have documented the benefits of contextual methods of instruction, such as increasing engagement, enhancing motivation, and providing relevance. Tools or solutions combining software and hardware, such as Arduino, have been classified as a suitable tool for contextualized programming education. Arduino, as an open-source platform, can be utilized to coding and designing different applications. Contextualized programming projects facilitated by Arduino could bridge the connection of instructional content with real-world applications to teaching computational thinking concepts. Different Arduino application projects including basketball arcade machine, ticket fetching machine, and barcode scanner that are highly relevant to daily life were introduced to students. Meanwhile, computational thinking concepts including problem decomposition, algorithm design and simulation were enhanced in these contextualized programming projects. Six classes junior high school students participated in this study to finish the programming projects. Students were asked to write one questionnaire after finishing the programming project to express their attitudes toward this study. The questionnaire results reveal that most students appreciated the learning activities of contextualized programming projects. Implementation of these projects not only improved their understanding of the different authentic programming applications in daily life, but also enhanced their skills of computational thinking and programming.
Comparing Vocabulary Profiles of Asian L2 Written English in the ICNALE Corpus
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This brief study examines the vocabulary profiles of Asian L2 students’ written English in the International Corpus Network of Asian Learners of English (ICNALE, Ishikawa). The ICNALE corpus is a collection of written and spoken texts from 2800 learners of English across 10 different Asian countries. The texts included in this corpus were composed under controlled conditions (content and length) and are grouped by CEFR level (A2, B1-1, B1-2, B2+). The corpus also includes samples of native-speaker English. In this study, vocabulary profiles were constructed for written essays from the corpus along three bands - GSL1, GSL2, and AWL - using AntWordProfiler (Anthony, 2013). It was found that: 1) while there appeared to be a slight difference in AWL type percentages between low and high CEFR levels, these percentages varied much more greatly by country; 2) essays written by Japanese L2 learners had the lowest percentage of AWL types in the entire corpus while those written by ESL learners in Singapore had the highest; and 3) there was no statistical difference between the AWL type percentages of native speakers and those of CEFR levels B1-2, and B2+.

Challenges to Serve Disadvantaged High-Ability Students and Relationship Between Self-Concept and Their Academic Achievement
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Examining lessons learned through 7 years of experience of hosting Camp Launch, a university-based residential STEM enrichment program for low-income, high-ability middle school students. This study used the Self-Description Questionnaire-I (SDQ-I; Marsh, 1992) and self-reported GPA. Regression was conducted to explore relationships between students’ self-concept and academic achievement. The results showed that students’ academic achievement were significantly predictive from general self-concept related to achievement in schools. A positive self-concept has been associated with happiness of individuals (Holder & Coleman, 2008; O’Rourke, Cooper, & Gray, 2012), and there have been studies on the effect of self-concept and academic achievement. This session shares information about components of the program and suggestions for implementing programs that serve this population. Also, the presentation explores relationships among students’ self-concept and academic achievement. This study suggests that a positive self-concept related to school achievement is potentially important in the prediction of academic achievement. The study provides implications and suggestions for developing positive self-concept of academically disadvantaged middle school students.
Conference Poster Session

44984  16:00-17:00 | Room 304 (3F)
How the Research-Based Science News Regarding Healthy Diet Were Narrated in Taiwan
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Science news is one of the most common access of science information for people in daily lives and students for science learning and the diversified sources of them were often derived from original academic research findings. Accordingly, the purpose of this study was to explore how these research-based science news were presented in the internet news agencies and if there are any narrative patterns or the nature of science could be revealed. The related elements in scientific inquiries and specific terms regarding the nature of science were chosen for this narrative analysis. A total number of 97 articles from four Taiwan local daily newspapers were collected for analysis (2017/9~2018/4). The analysis showed that ‘Results’ and ‘Experiment’ were the two most common elements appeared (33.4% for results and 15.1% for experiment) in these research-based science news and the uncertainty features of science were scarcely indicated for potential audiences. A further content analysis also showed that most of the conclusions are causal assertions about a healthy diet and some specific suggestions were also firmly instructed. Considering the attainment of a scientifically literate society and citizenship, these results may provide some implications for science education and science communication and the related reflections will be discussed during the conference.

45033  16:00-17:00 | Room 304 (3F)
Hands-On Environmental Education with Scientific Data Improves Science Self-Efficacy, The Weakness of Japanese Students in PISA?
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Aiming for sustainable development, the OECD requires all people to develop key competencies, and conducts a triennial international survey for evaluating those of 15-year-old students, Program for International Student Assessment (PISA). In PISA, Japan has usually ranked high in science literacy as well as in reading and mathematics performances. On the contrary, students’ attitudes towards science’ like index of science self-efficacy is much low. In exchange for the success of scoring high, the Japanese educational system might fail to cultivate ones’ curiosity or aspiring thinking power to help us address uncertainties in lives. This might be background of the social problems in the past in Japan such as reputational damage relating to environmental problems by vague anxiety. Those responses run counter to sustainability. For addressing environmental problems which include uncertainties due to the limited scientific knowledge, a competency for getting reasonable understanding and taking informed decisions with positive attitude is critical. We consider this competency to be fostered by practical opportunities to handle scientific data and to make decision on environmental problems. To provide such opportunities, we have shed light on Local Government Institute for Environment (LGIE) in Japan, who mainly monitor and assess pollutants in various environments and secondarily implement Environmental Education (EE) using their hands-on skill too. This study object is to validate the effect of LGIE’s hands-on EE by whether it improve the weakness of Japanese, the index of science self-efficacy. We developed an evaluation method using PISA and tested it when implementing EE for students.

45039  16:00-17:00 | Room 304 (3F)
Utilizing Simulation Training to Enhance Dental Hygiene Student's Knowledge and Skills in Pediatric Care
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Dental caries is the most common chronic disease in pediatrics. This preventable condition can be mitigated with frequent preventive dental visits starting at or before 1 year of age. Few dental hygiene (DH) programs include specific pediatric courses, resulting in limited exposure and comfort in providing pediatric care. This evidence led the UHM SONDH to evaluate and revise the DH program to increase student’s pediatric exposure and to create a Post-BS Advance Certificate in Expanded Function Dental Hygiene (EFDH) in Pediatrics. Simulations using low fidelity (manikins) and patient/parent (actors) were utilized to prepare students to provide care to children and families. A pre-simulation survey (n=41) assessed student’s confidence in obtaining pediatric vital signs; documenting growth; recognizing social determinants of health and obesity risk factors; and communicating with parents. Post-simulation results (n=39) indicated improvements in all areas with greatest changes in confidence (scale 0-4) in recognizing obesity risk factors (pre=1.90; post=3.23); obtaining vital signs (pre=1.73; post=2.74); and recognizing social determinants of health contributing to children's oral and overall health (pre=1.90; post=2.90). Simulation in DH offers training that utilizes realistic scenarios, where students can practice skills in a safe and controlled environment while reducing patient exposure to inexperienced trainees. The survey results demonstrate the impact of simulation for DH student’s to gain confidence in pediatric hands on skills and also improving communication skills including the provision of culturally sensitive education to high risk families with the goal of improving oral health outcomes.
The main purpose of our study is to examine the effects of a freshman orientation event program for women's university students. The program was intended to be a university itself. And this program also intended to make their relationships with classmates and university educational staffs include professors, associate professors, assistant professors and assistant good. The administration of the program was carried out by university educational staffs along with senior students. This program consists of one day special event and the technique of the group work was being used by this program. Participants of this program were 131 students. The students major in home economics, and half of them were taking teaching courses with teaching license of home economics at junior high school and high school. I conducted a survey of the description formula for the participants after the program and also conducted an interview survey for the educational staffs who participated in the program. The educational staffs who participated in the program observed freshmen concerning their behavior during the program. The survey of the description formula included items to ask the comment of the program and the feelings after the program was over. In this study, two aspects of the freshman orientation event program were revealed. One aspects were effects of the program for students, and the other aspects were for educational staffs. The program was effective for students relationships and also effective for educational staffs to assess students.

The purpose of this study was to investigate the mediating effects of internalized shame and perceived social support on the relation between childhood emotional trauma and relationship addiction tendency in the unmarried. For this study, self-reports data were collected from 566 unmarried men and women for childhood emotional trauma, internalized shame, perceived social support and relationship addiction tendency. Correlation analysis and Structural Equation Modeling were employed to examine the hypothesis. The results were as follows. First, there were significant correlations among childhood emotional trauma, internalized shame, perceived social support and relationship addiction tendency. Second, the association between childhood emotional trauma and relationship addiction tendency was mediated by internalized shame, while not by perceived social support. Additionally, childhood emotional trauma did not show direct effect on relationship addiction tendency. Third, perceived social support and relationship addiction tendency was mediated by internalized shame, while perceived social support did not show direct effect on relationship addiction tendency. These results imply that it is required to consider psychological mechanisms of childhood emotional trauma, internalized shame and perceived social support in developing the program for preventing and treating relationship addiction tendency. Also, when counseling a client with the same tendency, it gives an opportunity to be aware of the emotional problem, and an opportunity to positively perceive its own social resources, so as not to reach interpersonal problems such as relationship addiction.

Introduction: The incidence of both melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancer is increasing rapidly within minority populations. Minority populations are also known to have delayed detection and treatment of cancers, ultimately resulting in poorer health outcomes. These differences are thought to be due to barriers to access such as less knowledge about skin cancers and limited access to specialty care due to lack of insurance. In this community-based project, we assess barriers to care and provide skin cancer screening and prevention education to a predominantly minority population. Methods: At a SPOTme® Skin Cancer Screening held at a student-run free clinic, medical students led 15-minute information sessions on skin cancer after total body skin exams (TBSEs). We collected data on patient knowledge about skin cancer risk, prevention, and self-examinations before and after the TBSE and educational module. Patient knowledge levels were assessed for improvement using the paired McNemar’s exact test. Results: We screened and enrolled 24 participants, the majority of which were uninsured (79%), Hispanic (71%), and female (63%). The most significant barrier to seeking care was lack of health insurance (83%), followed by cost (46%). We found that our educational intervention led to a significant increase in knowledge, risk awareness, and self-efficacy for self-screening (p=0.001). Conclusions: Educational modules aimed at increasing skin cancer knowledge among uninsured minority modules can be effectively employed in a free clinic screening setting. Further research is indicated to assess whether improvements in patient knowledge can address outcome disparities among underserved minority populations.
Background: Breastfeeding offers multiple health and economic benefits to children and mothers. Mexico has one of the lowest prevalences of breastfeeding worldwide, with rates far below the WHO’s recommendations. This leads to serious health and economic repercussions, particularly for its most vulnerable populations. In this qualitative study, we aimed to understand the influence of family members and medical providers on breastfeeding practices in indigenous and rural communities in Mexico in order to design an educational intervention to promote breastfeeding. Methods: We conducted interviews with mothers, fathers, and grandparents of children under two as well as their medical providers in two Mexican communities. In total, we completed 65 interviews and two focus groups (with mothers and nurses). Results: Our study revealed that families believe that breastfeeding is the best nutrition for infants, yet, mothers are not breastfeeding exclusively nor for the recommended duration. The majority of medical providers believed mothers do not follow their recommendations due to cultural practices, however, this was refuted by most families. This discrepancy may explain the lack of quality support and care given for breastfeeding at clinics, including time of consults, provider sensibility, and clarity and uniformity in the information provided to families. Conclusions: To ensure that children receive the benefits of breastfeeding, an educational intervention must focus on increasing the rates of exclusive breastfeeding and duration. Medical providers should make clear and homogenous recommendations, especially for first-time and working mothers. Family education should focus on simple messages that address specific misconceptions propagated in communities.

Purpose: The purpose of this research study was to identify the mediating effect of strength use on the influence of female college student’s career barrier on career adaptability. Method: Data was collected from 212 female college Students in Busan. The results were interpreted and analyzed by using multiple—regression analysis. Results: First, Career barrier was negatively correlated with strength use and career adapt-ability and strength use was positively correlated with career adaptability. Second, Career barrier had significantly affected on career adaptability, especially sub-factors of career barrier were indecisive personality, the lack of self-clarification, and the lack of necessity recognition had significantly affected on career adapt-ability. Finally Strength use moderated on the relationship between career barrier and career adaptability. Conclusion: This study is meaningful to find the role of strength use on the relationship between female college student’s career barrier and career adapt-ability. Limitations of this study and suggestions for future investigations are included in the discussion.

Background: Highly performing reduction method for the quantitative hydrodechlorination/ring reduction of hexachlorobenzene to cyclohexane was developed by using a mixture consisting of metallic calcium as a reductant, methanol as a hydrogen donor and a solvent, in the presence of 5% wt. Rh/C as a catalyst, under mild mixing conditions at 60 °C for 4 h. However, the issue of shortening the reaction time remains by far a difficult challenge. Therefore, the reaction conditions were shifted from alkaline to acidic solutions, with a more energetic hydrogen donor: thus a iron and sulfuric acid was used. After the reaction time was reduced to only 50 min for the complete transformation of p-cresol to 4-methyl-cyclohexanol. We have taken a keen interest in the mechanistic study of the process, in order to assess the true nature of the reactive intermediates: is it really atomic hydrogen? Our zeta potential measurements strongly suggest it, as it did, for example, for our investigation of the hydrodechlorination process, in the presence of the same Rh catalyst (Mitoma et al, Chemosphere, 2016). In this presentation, we wish to clear out the aspect of the mass balance of total amount of hydrogen species, consisting of molecular hydrogen evolved as gas, dissolved molecular hydrogen, atomic hydrogen on catalyst surfaces, nascent hydrogen in the solution as well as free protons in the aqueous acidic solution (pH). We have also been able to demonstrate that there possibly is a direct relationship between zeta potential values and the amount of atomic hydrogen produced during the process.
Contamination of soil by heavy metals caused by naturally occurring or human factors (e.g. elution from landfill waste) has become increasingly common in economically developing countries. Recently, in pursuit of Green Chemistry efforts, many researchers have developed environmentally friendly insolubilization techniques that use milder conditions and which entail lower costs. We have developed an insolubilization method incorporating a simple grinding process that achieves approximately 95–99% immobilization of heavy metals (As, Cd, Cr, and Pb) in soil using a new dispersion mixture (25 wt%) of nano-sized metallic calcium (Ca) and calcium oxide (CaO) (Y. Mitoma et al., Arch. Environ. Contam. Toxic. 2013). Moreover, in the presence of interstitial water in soil, an improved mixture of nanoCa/CaO with phosphate materials to form apatite. As-polluted granite soil (100 ppm) was mixed with nano Ca/CaO (2:5) and phosphate (e.g. Ca₃(PO₄)₂ or Ca₂P₂O₇) by mortar under ordinary N₂ pressure for 60 min. The 1 g of treated soil was added to 10 mL of distilled water and shaken for 6 h at 200 rpm for elution test as a Japanese standard method. After filtration, the solution was measured using ICP-OES (As = 189.042 nm). Results showed that this new method of using a mixture of iron powder, Ca(OH)₂, and MgSO₄ · 7H₂O allows good yields for the hydrodechlorination of PCBs trapped in soil matrices, along with diminished consumption of energy. In this presentation, we wish to demonstrate that it is possible to hydrodechlorinate 2-chlorobiphenyls and/or decachlorobiphenyl as model compounds of PCBs using these new materials (Ca(OH)₂, Fe and MgSO₄ · 7H₂O), under inert gas and at moderate reaction temperature (such as 200 to 250°C). As the result of our investigations, we found that lower chlorine-substituted PCBs were separated by direct heating of polluted soil through steam distillation. On the other hand, the number of chlorine atoms on higher chlorine-substituted PCBs was easily reduced to obtain the corresponding lower chlorinated biphenyls and/or benzenes derivatives, which were subsequently hydrodistilled. Finally, the efficiency of soil detoxification from PCBs-like compounds reached almost quantitative yields.
This study investigates the public’s preference for energy sources in a situation where, after the Fukushima nuclear power plant accident, the public’s risk perception on nuclear power energy and the expectation of alternative energy are increasing. The higher the interest in alternative energy, called renewable energy, it is also intensified debate about it. The choice of an energy source is an important policy issue of the country. Therefore, the opinions of the public who are affected by the policy should be an important factor in the decision of the country’s energy source.

In this study, as increasing debate on pros and cons of nuclear energy, increasing of global depletable energy, and various debates in the process of selection of energy sources, we analyze what are the people’s preferences for energy sources, and what factors influence their preferences. Since the debate on energy sources, including nuclear energy, has become a global issue after the Fukushima accident, this study compares the preference and influence factors of national energy sources on the data of major countries. The purpose of this study is to elucidate the tendency of global energy preference system and common influence factors by analyzing the difference of preference system of energy sources and influence factors by countries.

The constant growth in population worldwide continues to put forward the need for access to safe, clean water to meet human needs. There is a need for cost-effective technologies for water and wastewater treatment that can meet the global demands and the rigorous water quality standards, all whilst maximizing pollutant efficiency removal. Current remediation technologies have failed to meet these needs. Nanotechnology has recently been sought as a promising field to help achieve these goals. The use of iron oxide magnetic nanoparticles as nanoadsorbents has led to a new class of magnetic separation strategies for water treatment. In our work, we developed magnetic nanocomposite systems able to capture polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), as model organic pollutants, in aqueous solution, providing a cost-effective water remediation technique.

As binding agents, we have incorporated modified forms of nutrient polyphenols found in berries (quercetin) and turmeric (curcumin) with expected affinity for chlorinated organics, providing a green approach to remediation. Furthermore, when exposed to an alternating magnetic field (AMF) the adsorbents can be regenerated offering a low energy and low-cost regeneration alternative to traditional used methods. Overall, we have been able to develop a water remediation technology with widely available materials that maintains low production and operation costs, is reusable, and does not require intensive training, allowing for its use in contaminated areas around the world.

This study investigates patterns of emotional health among young people in Asian and Pacific Islander households in the United States. This lack of understanding is particularly acute for native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander groups. More importantly, we have little evidence of the within-group heterogeneity found across this broad aggregate of the groups commonly summarized under the generic rubric of Asian Pacific Islander ‘API’. The lack of comprehensive mental health information, has resulted in these groups being underserved and at greater risk of the negative outcomes associated with depression and high levels of social anxiety. Of equal importance is the fact that this lack of information makes it difficult if not impossible to provide classroom instruction on the mental health of underserved Asian and Pacific Islander adolescent populations.

The recent release of data on the National Center for Health Statistics for the year 2014 provides the first opportunity to examine nationally representative samples of both Asian and NHPI families as distinct populations. This poster will present new information on the levels of social anxiety among API adolescents aged 14 to 17 and illustrate the importance of comparative mental health information for teaching purposes. It will also further validate the use of the Kessler 6 anxiety scale among NHPI populations. This analysis is consistent with both the conference theme and its location as teaching resources associated with mental health of Asian and NHPI populations are relevant within the Hawaiian cultural context.
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44634  09:00-09:30 | Room 303A (3F)
Independence Meets Interdependence Within a Cohort Model of Special Education Teacher Candidates
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Students who experience educator preparation via cohort-based teaching models find themselves experiencing the occasionally contrasting dynamics of independence and interdependence on a daily basis. While the performance of teacher candidates' work product at the college level is measured individually through both college-based and independent external assessments, the cohort-based teaching model is largely dependent upon collaboration, shared experiences, and encourages candidates to view themselves as part of the whole rather than as individuals pursuing the goal of becoming P-12 teachers. While there are instances where this dichotomy is pronounced such as in the assignment of grades, the independent nature of field-based student-teaching experiences within separate classrooms across different schools, and individualized feedback and direction from instructors, the independence and interdependence often work hand-in-glove when candidates' individual experiences are brought back to the group for the purposes of reflection, collective analysis, and brainstorming solutions to field-based challenges encountered during student-teaching experiences. Presenters will discuss how the interaction between candidates' independent personal experiences and the cohort model's interdependent emphasis on group reflection, ongoing peer, instructor, and emotional support, networking, and shared experiences provide Special Education teacher candidates with meaningful learning experiences.

44760  09:30-10:00 | Room 303A (3F)
Real-Time Grade Books and the Metric Culture of Schooling
William Staples, University of Kansas, United States

In my book, Everyday Surveillance (2014), I focus on the relatively mundane techniques of keeping a close watch of people – what I have dubbed the 'Tiny Brothers' – that are increasingly present in the workplace, school, home, and community. Nearly all these kinds of ‘data sponges’ collect quantified measurements regarding an individual’s movements, behaviors, and activities. In some cases, these technologies encourage ‘self-’ or ‘participatory monitoring’ so that workers, students, and others may use the information collected to improve their own standing. One example of this phenomenon are internet-based student information systems (SIS) that offer students, parents, teachers, and administrator’s immediate access to detailed student profiles. One feature called ‘Student View’ permits learners to view their teacher’s grade book in real-time. I will report on in-depth interviews with a sample of these school stakeholders focused on how some students engage in intensified ‘self-tracking’ of performance metrics. Interviewees report that the system encourages high performing students to obsessively monitor their grades through smartphones and other devices, frequently comparing their performance metrics with other students, and generating anxiety for themselves and their parents. Consequently, participant narratives suggest these systems intensify both organizational and ‘participatory monitoring’ of student performance and foster micro-level assessments of their everyday lives.

44424  10:00-10:30 | Room 303A (3F)
Experiences and Attitudes of Student Teachers Towards the Organizational Culture of a Faculty of Education
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Literature suggests a symbiotic relationship between organizational culture, organizational effectiveness and heightened stakeholder performance. Whereas a lot has been written on organizational culture, little, if any, especially in the context of South Africa has been documented about university students’ attitudes and experiences of organizational culture and implications for the transformation of higher education, as well as its impact on student teachers’ well-being, morale and performance. Yet, organizational culture contributes immensely to the teaching and learning environments and has a tremendous influence on whom and what students become: their identity-after they graduate. Furthermore, organizational culture has an effect on students’ motivation, retention, and success rates. The purpose of this research study was to investigate the attitudes and experiences of first to fourth year student teachers of the organizational culture/climate of their Faculty of Education. The objective was to uncover their deep-seated feelings about various aspects of this culture, and to suggest implications and recommendations based on the results found. Critical theory and Bandura's social learning theory underpinned this study. For this study, quantitative and qualitative data were collected through close-ended questionnaires and interviews from approximately 600 Bachelor of Education student teachers. The sample was purposive and convenient. Results revealed that some students found some aspects of the culture enabling while the majority experienced the culture as traditional, bureaucratic, and toxic, and stifling their creativity, autonomy, spontaneity and development. These results point to the need for radical transformation of the mindset of the faculty leadership and staff.

42716  10:30-11:00 | Room 303A (3F)
Comparing a Skills–Focused English Test Against a Lexico–Fluency English Test for International Students in Higher Education
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Michael Daller, University of Reading, United Kingdom

International students need to establish that they have sufficient language skills to commence their university degree in countries like Australia, USA, New Zealand, etc. Two formats of English test, the skills-focused IELTS and the lexicofluency test C-test, will be introduced and their differences explained. The talk will then ask the question of which test is best suited to evaluate future competence in different aspects of university education. For example, students doing nursing at university undertake both academic studies and clinical venue placement. The talk will draw on data from a study that measured competence at the start of the year and grades achieved by the end of the year. A cost-benefit analysis of each approach to testing English proficiency will be given, and further comments provided on the scope of both tests for other purposes, within the education sector and beyond.
**Friday Session I**

**Session Chair: Peter Karlsudd**

### 43233 09:00-09:30 | Room 303B (3F)

**The Use of Multimedia to Help Dyslexic Students in Singapore Primary One in Mother Tongue Language Learning**  
Wejie Liu, National Institute of Education, Singapore

Mother Tongue language is a compulsory subject in Singapore primary school education. However, for children with special needs, especially dyslexia, it is difficult for them to learn Chinese through traditional ways. Although multimedia resources in Education have been extensively studied in Singapore, and the current teaching resources for teaching Chinese in Primary School has been converted to both online and written resources, little is known about the impact of multimedia resources in writing skills of Dyslexic children who are learning Chinese Language in lower primary schools in Singapore. Thus, this article will focus on comparing the effectiveness of multimedia teaching and traditional teaching methods of Chinese Language Learning of Primary One Dyslexic students in Singapore. This research found that the achievement of dyslexic students in Chinese sentence writing skills through multimedia teaching resources better than the achievement of dyslexic students learning through the traditional instruction. It also found that students prefer multimedia teaching resources than traditional teaching resources as they are more interesting, lively and engaging. This study includes pre-test and post-test that use mix approaches research design. The researcher will use quantitative approach, specifically, sampling method, to compare both the pre-written-test and after-written-test. We will also conduct 1-1 interviews to know more about the preferences of the participants. Though the result might show multimedia resources have positive impact on improving children’s writing skills, however, it might not be good for children's handwriting skills. This needs to be proved by further research.

### 44444 09:30-10:00 | Room 303B (3F)

**The Arte Project: Taking the Burden Out of Burden of Proof**  
Traci-An Garrad, University of New England, Australia

There has been a concerted effort to ensure that educators are employing evidence-based practices (EBPs) when working with students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). International reviews, such as the National Autism Centre’s Standards Project and the National Professional Development Center on autism spectrum disorders’ Report, have provided guidance on what approaches are currently recognised as EBPs. However, it is important to continue to recognise adaptations of current EBPs and innovations in practice to continue to build upon and inform research. The ARTE Project is designed to address this very need through capturing details on adaptations, approaches and innovation in practice to meet the needs of individuals with ASD. Through collaboration, the autism community, researchers, teachers and educators can work to capture practice that informs research which informs practice. The ARTE project is a step toward bridging the research to practice gap, enabling education community members to learn from and through each other. Results from the ARTE pilot project will be discussed as well as future steps to open the program internationally to build an effective online teaching and research community. The ARTE Project consists of an online tool that captures subscribers input of teaching strategies when working with students with ASD, assigns them to EBP categories and provides the focus for future research to record efficacious approaches from community members and educational practitioners.

### 44715 10:00-10:30 | Room 303B (3F)

**Students’ General and Sports Specific Behavior Towards Participation of Classmates with Physical Disabilities in PE Classes**  
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The study utilized the planned behavior theory to investigate the determinants of students’ behavior towards classmates with physical disabilities (PD) in college physical education (PE) class. In particular, it examined how students’ attitude, subjective norms, and perceived behavioral control could directly influence their behavior in accommodating classmates with PD (general behavior) and their behavior in modifying the rules of sports or games (sports specific behavior) for their classmates with PD. Responses from 397 college PE students in a private tertiary school in the Philippines were studied using the variance-based structural equation modelling approach. Analyses reveal that students’ attitude, subjective norms and perceived behavioral control is correlated to both general and sports specific behavior. However, path analysis show that attitude is the only predictor of general behavior while attitude and subjective norms are the two predictors of sports specific behavior. Results indicate that attitude plays the most significant role in predicting non-physically disabled students’ general and sports specific behavior in an inclusive PE context.

### 44595 10:30-11:00 | Room 303B (3F)

"Group-Oriented Individualization": A Model to Achieve the Goal of Inclusion  
Peter Karlsudd, Linnaeus University, Sweden

Individualization is often shown as something that should be set up to suit individuals. The meaning of the term is interpreted as an adaptation to, for example, the pupils orientation, maturity, abilities, conditions, experiences, interests, goals and needs. The Swedish School’s mission has over time changed towards individualizing both in terms of knowledge and democracy. This trend becomes apparent in the curriculum, in goal formulations, in direct school work and in society as a whole. In the last decade, categorization and selection to special groups and schools has increased drastically. Many times, this is done with arguments derived from the principles of individualization. Through an analysis of curricula and results from research relating to individualization in school contexts, we can find a shift of focus from students as a group and as community members, to individuals. Today, education is focused on the single pupil and, there are indications that the teaching approach has become increasingly individualized. The collective goals have been placed in the background for more individualistic arguments and objectives which seem to have accentuated the vulnerability of the pupils with special needs. Societal aspects are nowadays not as visible as the individual. Individualization need not only mean to work alone. A group-oriented individualization where pupils work together with differentiated goals and working methods can be a way towards higher goal achievement for all pupils. In this paper, a model is introduced to systematically improve the quality of learning in a group-oriented and inclusive direction.
In this presentation, the presenter, a generational diversity expert, teaches attendees how the time they grew up in affects the way that they teach students or lead co-workers. By examining generational trends on work ethic, intelligence, respect, and social trends, the presenter can help you understand why certain things get under your skin more than others. This funny, and informative presentation will have you understanding that maybe people aren’t doing things JUST to ruin your day.

Responsibility Theory® is an applied brain-based immersive systematic self-talk neuroeducation program, the aim of which is to empower teachers and enhance constructive academic and positive behavioral social outcomes for students. At the heart of Responsibility Theory® are ten precepts. Associated with these ten precepts is the personal intellectual interpretive engagement and the associated cognitive and behavioral application of the ten-precept-linked working language framework of Responsibility Theory®. The working and natural language of Responsibility Theory® draws from and filters its descriptive utterances, talk, text, speech and discourse considerations from these ten precepts. Responsibility Theory® has two broad social goals. The first is the personal application of the program itself. The goal here is to inform the individual that through the application of their own contemplative intellectual analysis, and allied reflexive utilisation of the working language of the ten Responsibility Theory® precepts, that this deliberate conscious and intentional intellectual engagement (along with the ten precepts), will hopefully assist the individual to develop and successfully apply their personal self-empowering possibilities for the remainder of their life. The second goal of Responsibility Theory® is to achieve life-long enduring, positive classroom-centred pedagogical, academic, behavioural, personal, and social outcomes.

Using literature and literary projects, this study aimed to motivate resistant college students to improve their learning literacy. Thirty-seven Lit 1 (Literatures of the Philippines) students were tasked to read and work on projects adopted from Margarita Felipe-Fajardo’s taxonomy of Best Practices in Language and Literature Teaching (2011) that demonstrate their understanding of the literary texts. Projects were rated using the impression method with scores ranging from 1 to 10 based on the content, presentation, and date of submission of the projects. Interestingly, the students have high reading and writing literacy as reflected in the overall rating of the projects’ scores of 8.49. Moreover, from the variety of projects submitted, it can be gleaned that students have high degree of motivation as well as high level of cognition based on the content, detail and presentation, breadth and depth of ideas presented, and language use. From these results, the study recommends that focus should be given to learners in that reading instruction, classroom environment, and other conditions for learning should all contribute to their interest and eventually their literacy. Teachers, therefore, have to create appropriate and effective ways to minimize the consequences of resistance to literary reading among learners. Moreover, school administrators should take part in this goal by supporting teachers’ professional development, sponsoring discussions and training to determine effective practices in reading instruction and to ensure that classroom environments and instruction include a strong focus on student motivation and cognition.

Motivation is the driving force behind all behaviors, from posting cat pictures on Facebook to finishing an exam — and motivation determines how much, how often and how passionately we do it. Besides providing expertise and knowledge, teachers can create good opportunities for commitment, learning and development among learners — or the opposite — by influencing the motivational climate. Self-determination theory (SDT) describes how teachers’ communication style can affect motivation, which in turn affects learning, achievement, development and commitment among learners. SDT also provides reliable methods based on the significance of basic psychological needs considered essential for motivation and self-regulation in all humans; autonomy, competence and relatedness. The need for autonomy involves volition and self-determination, the need for competence is about feeling effective and capable, and the need for relatedness is about feeling affiliated to other people. Social contexts that satisfy these needs nourish personal involvement, sustainable motivation and wellbeing. When the needs contrarily are thwarted, e.g. by using punishments, force or guilt, learners will feel controlled, incapable and excluded, which is related to cheating, nonattendance and boredom. To inspire interest and dedication teachers could therefore benefit from applying SDT in the classroom to stimulate a favorable motivational environment where learners have the opportunity to grow and thrive, not only within the specific subject, but also as a person. Such social climate will also loop back and influence the teacher’s own experience, basic need satisfaction and motivation; constituting the dependence and interdependence of classroom dynamics.
As the global population increases to approximately 8.3 billion people, the United States National Intelligence Council (2012) predicts a 35% worldwide increase in demand for food, a 40% increase in demand for water, and a 50% increase in demand for energy. Thus, educating and cultivating a workforce that can identify ways to meet these demands will be paramount; the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ predicts that science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) jobs will be among the fastest growing fields. However, STEM fields continue to struggle to attract and retain men even though underrepresented groups and women (NSF, 2017). The underrepresentation of women, Blacks, and Latinx becomes even more pressing as demographic models of the US predict a future population that is majority-minority (Landivar, 2013; Ortman, & Guarneri, 2009). Therefore, identifying ways to make STEM accessible to all, and increase representation in STEM-related careers is vital to addressing future global needs (NSF, 2013; Committee on Underrepresented, 2010). Previous work has shown that mathematical identity and science self-efficacy are factors in choosing STEM disciplines (Boaler & Greeno, 2000; Chemers, Zurbriggen, Syed, Goza, & Bearman, 2011). Our presentation will explore how mathematical identity and science self-efficacy interact with each other and differ by sex and race. We draw on literature and a multiple regression analysis to examine the complex interplay between these constructs and reflect on how our results may impact both current and future practitioners.

Disseminating research findings beyond academic audiences is key to establishing a foundation for evidence-based action. Through the Diffusion of Innovations Theory will be explained and applied to the process of generating change within communities. The rationale for broad dissemination of research findings, including disseminating to decision-makers and the public, will be proposed. Three channels for dissemination will be discussed: policy briefs, lay journal articles, and higher education coursework to prepare emerging professionals. The Diffusion of Innovations Theory will be explained and applied to the process of generating change within communities. Application of communication theories to research dissemination in community health and development will be explored.

A 2016 study conducted among California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) members found that nearly 70% of members working in the recreation industry did not have a bachelor's or master's degree in Recreation Management. Those with other degrees hired by recreation agencies did not have the basic knowledge necessary to be a recreation professional. Based on this research, faculty from the Department of Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism at Cal State East Bay worked with CPRS staff and the local CPRS district to comprise a series of focused three-hour courses designed to provide CEU credits. Findings from the first year of Rec-U indicated participants found the information useful and easily applicable in their job. They liked the pairing of academic, theory-based learning, with practical application presented by those working in the field. Implications of the Rec-U program are far-reaching: The university is seen as a sustainable resource to local recreation agencies; provides low cost education and training that shape our world. Objectives and Methods: To apply the translational research paradigm to urban agriculture and built environment improvements. A framework for disseminating information to inform policy change and advance community health will be presented. A broad dissemination, research findings for what works to promote health are translated into the policy decisions and individual choices that shape our world. Objectives and Methods: To apply the translational research paradigm to urban agriculture and built environment improvements. A framework for disseminating information to inform policy change and advance community health will be presented. A broad dissemination, research findings for what works to promote health are translated into the policy decisions and individual choices that shape our world.

At the fourth annual Rec-U conference, Rec-U University, organized by Cal State East Bay, will present 13 research papers and one poster presentation. The conference will focus on bridging the gap between academic researchers and the field of recreation and will bring together researchers, practitioners, and policy makers to share knowledge and discuss the role of research in the field. The conference will feature a keynote address by Dr. Joseph D. Schramm, President of the National Recreation and Park Association, who will discuss the importance of research in the field. The conference will also feature sessions on a variety of topics, including the role of research in the development of recreation programs, the use of research in the evaluation of recreation programs, and the role of research in the development of recreation policies. The conference will conclude with a panel discussion on the future of research in the field.
09:00-11:00 | Room 307A (3F)
Friday Session I
Interdisciplinary: Higher Education
Session Chair: Lyle Ernest Benson

A Model of What Really Happens When University Students Peer Coach Professional Skills
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Abstract: The purpose of this study is to investigate what really happens when university students do peering coaching of professional skills, i.e. does counseling, mentoring, or tutoring also take place? Student peer coaches and student coachees participated in this course-based research of peer coaching professional skills at MacEwan University during four academic terms. After each peer coaching session data was gathered through completion of coachee reports. Data collection also included coachee demographics, the professional skills coached, and coachee perceptions of confidence in their personal development of coached skills. In the initial study the highest number of requests, in descending order, for coaching the professional skills was: writing, presentations, library research, technology, and case study analysis. Results indicated that because of the peer coaching sessions, coachees rated their level of confidence in learning all the professional skills. As well, coachees made requests for help in other areas that were not identified as a professional skill, which is the purpose of this study. The first result found that even though coaching of the professional skills took place in most of the peer coaching sessions, there was still mentoring, counselling, and tutoring taking place in a significant number of peer coaching sessions. The second result was the verification of a university student peer coaching professional skills model. The practical implications of this study are that it can act as a foundation for university educators’ and business professionals to improve their current professional skills and/or peer coaching programs; or assist in creating such programs.
Due to climate change, nutrients (including carbon, phosphorus and nitrogen) as well as anthropogenic contaminants are expected to increase in lakes and rivers. As a result, drinking water treatment facilities may struggle to achieve water quality regulations; treatment process improvements are needed to address these changes (especially those which rely on chemical additions). Biologically active filtration, 'biofiltration', utilizes naturally occurring microorganisms to consume nutrients and degrade contaminants without the need for additional chemicals. Biofiltration can be implemented into existing drinking water treatment facilities by preventing oxidant exposure to filter media, thus allowing biofilm development. Water quality-related treatment objectives include nutrient removal, reduction of disinfection by-product (DBP) precursors and micropollutant (pharmaceuticals or taste and odour causing compounds) degradation. This presentation summarizes over five years of pilot-scale biofiltration research examining treatment performance, alternative operating conditions and advanced monitoring techniques to improve operational control. Pilot-scale biofilters were operated at six municipalities in Ontario, Canada, to develop an interdependent network of facilities with the goal of optimizing treatment across various source waters. Results indicated that incorporation of biofiltration at all locations examined could reduce nutrients, DBP precursors and micropollutants due to the unique microbial communities that develop. A variety of alternative operating conditions improved biofilter performance with respect to nutrient reduction, which could be readily implemented at other water treatment facilities. Ultimately, biofiltration may allow water providers to address future water quality challenges; interdependent groups of water providers sharing knowledge is critical to ensure improved water quality to the public.

We investigated the effectiveness of using a moving bed biofilm reactor (MBBR) on micropollutant removal efficiency in a biological treatment process. To represent the same influent condition and to minimize other variables, four parallel pilot plants (15 m³/day capacity) were installed in the existing WWTP in South Korea. All pilot plants were designed using the same dimensions based on A2O process, which consists of anaerobic, anoxic, and aerobic tanks and clarifiers. Two of the pilot plants were standard A2O process and the other two were inclusive of a bioblock in the aerobic tanks to be used as MBBR. Wastewater from distribution tank from the existing municipal wastewater treatment plant was treated. Removal efficiency was tested for acetaminophen, carbamazepine, diclofenac, sulfamethoxazole, trimethoprim, bisphenol-A, and nonylphenol under different sludge retention times (SRT). All the target micropollutants were consistently detected in the influent in the range of 0.1 μg/L to 80 μg/L. While comparing MBBR and standard A2O process, clear differences in the micropollutant removal rate were observed. MBBR have been found to be more effective than the standard A2O on the most of target micropollutants removal. Also, it is demonstrated that longer SRT resulted in higher removal efficiency of micropollutant. It is recommended that applying MBBR and securing at least 10 days of SRT can help removal of micropollutants in WWTP.

This presentation explores the role of the concept of flourishing as it moves toward sustainability by examining a theoretical case study of Lipari, located in the Aeolian Islands. Challenged by a lack of potable water, Lipari provides a tangible model of the interconnectivity of community agency and sustainable issues. This presentation examines the leading qualities associated with a flourishing society to determine the potential levers that would be most effective in shifting the islands from an unsustainable water system to a sustainably flourishing one. Using the framework of complexity, this presentation integrates a variety of fields such as ecology, economics, public policy, and sociology in developing a more comprehensive definition of the concept of sustainable flourishing.

The international tourist destination of Boracay Island was closed by national authorities last April 2018 due to the persistent high coliform concentrations found in its beach waters. The cause of the contamination is identified as inadequate sanitation systems whose overflow goes to the groundwater. This water in turn leaks out to the sea. The rationale of the temporary closure is to allow natural mechanisms to clean the groundwater – mainly by the shutdown of all coliform contamination sources, coliform die-off and flushing via recharge of rainfall. The period of closure is six months. With a first order die-off rate of 0.03/day for coliform bacteria in karst soils, computer simulations show that the period of closure removes 99.4 percent of the contaminant-marker – adequate to bring the contamination down to levels that are acceptable for recreational waters. A further extension of six months would most likely bring the contamination below detection limits.
Friday Session I
Culture, Peace & Social Justice
Session Chair: Ted O'Neill

45118  09:00-09:30 | Room 302A (3F)
Between Independence and Interdependence; What Future for Doha's Cultural Heritage in a Global World?
Djamel Boussaa, Qatar University, Qatar

Doha, the capital of Qatar is well known for its mega sports and conferences, and exhibition events, and has been during the last decade one of the most visited cities in the Gulf. Prior to reaching this strategic place in the region, Doha experienced a period of rapid growth through large-scale projects. All buildings with various ‘star-architecture’ styles can be found especially in its west bay area, which developed as the new global waterfront of the city. In order to provide space as part of the interdependence program, the bulldozer had to do its job of cleaning away several significant historic areas. In fact, old Doha is being still re-developed with unsympathetic global buildings and environments in perspective of the organization of the World Cup in 2022. Following this, people started to feel that something was missing in their environments, elements that make Doha independent and different from other cities in the Gulf. In other words, a search for artifacts that would reflect the city’s cultural identity and distinctiveness started to emerge during the last two decades. We do believe that one way of rediscovering the cultural identity of the city is to go back to its first roots and try to conserve and sustain them. The main question to be raised here is: How can urban regeneration be a catalyst of rehabilitating the urban identity of Doha? In order to discuss this question, the two recent Souk Waqif and Msheirib regeneration projects will form the setting of this research.

44434  09:30-10:00 | Room 302A (3F)
This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land: Protecting Sacred Sites in Central California
Kenneth Hansen, California State University, Fresno, United States

In this project, I compare two case studies in Central California that involve the potential development of traditional California Indian sacred sites. One case, Wahallish (a.k.a. Jesse Morrow Mountain), located east of Clovis on Highway 180 in Fresno County, represents a successful attempt to block development of land sacred to the Traditional Choinumne Tribe. A second case, Juristac (site of the proposed Sargent Quarry Project), in Santa Clara County, on land sacred to the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, is ongoing and has yet to be resolved. Even in the 21st Century, tribal identity remains tied to the land. This study utilizes the most-similar case study design, along with participant-observation and personal interviews. Both political disputes involve corporate ownership of tribal lands held sacred by non-federally recognized California Indian tribes. Both involve issues of environmental quality – including impacts on air and water from the development of proposed gravel mines – which are of great import to the residents of Central California. Both also involve the use of similar inside and outside political strategies mobilized at the county level. I hypothesize that the solidarity interest group nature of tribal governments as actors in policy issue networks is what makes the most difference in outcomes.

45124  10:00-10:30 | Room 302A (3F)
The Role of Cultural Contents and Discourse on Sexuality and Minority in Korean Society
Hyemi Lee, Kangwon National University, South Korea

This study examined how the Korean media has reported on sexual minorities for the past 100 years or so (1920-2018) through an analysis of big data. The study noted the role of movies as a form of art struggling to oppose a ‘projective hate’ toward sexual minorities through a discussion of expression in the media. Upon the analysis of the Korean media by categorizing the periods from Stage 1 to Stage 5, it was ascertained that movies became an opportunity to bring about change in the discussion of sexual minorities in society. The expression of the sexual minority in movies helped combat a lack of representation as well as distorted expressions and misperceptions. In general, it is unlikely that we will personally encounter sexual minorities, and thus we get to experience and recognize them through what is expressed through the media. By bringing the problem at the bottom of the society to the surface through media expression of the sexual minorities, it creates a key agenda in our society. Expression in the media emphasizes problems that are neglected and avoided by the mainstream and brings them to the surface to create social opinion. This implies that cultural contents, such as movies, can become a strong weapon of recognition struggle able to naturally stand up to projective hate without using methods of protests or complaints.

45149  10:30-11:00 | Room 302A (3F)
What Can One Small Dot on the Linguistic Landscape Tell Us About Inclusivity in Japan?
Ted O'Neill, Gakushuin University, Japan

The languages we encounter in our daily environment send messages about who is included and who is not included in the society. Examining the linguistic landscape, the “visibility and salience of languages on public and commercial signs in a given territory or region” (Landry and Bourhis 1997) is a way into understanding community actors. This presentation will use an analysis of eight months of pictorial sign data collected in Tokyo during 2018 to investigate inclusivity and behavior of East Japan Railway Company (JR-East, a segment of the former Japan National Railways) towards city residents and visitors. Advertising in a single station on the Yamanote Line was photographed monthly and organized by position, language(s), visibility, and contents. This is a top-down only study only to examine the formal communications of a large quasi-public institution over time in a single, defined area of one linguistic landscape looking for changes in perceived or intended audience(s), the privileging of contents and languages, and how these interact. A notably monolingual society which has formally and publicly embraced internationalization and globalization, how is this one significant player in Japan acting on these values as the resident population changes and the inbound tourist economy grows by leaps and bounds? What environment are they creating and for whom?
Teaching evidence-based practice (EBP) skills to medical and allied health students helps them develop knowledge, attitude and behaviours that lead to better informed decisions in professional practice. There is limited evidence supporting the value of teaching EBP skills to the broader audience of health science students. Integrating EBP instruction in undergraduate and graduate health sciences programs can better prepare students to evaluate and utilize health research in their future professions. Collaborating with professional librarians, the first three steps of the EBP model were taught to eighty second year, sixteen fourth year and seven graduate students. To achieve the learning outcomes associated with this model, students completed the following three tasks in their term project. Using the PICO(T) framework, students formulated a research question (1) and searched literature for best available evidence (2). They completed Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP) checklists and worksheets accompanying the textbook to evaluate validity and clinical relevance of the research articles (3). In addition, we conducted brief intermittent open-ended audits to collect student feedback to assess changes in the students’ knowledge, attitude and behaviour during the project. This approach also allowed the instructional team to respond to any issues that may arise as students progressed through the course. This pedagogy aims to scaffold EBP learning outcomes throughout the undergraduate and graduate health sciences program such that once students graduate they become skilled and informed professionals in academic, clinical or research settings. Other pedagogical outcomes and applications are also discussed in this paper.

The core tenets of students’ success across universities when the issue of discussion is diversity in education and/or international education are learning, cultural engagement, and personal growth. Undeniably, all of these elements are very important for supporting students’ success in higher education and many others can be included. This study argues that graduate students organization in higher education plays an important part for contributing to the successful path to be taken by students, particularly, through its volunteerism. A practice of being engaged in activities for providing services for peers and/or communities has a crucial role in impacting positively graduate students’ lives and career. This study departs from a literature review on the topic of voluntarism in higher education considering mainly students-led organizations’ voluntarism, and then it discusses in what extend voluntarism as a practice can be related to other important dimensions which are part of the scenario of universities, particularly those such as service, learning, experience, internship, community-based engagement, peer-mentoring, and leadership. This study also aims to contribute to place voluntarism within as a core value in higher education because of its significance for a lifetime experience of graduate students and for their journey not only in shaping a career but also in allowing them to have opportunities to participate actively locally and to prepare themselves for leadership and being global citizens.

In 2013, The Progressive Policy Think Tank concluded the 20th-century models of higher education were broken and that to survive “a deep, radical and urgent transformation is required.” In 2018, the prescience of that statement is being reflected in universities via ever-tightening budgets, decreasing available student populations, and ever-increasing student costs and debt. To combat these forces universities are trying a myriad of options including alternative credentialing, MOOCs, and professional certificates. Underpinning these efforts has been a drive towards greater entrepreneurialism and a search to develop new ways to transform and infuse classrooms with more business-like cultures (Hyslop-Margison & Leonard, 2012; Polster, 2005; Milley, 2016). Despite the well-documented economic, cultural and societal challenges facing universities the many logistic, administrative and political barriers to change are both complicated and personal. This paper looks holistically into the fundamental questions and challenges academia faces including: how can entrepreneurial approaches be encouraged and used to break down disciplinary silos (and associated systems of faculty governance, merit, and tenure) to create creative, innovative and entrepreneurial approaches of research theory, practice, and pedagogy; how can universities use their prestige and teaching acumen to strengthen ties to the private sector and create pipelines that lead towards student enrollment and employment; what are the conflicts with the stated and perceived mission of universities and how can the risk-averse nature of university administration be changed to encourage faculty and students to fail with purpose?
**Friday Session II**

**Foreign Languages Education & Applied Linguistics (including ESL/TESL/TEFL)**

**Session Chair: Hungche Chen**

**44919 11:15-11:45 | Room 303A (3F)**

*Methods to Enhance Classroom Management and Promote Learning Autonomy*

Blagoja Dimoski, Tamagawa University, Japan

Success in the language classroom is dependent on a host of factors, not least of which is a teacher’s ability to successfully manage a class and his or her learners’ ability to self-manage their own learning. The presenter will demonstrate a comprehensive classroom management system based on 1) student nameplates and 2) group management methods. The student nameplate is an extension of the initial design proposed by Kamibeppu, Kelly, and Fryckman (2003) and McLean (2012) and thus serves a far greater purpose. The current design, developed by the presenter, enables language practitioners to effectively monitor and manage class attendance, homework, rules, assessment, individual student progress and feedback, and much more. The group management methods that will be introduced promote greater learner-accountability by ensuring that each member of a group has specific responsibilities, which as a whole, enable the group to work more effectively. The presenter will also provide classroom examples of the materials and nameplates described above and discuss how they have not only enabled him to better manage his classes, and his students to better manage their own learning, but also how the system can be adapted by teachers to reflect their individual teaching contexts.

**44402 11:45-12:15 | Room 303A (3F)**

*Reading Strategy Instruction Through Students’ Cooperative Learning*

Yugang Zhou, DLIFLC, United States

One problem that is often seen in reading/translation classes is that students seem to know the meanings of all the vocabulary, however, the knowledge of words does not necessarily lead to a correct comprehension of a whole sentence, especially in terms of complex long sentences. With the use of dictionaries or online tools, one can easily know all the vocabulary in a sentence while still not understanding its overall meaning. The introduction of reading comprehension strategies to students could be helpful in this regard. Training in reading strategies is necessary for language learners of all levels. While language teachers are usually tempted to instruct reading strategies explicitly, intermediate and high-level learners oftentimes are capable of summing up strategies deductively by themselves. By analyzing complex sentences cooperatively, students discuss and negotiate meanings, give and receive feedback from each other, and benefit from observing how each other approaches and solves problems. This presentation first gives an account of a reading/translation class where students were encouraged to work out their complex sentence comprehension strategies through cooperative learning. And then the presenter will analyze the rationales behind the practices in this class, including learning strategy training, cooperative learning, think-aloud technique and learner autonomy. It is hoped that these methodological innovations can provide language teachers with some enlightenment in their future teaching career.

**44954 12:15-12:45 | Room 303A (3F)**

*Teachers’ Perspectives on Designing and Using Quizzes for Language Teaching and Learning*

Hungche Chen, Chang Gung University of Science and Technology, Taiwan

It is thrilling to take a group of students learning English in their first year of college, help them to build a strong foundation for thriving in this interconnected world and for other courses that may use English as a medium of instruction. To understand if students are achieving a specific learning goal, teachers use a variety of assessment tools. Of these tools, quizzes is often used by teachers who want to provide students timely feedback after each lesson or a short period of time. The study described in this article explored higher-education EFL instructors’ backgrounds, their practices and philosophies with regard to quizzes. Twenty-six instructors at three universities in Japan were surveyed and interviewed. The findings indicated that most of the instructors had taken at least one graduate-level class in the area of second/foreign language with some training and experience in creating and marking quizzes. However, all the instructors who participated made little attempt to use quiz results to identify specific areas of course content that need greater emphasis.
Friday Session II
Professional Training, Development & Concerns in Education
Session Chair: Lyndall Muschell

45212  11:15-11:45 | Room 303B (3F)
An Instructional Design Project: Cultivate Global Competence Through an Online Course for English as a Foreign Language Teachers
Yu-Chieh Wu, University of Hawaii – Manoa, United States

Fostering global competence is crucial for English teachers to thrive in the era of globalization. To equip English teachers with necessary skills, the purpose of this instructional design project is to improve openness, respect for people from different cultural backgrounds and global mindedness for English teachers at an online course. Retrospective survey that includes the facet of ‘perspective-taking,’ ‘interest in learning about other cultures,’ and ‘global mindedness’ will be used to evaluate teachers’ progress. After completing the online courses, English teachers are expected to be better prepared to cope with this multicultural society.

44643  11:45-12:15 | Room 303B (3F)
Facilitating Tabuk City National High School Employees Gender and Development Seminar-Workshop Through Cooperative and Collaborative Learning Approaches
Doddie Marie Duclan, Tabuk City National High School, The Philippines

The study focused on cooperative and collaborative learning approaches as the strategy in facilitating employees’ Gender and Development (GAD) Seminar- Workshop. It assessed participants’ awareness level on selected GAD laws, mandates, and issues before and after the Seminar-Workshop. Correlation of the participants’ awareness level along variables of sex, age, and subject departmental affiliation was considered. It also sought the perceived level of effectiveness of the cooperative and collaborative learning approaches along all training aspects. The study involved 52 employees or 57% of the actual GAD seminar participants on the post-assessment. It solely relied on data gathered through survey questionnaires treated by Mean and Pearson Product Moment Correlation for interpretation. The school employees were aware of GAD information ‘to some extent’ with responses mean of 2.82 before the seminar was conducted, and raised to the moderate level with 4.01 responses mean after the event facilitated through Cooperative and Collaborative Learning Approaches. No significant relationship was found between awareness level with any of the variables reflecting r values lesser than 1.00, specifically .049; .161; and .022 along sex, age, and subject departmental affiliation respectively. Participants also perceived the extreme effectiveness of the strategy as reflected by a weighted mean of 4.26 on the training aspects conduct of Spiritual Retreat and Renewal of Commitment; effecting Enjoyment of Leisure Time and Enhancement of Psycho-Social Skills; Coordination and Organization of Training Committees; and on delivering Gender and Development topics. The study recommends the cooperative and collaborative learning approaches to other institutions as a training methodology.

44348  12:15-12:45 | Room 303B (3F)
The Roles, Responsibilities, and Significance of Mentor Leaders: Supporting the Professional Development of Teacher Candidates
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Initial Teacher Education programs within our College of Education are composed of three critical, interconnecting components: Mentor Leaders, cohorts, and extensive field experiences. The model provides a two-year scaffolded program. This presentation focuses on the roles, responsibilities, and significance of Mentor Leaders. Mentor Leaders are College of Education faculty who are assigned to incoming cohorts and, in a looping fashion, remain with cohorts through program completion. Mentor Leaders influence the professional development of candidates in multiple ways, serving as advisor, course instructor, and field supervisor. However, the significance of the role is found in the more non-traditional responsibilities that Mentor Leaders assume. Through the process of looping with a cohort over the course of two years, Mentor Leaders develop unique relationships. They come to understand the strengths and areas for improvement of individual candidates. They capitalize on this knowledge as they work to provide learning opportunities which encourage candidate ownership of learning, responsibility in decision making, accountability, leadership, and problem solving. They are role models through their practice and professional development. Indeed, Mentor Leaders play significant roles in the development of candidates. Where, as Mentor Leaders, we have lived the experience and understand the breadth and depth of these relationships and their impact, the challenge has been quantifying and qualifying this particular component of the program model. Therefore, a group has convened to conduct a comprehensive empirical study of the model including Mentor Leaders’ impact on candidate development. We invite feedback and seek dialogue that will inform our continued work.
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Friday Session II
Design, Implementation & Assessment of Innovative Technologies in Education
Session Chair: Daniel James Mills

44993 11:15-11:45 | Room 305A (3F)

Geographic Independence Through Blended Synchronous Instruction: A Pilot Effort in Secondary Teacher Preparation

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The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa recently implemented a Here or There (HOT) instructional approach, blending online and face-to-face students in a newly redesigned secondary teacher preparation program. The redesigned program employs an interdisciplinary teaching approach and weaves standards of social justice throughout its learning experiences and assessments. HOT instruction is a blended synchronous approach that enables on-campus students (‘here’) and those in distant locations (‘there’) to participate simultaneously in real-time class activities. Using this approach, students located throughout the Hawaiian islands were accommodated in a single course. Via a survey, students and faculty were asked to share their experiences with the format, their connectedness to their f2f and online colleagues, and how the format influenced their experience in the program. A minority of respondents (5%) reported technology challenges in the blended format, while 24% did not feel the blended format was challenging at all. Students clearly felt more connected to classmates who attended in the same modality: online students expressing more connectedness with other online students, and face-to-face students expressing more connectedness with others attending in the physical classroom. Additional findings from the survey, lessons learned from the approach and practical implications for future implementations will be provided and discussed with attendees.

45214 11:45-12:15 | Room 305A (3F)

Superstars and Tutors: Internet Effects on Education

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The internet is one of the most disruptive technologies of the last century. While internet access increases, data storage and bandwidth costs decrease. Thus, it is now possible to store and transmit high-quality video on-demand. Soon, as virtual reality technology is refined, it may even be possible to design and enter fully immersive environments. These technological developments have only been partially exploited by educators. This presentation focuses on the economic landscape for teachers in this new technological world. I argue that two types of teaching will become more important in this new landscape: (1) the online superstar who is able to reach millions with low-cost or free high-quality content (e.g., Jordan Peterson, Michael Sandel) and (2) the local or online tutor who provides highly individualized service. I consider the implications of this dichotomy, especially for young teachers.

44741 12:15-12:45 | Room 305A (3F)

The Effect of Instructor Intervention on Usage of Mobile Devices for Informal Language Learning

Daniel James Mills, Ritsumeikan University, Japan

Autonomy and self-initiation are essential to informal language learning. However, previous research has shown that instructors can have an influence on students’ propensity to engage in both self-directed and incidental language learning. In order to uncover best practices in regards to the promotion of informal mobile-assisted language learning (MALL) in the Japanese university context, the researcher designed an 8-week classroom intervention. This action research took place in a required English-language course in the Economics faculty of a major Japanese university. Prior to the intervention, the researcher administered an established survey instrument regarding informal MALL, which was modified and translated into Japanese with the permission of the authors. Over the course of eight class sessions, the researcher introduced four new resources that could be used for informal MALL. In addition, students completed four reflective writing assignments regarding their usage of these resources. The informal MALL survey instrument was administered again at the end of the eight week period in order to examine any changes that might have occurred due to the intervention. The results of paired sample t-tests indicated no significant difference in pre- and post-perceptions towards or usage of mobile devices for informal language learning. However, the qualitative data gathered provided valuable information that can be used to improve future interventions and obtain a favorable result. This presentation will be of interest to educators and administrators who hope to facilitate autonomous learning with technology among students at their educational institutions.

45109 12:45-13:15 | Room 305A (3F)

Active Learning Using a Flight Simulator

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The US education system faces a major challenge of low interest of K-12 students in STEM subjects and careers. Motivation and engagement of students are two important reasons of the multiple reasons for this low interest. Active learning can motivate and engage students in the learning process. The effectiveness of active learning is further enhanced if the activities are designed to link the concepts being learned to real-world applications. This presentation will provide details of the design of an active learning environment using a flight simulator. The development of math and physical science lessons for middle school students will be shared. The associated flight simulator-based activities will be included. Details of the results from the teacher professional development workshops that were conducted during the summer of 2017 and 2018 will be shared which indicated their willingness to implement the methodology in their classrooms. The effectiveness of the approach on the content knowledge as well as self-efficacy of middle school students who participated in two week-long summer camps will also be included. This project is supported by the NSF Innovative Technology Experiences for students and Teachers (ITEST) program.
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Friday Session II
Learning Experiences, Student Learning & Learner Diversity
Session Chair: Mayumi Hori

43401 11:15-11:45 | Room 305B (3F)
Interdependence of Institutional Factors and Roles of Caregivers on Early Childhood Education in Oyo State, Nigeria
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It is an undeniable fact that early childhood education (ECE) is the bedrock upon which other levels of education are anchored. This research examined the interdependence of institutional factors and roles of caregivers on ECE in Oyo State, Nigeria. The study utilized descriptive survey design with 200 caregivers which were randomly selected from eight early childhood educational centres in the State. Structured questionnaire, with Cronbach’s reliability Alpha of 0.87, was used to elicit responses from respondents. Data were analyzed using percentages, mean and Pearson Product Moment Correlation. Five domains of institutional factors of ECE were used in the study. Finding showed that large number of pupils in the classroom (mean=2.80) ranked highest among the learning environment factors affecting ECE. On the curriculum/syllabus factors, results indicated that lack of activity manual necessary to enrich curriculum themes (mean=2.46) ranked first. Result of infrastructural factors revealed that inadequate classrooms and halls to practice various educational activity (mean=2.47) ranked highest while on parental factors, lack of parental support in ECE (mean=2.48) ranked highest. Result revealed that, among the roles of caregivers in promoting ECE, teaching to promote and reinforce active learning (mean=4.04) ranked highest. Result showed that there is significant relationship (r=-0.959) between the roles of caregivers and institutional factors affecting ECE. The study concluded that there is interdependence between roles of caregivers and institutional factors affecting ECE. It is therefore recommended that government at all levels, relevant stakeholders in ECE and policy makers should formulate policies and framework to promote and build ECE.

43984 11:45-12:15 | Room 305B (3F)
Connecting and Reflecting on Workplace Visit Experiences
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The English Language Training for Officials (ELTO) programme is a New Zealand government aid programme which provides a professionally-focused English language programme. The 5-month programme targets government officials from Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, Timor-Leste and Vietnam, in order to build capacity in the government sector in these countries. Part 1 of the programme is delivered by two regional tertiary providers, and Part 2 is delivered by Victoria University of Wellington. Each intake focuses on a particular theme, such as Education, Agriculture or Renewable Energy, selecting officials working in that particular sector of their government. This means that while the learners on the programme are all mid-career government officials working to help their countries develop, their learning backgrounds are diverse. One of the key learning experiences is the Part 2 workplace visit. Small groups of officials visit a New Zealand government office or organisation and meet experts who work in roles that are closely related to their own positions. They get an overview of what happens in the professional context and have the opportunity to ask questions and expand their professional knowledge. This presentation will discuss Myanmar students’ reflections about the workplace strand of the ELTO programme. It will also consider the value of ongoing connection within the alumni groups for further professional development.

45061 12:15-12:45 | Room 305B (3F)
Study Abroad Program: Case Study for Career Program
Mayumi Hori, Chuo University, Japan

In this paper, I will introduce the educational overseas career program designed and executed by the author and validate the effectiveness for students. The program aims to cultivate general capabilities(cognitive, theoretical, social and cultural skills as well as broad knowledge and experience) through students own proactive quest with active learning. The program entails discovery learning, problem-solving learning, experience learning, and explorative learning. It offers two credits and entails completing pre-and post-guidance in Japan, overseas training at local companies, and compiling a final report. The program started in 2008, and so far has conducted overseas programs in California, US (2008,2009), Paris, France (2010), San Francisco/ Silicon Valley, California, US (2011), and New York City, US (2012-2016), with a total of 69 participating students. It is essential to provide students with career education that enhances their qualifications for becoming highly capable professionals, and motivates them to enter the workforce. The attrition rate among college graduates in Japan during their first three years of employment is increasing. The significant gap between the readiness of college students and the qualities required for entering the workforce and sustaining employment is contributing to a national problem characterized by a growing number of students incapable of integrating into society.

45108 12:45-13:15 | Room 305B (3F)
Effective Teaching Strategies for Student Motivation and Engagement
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Effectiveness of active learning is well documented in literature. The cognitive engagement resulting from active learning activities allows deeper learning leading to increased academic success. However, implementing an active learning pedagogy is a challenge primarily due to the time limitations of a typical class period. The ‘flipped’ classroom is a teaching modality that provides an opportunity to free up class time to incorporate active learning. Not surprisingly, the ‘flipped’ approach is increasingly being implemented in undergraduate education. The ‘flipped’ learning approach was implemented in a lower level math and a lower level aerospace engineering course at an HBCU. To study the effectiveness of the approach a quasi-experimental between-groups research design was used. The control group consisted of students who were in the normal courses while the intervention group consisted of students who were registered in the flipped courses. All students were from underrepresented groups. This presentation will share preliminary results. A between-groups analysis of students’ cognitive engagement and academic performance will be presented. Best practices and challenges of the flipped method will be shared. This research is funded by the NSF- Improving Undergraduate Students Education (IUSE) program.
This presentation is a follow-up to initial findings of a Bring-Your-Own-Device (BYOD) recommendation – over a policy – in a new faculty implementation that will show the difficulties and shortcomings of providing support to the new faculty of students within a newly established campus. The presenter will show student support success rates and unexpected capacity shortage issues, as well as some ideas on how to manage the limitations. Lending data from library services on mobile devices will show the need for a full BYOD policy implementation. The presenter will also share ideas on how to improve the user experience and investigate the procurement processes in place in order to improve and quality assure the whole student experience.

This research are experiences of sixteen (16) children of Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) studying at Trinity University of Asia. The Phenomenological approach was utilized to determine the essence of the experiences of OFW children resulting to six shared themes drawn from the connection and interlace of the individual themes: Separation is a Difficult Process, Parental Love by 'Proxy', Life is a Kaleidoscope, Pain Management, Chasing Growth and Maturity, and Cry for Support. This study are the OFW children's narratives that voiced out the cry for a felt need which they could not express in words nor articulate in a manner one can understand. The children claimed that they were able to survive without their parents. They were able to cope emotionally and physically and accepted that their situation is an inevitable reality. However, there exists a need aggravating their being which has to be satisfied. The shared stories informed the readers there is a missing element which has been torn or broken which the children felt has to be satisfied. The OFW children never blamed their parents but this process of being 'parents' to themselves has left a parcel of emptiness in their being. The results of the study led to the crafting of the Perspective-Reference-Based-Framework for Program Enrichment. The intention of the framework will serve as a guide that will help the OFW children with grateful depth of courage so that they can better understand the situation surrounding them.

Tenured associate professors and professors can help create a new kind of student leader or re-engineer the making of the New Student Mentor on the college campus. These professors will be able to help the student create a plan of effective communication with students. In fact, with the use of effective interpersonal communication strategies and focused-groups, the tenured faculty member will be one of the sources to help advance student success and retention here at SC State. Research shows that achievement of rank and promotion are perceived as important qualities of credibility to students. The NSM will be able to identify and communicate effectively with other students on campus and community peers off campus. In addition, the NSM will be able to monitor the road travelled by other student-peers in order to find new avenues to offer tools for attaining success as well as for helping to eliminate any physical and mental barriers that lead toward goal accomplishment and success at South Carolina State University. Some characteristics/duties of the NSM include working across departments and programs to achieve objectives of the attainment of success through graduation; creating, along with tenured faculty member, ways to measure success of those students in research cohort; advocating by example the importance of beginning and building an effective resume for immediate and future success of the individual student; and helping, other students consider the importance of publishing as an avenue to academic success.
Densification of Tropical Wood Residues for the Development of Solid Fuels
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Densification of materials through pelletisation, briquetting and cubing to form strong and durable bonding products with greater structural homogeneity, better handling and durability properties has attracted the attention of researchers in recent past. The present work focused on conversion of residues of some tropical wood species to energy fuel through pelletisation. The woody-biomass species studied were Apa (Afzelia Africana, AA), Iya (Daniella oliveri, DO) and Arira (Detarium microcarpum, DM) which were sourced in Nigeria. The samples were prepared in different sizes of less than 0.50 mm, 0.50 – 1.00 mm and 1.00 - 1.70 mm after drying in a laboratory environment. The different particle sizes were forced into a prepared die using gelatinised starch as binder. Higher heating value (HHV), impact resistance (IRI) and water resistance test were obtained for all samples with and without binder. The average HHV of pellets produced from DM was found to be 26.53 MJ/kg without binder, which is the highest among the three samples, showing that DM may have higher lignin content. However, pellet samples AA produced with binder has average HHV of 25.41 MJ/kg which is highest among the three samples. Result showed that IRI increases as particle size decreases for pellets produced without binder, while for pellet with binder, IRI increases as the particle size increases. Result of water resistance test showed that the disintegration time increases as particle size decreases. The basic physical properties that enhance handling and transportation operations of wood pellets have been achieved when compared with standard.
Bilingualism in the United States is an important topic because of extensive immigration from around the world. Children from immigrant families, especially from Mexico, are attending to early learning school setting every year and the percentage of the immigrant children whose first language is not English is increasing yearly. As a result because of their initial development in early education US education board has taken various initiatives such as bilingual educational curriculum in early learning centre, learning of bilingualism, extensive literature education through skill-based learning and knowledge-based learning, content learning, language learning, teacher’s professional development, extensive diverse environmental training, children’s fair and extensive careful assessment etc. I am an Education student at the University of Alberta, and a Professional Child Development Educator student at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, taking online professional development courses for my educator training and development and for further studies and opportunities through the Harvard University. Bilingualism is one of the professional education course that I took in the past from Harvard Graduate School of Education and I would like to spread world-wide about its usefulness, about Harvard curriculum of child development, so that citizen of the world can aware about, this is why I have written this article.

Pimchísowin, Means “To Create a Life of Independence” in Nehiyawewin (Indigenous Cree Language)

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Pimânciawíwín, means ‘to create a life of independence’ in nehiyawewin (Indigenous Cree language). As Indigenous women working within an academic institution, we (the presenters) will address and explore how we create space for Indigenous knowledge both in the classroom and university-wide. Interdisciplinary dialogues, policy, program and course development will be discussed in this lecture. This goal of this lecture is to address institutional change and resistance to Indigenous scholarship. This presentation speaks to decolonizing strategies and ensuring respectful practice in culturally appropriate programming and development. The presenters will address the challenges experienced while navigating academic structures and how to mitigate these challenges.

From Nation to Nation, Indigenous Peoples are united in the work of Indigenizing and Decolonizing education at the elementary, secondary, and post-secondary institutions. In this workshop, Eileen and Ixchel will share the reasons why allyship with Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples is valuable in Decolonizing and Indigenizing educational spaces. They will engage in a discussion of what it means to be urban Indigenous and why allyship amongst various Indigenous Nations is vital for healing and reconciliation. Do you ever wonder how non-Indigenous Peoples might work with Indigenous knowledge and ways of being in educational spaces? Why is there a fear of interweaving Indigenous knowledge and ways of being into educational spaces and systems? Have you ever been discouraged when trying to interweave Indigenous knowledge in your spaces? What are respectful ways of Decolonizing and Indigenizing practices in institutions? What is Nation to Nation- Turtle Island Indigenous allyship and collaboration? This workshop will begin with first knowing self as an ally with Indigenous peoples on Decolonizing and Indigenizing colonial institutions. Through a roundtable discussion, we will address the questions previously mentioned and co-create steps towards strengthening relationships. As well, this workshop will encourage participants to engage in courageous and brave conversations on the importance of relationships, relationship building, and self-awareness in Decolonizing and Indigenizing practices.

Creation of Enabling Educational Environment for Quality Education Through Single Window System Administered Teaching-Learning Process: The Indian Experience

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The present paper aims at highlighting single window system of education as a model/holistic concept of imparting formal as well as vocational education to children of marginalized communities of rural India so that after passing out they become self-reliant, disciplined and persons with high ethical/moral values. The paper has been developed by documenting the process of single window system of education adopted by ‘Jamini Kant Satellite Educational Group’ through which the rural children belonging to marginalized communities are being imparted education from lower to higher levels within a campus located at a remote village in East Singhbhum district of Jharkhand (India). Relevant data/information used in this paper have been collected from records available in the office of the said campus as well as through interviews with different stakeholders like students, teachers, parents/guardians, etc. The paper found that children admitted in the campus at lower classes are being provided formal education up to eighth standard. Thereafter, along with formal education, they are streamed on various vocational courses like Education, Agriculture/Horticulture, etc. until they complete their higher education. Other than getting equipped with educational degrees and livelihood skills, the students of that campus are found confident/optimist in recognizing their personal and social needs along with acquiring strong ethical/moral and disciplined characters, which are essential for nation building.

The paper recommends for governments’ interventions towards replicating this model concept not only for imparting quality education to rural children but also for resolving the problem of unemployment that causes social turmoil/chaos in rural India.
The Skills Gap: Are We All to Blame?  
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Expectations around the kinds of skills that students require to succeed in the 21st century workplace are shifting. It is now expected that students possess strong technological literacy and understanding, alongside being "creative thinkers", "innovators", "disruptors". Such evolution of the working world has served to place more pressure on schools to ensure that students are not ill-equipped upon graduation. This paper explores the debate around how far the demands of the workplace should shape the classroom experience of students, as well as the impact that such changes have had on more traditional approaches to curriculum design and delivery. We highlight ways in which schools have adapted their approaches to ensure that students are exposed to greater opportunities to engage in problem-solving or develop flexibility of thinking, as well as which changes have been particularly successful. Using a series of case studies, we are also able to outline the issues that adapting the curriculum to suit "21st century demands" can entail, including ways such changes can serve to undermine the very skills that they strive to develop. Our final thoughts are devoted to how careers education needs to be greatly improved and embedded more deeply within the school curriculum. This involves a model for how businesses and employers might get more involved on a local and national level, while still being driven by educators.

Workshop Presentation: The Teacher Leadership Journey  
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Schools require a dual leadership paradigm for administrators and teachers to meet comprehensive and intense responsibilities in the field of education. School divisions face pressure to sustain a competent and effective professional workforce. There is a need to promote school and division leadership opportunities for teachers and provide support. The implementation of leadership initiatives specifically designed for teachers could guide their acquisition of essential knowledge and professional development capacity. Successful teacher leaders demonstrate an understanding of teaching and learning pedagogy along with expectations in conjunction with ramifications in this new age of accountability. The involvement of the principal signifies the dedication to a teacher leader’s triumph. The purpose of this interactive session is to explore traits, experiences, training, and roles of teacher leaders. This presentation will allow participants to share professional reflections, generate leadership path notions and learn useful strategies to inspire future teacher leaders.
The Importance of Standardized and Structured Demonstration in Clinical Teaching, Particularly, in Highly Diverse Tertiary Contexts
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Many nursing students and practising nurses have differing views and practice different methods of acute wound dressings thereby confirming on a national scale, a lack of standardisation in the field. This study thus aimed to determine whether as a strategic part of the clinical teaching method, structured demonstration is most effective in educating nursing students on wound dressing techniques. Nurses from the University of the West Indies’ School of Nursing (UWISoN) were interviewed to determine their current and consistent practices and applications in the field. It was found that multiple variations exist among these nursing practitioners, all of whom were educated at the same tertiary institution. The implication that there is an inherent need for curriculum re-design and standardisation was apparent in this qualitative, small scale study and was gleaned from the narrations of research participants which explicitly outlined and explained their diverse learning experiences and learner diversities.

Mathematics and Racial Equity: Self-Selection and Appropriate Placement
Alana Tholen, University of Iowa, United States

This presentation explores the relationship between appropriate class placement and racial equity under a self-selection program model at an urban middle school in the Midwest. We define self-selection as students’ ability to choose their level of courses regardless of test scores and other academic criteria. Within this school, students have the ability to specifically choose their level of Language Arts (advanced or standard) and their level of mathematics (double-advanced, advanced, or standard). Under this model, students do not need to meet additional criteria for selecting an advanced class, as this model’s goal is to promote equal opportunities for students that may not have been tracked into advanced classes in their earlier academic careers. Additionally, we recognize that parental influences may play a role students’ course selection; however, under this model, the course for which a student registers for is up to the student. Through this study, we investigate how the self-selection program model affects the demographics of leveled classes, and we specifically study the changes in racial demographics of advanced classes. We also assess students’ accuracy in choosing classes that are appropriate for them under this model by analyzing students’ class performance, standardized test scores, and nationally normed test scores. Through our study, we unfortunately found no indication that self-selection promotes racial equity, nor do we believe that students are able to make appropriate course selections under this model.

Fostering Student Growth Through Applied Research in Sustainable Buildings
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This presentation shares a pedagogical approach to foster university-level architecture students conducting extra-curricular applied research. Based on two decades of experience, this presentation reflects upon how educators can shape research projects to promote student growth while addressing environmental needs of the 21st century. The Environmental Research and Design Laboratory (ERDL) at the University of Hawaii’s School of Architecture has employed over seventy students on projects that afford them a deeper understanding of professional practice and also inform their academic studies. When higher education professors craft a research project, defining the project’s criteria and objectives can be a daunting task. In this presentation, we will share the key ingredients to the creating meaningful research projects in this research laboratory, with examples of actual student work and learning outcomes. Given our established track record, we will share lessons learned on how the Environmental Research and Design Laboratory has: Fostered students’ technical skills in measuring energy use and thermal comfort in existing buildings and running computational building performance simulations; Received positive feedback from graduates’ employers; Addressed the pressing need to create resource-efficient, comfortable buildings, including quantified reductions in greenhouse gas emissions; Created opportunities for students to reinforce concepts from the classroom with ‘real world’ projects and clients; Addressed students’ need to work in a position related to their studies with an accommodating schedule; Assisted under-served communities and provided quantified environmental benefit; and nurtured students’ curiosity, independence, and confidence.
The changing geopolitical, socio-economic and academic panorama in Japan is anchored in the several treaties the country concluded in the late 19th century when it opened its doors to the West. The eras that treded the Japanese soil can be characterised by some level of acknowledgement – but highly debatable commitment – that Japanese citizens needed to develop more language competence to understand and be understood by the broader Western world. However, the endeavours of the different governments in that direction have proven futile. The reality is that the skills required to embark on basic conversations in English are seriously lacking among Japanese people even after six years of English study in high school. Communicative and intercultural competence so primordially emphasised in this globalised world, has long been either misunderstood or underestimated in the Japanese curriculum. This has prompted the government to implement an educational reform in 2020 which, if instrumented appropriately, would be the most pivotal reform ever proposed in Japan - one that could perceptively cause some seismic disturbances in the social, economic and academic spheres. This paper will discuss the current situation of the language education in Japan while reviewing the historical changes over the different eras. The challenges that Japan will face in the advent of globalisation by embarking on this pressing reform will also be critically debated. The extent to which the stakeholders involved in the process will experience the change will be explored and recommendations will be made on ways to successfully embrace the reform.

Tanzania is a beautifully-woven tapestry of 120 tribes, each with its own history, language, and traditions. With such differences throughout Tanzania, one may be tempted to think that relationships among Tanzanians might be strained. To the contrary, Tanzania is a peaceful country. As the former Vice Chancellor of Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University said, ‘We are Tanzanians 1st, tribes 2nd.’ This phrase stuck with six students from Georgia College as they travelled throughout Tanzania to study the intersection of disability and culture. Disability in Tanzania is complicated, especially among the Maasai tribe. Historically, the Maasai left babies born with disabilities in the bush to die. Part of the reason for that is because they are pastoralist and semi-nomadic, requiring extensive physical mobility as they moved to find food and water for their cows and goats. Today, the Tanzania government has outlawed this practice, though people we meet still tell us that children with disabilities are often left in cages or tied up at home. Dr. DeClouette will present a qualitative analysis of students’ post-study abroad reflections. In addition to learning about the cultural construction of disability, the experience abroad caused students to reflect on what it means to be American and what it means to be human. Extending the phrase they heard by the former Vice Chancellor, they reached the conclusion, ‘We are People 1st, Americans 2nd.’ Students will add context to the emergent themes with examples from their experience abroad.

Japan has faced numbers of foreign national suspects, defendants and/or witnesses (criminals and civil cases) along with the globalization. Not only major-spoken language speakers such as English or Spanish but also minor-spoken language speaking suspects/defendants have increased in Japan. When the suspects, defendants and/or witnesses are those language speakers, it is quite difficult or impossible to find appropriate legal interpreters. On those cases, it often happens that the legal institutes allocate English speaking interpreters for them, since their second or third languages may be English. Legal participants tend to think English is “just” only one English and don’t pay any attention to the variation or difference of discourses or utterance, even though speakers (suspects, defendants and/or witnesses) come from many different countries. English, however, is not the same in the world, and we understand that there are “World Englishes” and they are different respectively. English speaking interpreters must convey and translate message from the original “English”, but the utterance or discourse are different depending on speakers, their native languages and/or educational background. Despite those circumstances, no attention or little attention has been paid to languages or interpreters from legal participants, i.e. judges, prosecutors or attorneys, as they think English is “just” only one English and don’t think there are differences. This paper explains the current situation at legal institutions and focuses on tough issues that legal interpreters must face as well as possible solutions.
The Impact of Culture on the Usage of SNS for English-Language Learning in Japan
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Like many technologically proficient and wealthy countries, the usage of social-networking sites (SNS) is becoming increasingly popular in Japan. This is especially true among young people who use these services not only for communication but also entertainment through the numerous features they provide like photo editing and adding character figures to video. While Japanese people enjoy using SNS, some individuals struggle to share personal information due to cultural reasons. For example, many Japanese hesitate to share pictures of trips abroad or even posts written in English as it can be seen as flaunting. This can pose a problem for Japanese students of English who want to utilize SNS for informal learning. To explore this phenomenon, the researcher examined the effect of Japanese culture on SNS usage and its impact on informal English-language study. Utilizing a mixed-methods approach, the researcher collected data at three Japanese universities by means of a survey instrument and group interviews. Four dimensions of culture and SNS usage were explored: (1) self-confidence and flaunting, (2) cultural contradictions and tensions, (3) perceived barriers to usage, and (4) perceived advantages of the platform for language learning. The goal of this research was to identify various aspects of cultural tension in SNS usage and utilize this information to reduce barriers to adoption of the medium for English-language study. While the focus of this research was on the Japanese context, this presentation will be of interest to anyone interested in utilizing SNS for language learning in a multi-cultural context.

I "Like" It: How to Increase Facebook Group Enrollment and Engagement for University Programs
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The rise in social media use over the years brought Facebook to universities across the US, so departments and programs are currently experimenting with using it for academic and communication purposes and they are finding it to be beneficial (Wang, Woo, Quek, Yang, and Liu, 2013; Clements, 2015; Guo, Shen, and Li, 2018; Heiberger and Harper, 2008). This research presents a case study of how to improve a pre-existing university departmental Facebook group and suggests actions based on a successful implementation strategy in the Department of World Languages at Western Carolina University in North Carolina. Other studies on Facebook groups analyze the creation and use of a Facebook group, making this study unique because the original Facebook group was created for the department in 2012, yet five years later, there were only 64 members in the group, demonstrating that the group was not optimized to its full potential. This study found that fourteen specific actions can increase the number of members within the group while encouraging engagement. The strategic actions in this study tripled the number of Facebook group members over a ten-month period and promoted intercultural diversity and communication.

Discerning Wisdom in a Digital Age in Higher Education
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As Higher Education increasingly embraces the digital age, the challenges of differentiating what is significant between the realms of information and wisdom become a keenly critical area for scholarly exploration. As technological access to information is adopted as both a means and an end in learning environments, so also does autonomy and independence in acquiring information become an ‘end’ in notions of education. Conversely, interdependence—a key strategy to advancing human understanding and wisdom—may appear to wane or morph into areas of artificial intelligence, socially-mediated economies of information and cultural significance, and virtual realities that democratize by producing critically unexamined ideologies and values. Education’s purpose stems from a focus on teaching people how to think wisely; therefore, understanding the root of learning as an exercise of intellectual and spiritual discipline, and as lived experience beyond the academy, is crucial. In examining the interfaces between independence and interdependence within human endeavor, conversations about wise acquisition and dissemination of knowledge and the relevance of information to academic discourse could be foundational to higher learning. This presentation examines the literature of critical pedagogy (Freire, Bourdieu), the distinction between wisdom and information, the critical depth of culturally reflective knowledge, particularly in the academy (Eagleton, Giroux, Derrida), and areas of concern within technological landscapes in education (Carr, Harris, Schuurman, Christensen, Turkle, Twenge). We will investigate the role of technology in education, and assess whether it contributes to scholarly independence and interdependence in our endeavor to inform wise, educated citizens for the future.
Friday Session III
Teaching Experiences, Pedagogy, Practice & Praxis
Session Chair: N. Leigh Boyd

43739  13:45-14:15 | Room 305B (3F)
Action Research Writing Ability Among Secondary School Teachers
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This study focused on the action research writing ability of secondary school teachers in Tabuk City Division, Philippines, as affected by their socio-demographic profile. There were 15 secondary schools in the division; however, only 7 schools were participating in research. This was planned as a basis in giving technical assistance to improve teachers’ action research writing ability. The study involved 41 chosen teachers who have conducted action researches. It was a quantitative study and employed descriptive research design. The data on respondents’ socio-demographic profile was presented in percentage. Furthermore, Chi-square test was used to determine the association of the action research writing ability of the teachers with their socio-demographic profile. Results showed that most of the respondents were in the field of English, followed by Science, Math and Filipino. Majority were 36-50 (70.70%) years old, female (78%), master’s degree holders (75.6%), in the service for ten years and below (53.7%), with three or more trainings on research writing (65.9%), and with one action research conducted. Almost half (46.3%) hold Teacher III positions and the rest hold either a Master Teacher or Teacher II position. Results further showed that the overall action research writing ability of the respondents is at moderate level. Furthermore, Chi-square test revealed that the action research writing ability of the teachers does not have significant association with their educational attainment, teaching position, and length of service but have significant association with their field of specialization, age, gender, number of trainings attended and number of action research conducted.

44543  14:15-14:45 | Room 305B (3F)
Improving Students’ Cognitive Skills and Leadership Potential: Critical Insights into the Food and Textiles Studies in Mauritius
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The recent significant changes brought about in the educational system in the small island of Mauritius have seen the inclusion of various vocational subjects in the National Curriculum Framework for Grades 7 to 9 in 2016. This was quite a revolution for a country whose educational system has been severely criticised in the past because of its excessive and exclusive emphasis on purely academic skills. But the change is brought about by globalisation; savvier high school graduates are needed to maintain country’s position as leading textile player in Africa and beyond in an increasingly competitive global market. The Curriculum Project Director and Director of the Mauritius Institute of Education states that, for Design and technology and Food and Textile Studies, ‘the content and pedagogical approach, as well as the activities, have been crafted to allow for an incremental and continuous improvement of the learners’ cognitive skills’ (Varma, 2017: pp3). This presentation will offer critical insights into the Food and Textile Studies in the National Curriculum framework. It will discuss the latter’s potential in developing in secondary students entrepreneurial traits, leadership skills and creativity. The presentation will also review the strategies currently employed by local educators in vocational subjects. It thus aims at making a much-needed contribution to the field of vocational education in Mauritius - a field that is presently cruelly recognisable by paucity in the literature.

43538  14:45-15:15 | Room 305B (3F)
From Interdependence to Independence: Using Disagreement-Based Dialogic Writing to Improve Individual Argumentative Writing
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Dialogic collaboration has been shown to boost critical thinking, argumentation, and metacognitive skills. Many educators see agreement as a core aim of collaboration, but disagreement-based dialogue can have a profound impact on cognition. The present study examined the ways disagreement-based dialogic writing activities scaffold the development of argumentative writing skills and metacognitive discussion in adolescents. Over the course of one school year, a total of 55 students in two low-performing 7th grade classes participated in a twice-weekly dialogic argument curriculum. In a quasi-experimental design, one class was randomly chosen to collaborate with a classmate who held the opposing view on a topic and produce a jointly written essay while the comparison group wrote an essay individually. Compared to students who only wrote individually, collaborative writers performed better on subsequent individual essays, anticipating and countering the arguments of the other side better, repeating ideas less often and using more unique idea units in their essays. To explore the collaborative processes underlying the differences between groups, digital voice recordings from the collaborative writing activity were examined. The recordings show an increase over the year in metacognitive dialogue pertaining to their task. The emergence of metacognitive dialogue over time supports the view that collaborative writing aids in the development of an argumentative mindset that transforms inter-individual dialogue into intra-individual reflection, helping students move from interdependence to independence.
Urbanization and Educational Inequality: A Case Study of Beijing
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The Chinese government has put tremendous effort into improving the national gross happiness ever since the establishment of the country. Urbanization, as argued by many scholars as the only method towards modernization (Qi, Gao, & Zhang, 2017), has brought great benefits not only to the nation but also to its people. Different policies were developed to meet the needs of the modern society. However, it is hard to make any policy perfect for the society due to the fact that different things emerge at all times. While enjoying the benefits of urbanization, there are still other areas and people who are suffering from the side-effects it has brought along with the positive outcomes. This article examines the urbanization of Beijing, the capital city of China, to find out the reasons that create educational inequality based on the theoretical frameworks of meritocracy and urbanization. The author argues that educational opportunity should not be limited to the household registration system. This article serves to broaden the dialogues on how we think about educational equality in the context of schools mentioned above.

The Awareness of Persuasive Techniques in Television Food Advertising Among Elementary School Students
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The purpose of this study is to examine the awareness of persuasive techniques used in television food advertising among elementary school students. One hundred and seventy-seven students from the fifth and sixth grades were asked to write about what they were aware of four topics (information about the product, characters, visual and sound techniques) after watching a commercial for chocolate confectionery. Some students wrote about the persuasive techniques such as the taste and nutritional information as information about the product, the appearance of the well-known character and how she makes the product seem appealing, the written information, color and pace as visual techniques, and the laughter, voice, jingle and sounds made by eating the confectionery. However, the proportion of the students who were spontaneously aware of these techniques was not high. Based on the findings, some useful instruction methods should be discussed to promote the awareness of the persuasive techniques for a class.

Hawai'i K-12 Public School Teachers' Level of Computer Self-Efficacy and Their Acceptance of and Integration of Technology in the Classroom
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This study sought to determine the relationship between K-12 Public School teachers' level of Computer Self-Efficacy (CSE) and their acceptance of and willingness to integrate technology in the classroom. CSE is defined as 'an individual's perception of efficacy in performing specific computer related tasks' (Karsten, 2012). CSE is indicative to the educational field due to its significant influence on an individual's ability to create lessons using technology. However, many teachers experience levels of computer anxiety when faced with opportunities to use technology and these negative attitudes impact a teacher's willingness to integrate technology into their classrooms. The reality is that students living in today's society lead high-tech lives outside of school and low-tech lives inside school. This new 'digital divide' increasingly prevents students to be college/career ready. The challenge for our educational system is to use current technology and create relevant learning opportunities which mimic the technology that has become a ubiquitous way of life. Participants were emailed survey questions about CSE, Technology Acceptance and Technology Integration. Results indicated statistically significant findings related to the four research questions explored in this study. Overall, K-12 teachers CSE, technology acceptance and willingness to integrate technology was found to be statistically significant. Results of the study provide a baseline for administrators, but also require further studies that will add to the current body of knowledge concerning CSE and its relationship with technology acceptance and willingness to integrate technology in the classroom.
**Friday Session III**

**Economic Growth, Employment & Work**

Session Chair: Park Sang-Hyeon

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**The Importance of Landmark: Focusing on Magnet Index**

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Recent social networking services have played an important role in online communication. In particular, SNS and tourism meet, provide various information and play an important role in planning travel. In particular, it plays an important role in the tourism sector by introducing the landmark through sharing photos and others. In a modern sense, Landmark can be an abstract space with regional historical and conceptual meanings, or it can be a regional singularity that can only be seen in that area. In particular, if you look at tourism, the characteristic of Landmark is that it can be a place where tourists want to travel or leave memories. Magnetic motifs have a variety of functions, but among them, they are also used to collect memories of travel. Therefore, this study examines the importance of landmark in urban tourism using SNS. Through an Instagram hashtag analysis, the magnetic index was to be examined. Through this, it is judged that the nature of the Magnet index can be used in a successful local tourism strategy.

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**Strategic Marketing of Whale Watching Tours in Maui, Hawaii**

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This paper discusses strategic marketing to attract international tourists to whale watching tours services in Maui, Hawaii. Business owners and personnel in the tourism industry aim to increase the value-added of the whale watching experience and the opportunity of attracting new and repeat customers. Meanwhile, a large number of operators constantly compete to attract customers to their tours. Therefore, marketing strategies based on the benefits of tours to the conservation of the mammals is key to attract whale watchers. Every year many tourists visit the Hawaiian Island of Maui with the goal of enjoying eco-tourism activities like whale watching, scuba diving, snorkeling and hiking among others. In a whale watching experience tour in Maui, Hawaii in December of 2017, a total of 26 tourists were interviewed. Respondents mentioned during the trip, experiencing whale watching for a second time; most of the Americans interviewed have experienced whale watching in diverse destinations. If customers’ whale watching experience have been positive and the experience have been satisfactory, whale watchers will share their experience with their friends and family members. Therefore, whale watching touring experiences will be increased and repeat around the world and it will contribute to the conservation of the mammals and sustainable development of this tourism experience and tours. Key words: Marketing, Strategies, Whale, Watching, Tours, Competitiveness, Tourists.

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**Tourism Image Analysis of Rural Cities for Economic Sustainability: Applying Q Methodology**

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As people move to big cities, rural cities are suffering from economic sustainability due to the depopulation drain. To overcome this, rural cities put much effort to develop the tourism industry. However, it is not easy to know which tourist image is effective. This study analyzes the tourism image of a rural city in South Korea by applying q-methodology. As a result, three groups were discovered. Type 1, which is the image of newly constructed tourist facilities, mainly related to residents who are familiar with this area. Type 2 is the image of conventional tourism resources, mostly related to older tourists who live far from the area. Type 3 is the festival image held in the region and is associated with younger tourists. Of these, Type 3 is expected to contribute the most to increase the economic sustainability of the region. Therefore, by promoting festive images in this area, attracting tourists and increasing economic sustainability will be possible.
Interdisciplinary: Climate Change & Natural Disasters

Session Chair: Ping Xu

13:45-15:15 | Room 302A (3F)

Emergency Preparedness: Is Your Campus Ready?
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Colleges and universities, especially campuses with students living in on-campus housing, have faced dangerous and high-profile challenges in ensuring the safety of students, faculty, and staff from natural and human-caused events. Over the last 25 years, guidelines and best practices have developed and evolved in preparing for emergencies at institutions of higher education. It is assumed that colleges and universities developed their emergency plans and have them in place. However, the reality is that institutions of higher education vary in the depth and scope of their plans and its effectiveness as emergency preparedness is not directly regulated by governmental or accreditation organizations. Also, the level of institutional priority placed on planning effectively for emergencies and the resources made available to do so is a major factor on how advanced their plans are and the consistency in which they are updated. Chaminade University located in Honolulu provides a case study of how an institution of higher education made it an institutional priority to significantly update their emergency management plans over the span of one academic year to meet and in some areas exceed current guidelines and best practices. Chaminade also provides an example of how a university with a modest budget was able to integrate updated processes and methods to help with the security of classrooms, training for key university officials, overhauling the emergency communication notification systems, updating organizational structures with consideration for emergency operations, and disseminating updated plans and protocols campus-wide.

Families in Disaster: Understanding the Impact of Disaster and Relocation to Filipino Families’ Dynamics and Their Resilience to Disasters
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The onslaught of typhoon Ketsana in the Philippines in 2009, and the consequent relocation in its aftermath, has attracted a huge number of researchers within the disaster resilience discipline. But while literature regarding the phenomenon continues to flourish almost a decade after the typhoon hit the country, the focus of such scholarship is almost always on individual and community levels, leaving the family largely understudied. This study is an attempt to fill this gap within the literature. Every society, in its quest for sustainable growth, is dependent on its most basic social unit—the family. Guided by Jones and Tanner’s (2017) Subjective Resilience Theory, this qualitative research undertakes to look at the impacts of disaster and relocation to the Filipino family’s internal dynamics, and consequently, their effects to the Filipino household’s resilience to future disasters. Purposive theoretical sampling was applied in choosing the participants for the case study of Southville 7, a relocation site situated in Calauan, Laguna, Philippines. Data gathering methods such as in-depth interviews and field observations were employed in collecting stories from the 25 participating families. Research findings revealed that the impacts of post-disaster relocation to the families’ dynamics could be grouped into seven general categories: on family composition and structure; members’ roles; parenting style; parents’ marital relationship; familial relationship (closeness or conflict); family member’s personalities; and death and disabilities. Meanwhile, the relocated families show strong resilience capacities in terms of early warning and learning, while reliance to social capital tends to be mixed.

Interdependence & Independence in Escaping From Post-Fire Debris Flow Disaster
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Climate challenges in recent decades led to natural hazards higher in frequency and in a variety of areas, particularly in mountains. Mountains’ beauty attracts increasing populations to live and visit, thus, the damage of hazards are greater and more impactful. Recently, post-fire debris flows in the Western U.S.A. appear lacking efficient warning systems, resulting in people being caught off-guard. Facing natural disasters, people are vulnerable, due to the lack of scientific knowledge and common sense. Some believe that signaled evacuations are only the government’s business, while others ignore evacuation orders altogether. In our society, every independency is relevant to interdependency. This research discusses independence and interdependence in self-escaping strategies with questions: what is post-fire debris/mudflow? When and where will it occur? And how to escape from it? The pre-conditions for post-fire debris/ mudflows occurring include rich debris resources; landforms trigger debris/mudflows; a wildfire strike has been experienced, accelerating and amplifying the debris/mudflow process; and constantly heavy rainfall is received. The high impact zones are where a sudden decline in slope appears in lower elevations; nearby rivers and lakes with flooding; and on hillsides with gullies pointing to or nearby the site. Identifying landform patterns of prone zones and high impact areas is crucial. A self-evaluation plan not only enhances people’s independence for survival, but it also is helpful in creating cooperative community evacuations. Such knowledge would also benefit the community in establishing a warning system. The independence of individuals with self-survival knowledge and skills is contextualized in a safe community.
Thermal power plants are not considered to have elegant or visually stimulating designs by most and therefore the development on a site without previous construction is usually met with opposition from local communities. The impact of operation on the local and subsequent regional/global air quality is arguably the biggest detrimental effect that a thermal power plant has on the environment as it is specific to this type of structure. Previous thermodynamic studies on the integration of solar heat were performed in Rankine cycles. It is possible to achieve solar hybridization, savings of fuels (natural gas), reduction of CO₂ emission and increase performance within the observed steam flow diagram, which is similar to the fossil power plant portfolio in Uzbekistan. The solar thermal retrofitting of the existing power plant is based on parabolic trough technology. The hybrid mode of operation of the power plant ensures an availability of high performance. A quantitative assessment has been performed by using the annual outcome calculations of the certain year of operation. Then a comprehensive discussion of gained operating options led to identify a significant economic effect. Solar power plants are the opportunity for sunny regions to generate electricity by using renewable energy. When direct normal irradiation is reflected on the mirror and concentrated on the absorber of parabolic trough, large amount of heat can be gained for operation of a thermal power plant. Integration of thermal energy storage into the solar hybrid power plant can make CSP the most flexible renewable electricity technology.
Gamification is increasingly being used in educational contexts to attempt to increase both student engagement and achievement. In this study, gamification elements were added to pilot course offerings of post-secondary Calculus 1 and Calculus 2. The online courses were offered in the overarching form of a pirate quest to retrieve sunken treasure. Gamification elements included badges, points, progression/scaffolding/levels, unlockable content, progress bars, immediate feedback, and replay/do-over options. Students responded positively to the gamification elements, particularly the ability to re-do assignments until a mastery level was achieved. Engagement was positively affected. The sample sizes were too small to show statistically significant improvements in achievement. This paper reviews the literature surrounding the use of gamification elements, analyzes the results of these pilot course offerings, and provides suggestions for next steps.

This study examines elementary preservice teachers beliefs before and after the implementation innovative inquiry-based science methods course. This study draws upon the educational research about teacher beliefs, with a focus on work in teacher beliefs from the field of science education and specifically, the work in teacher candidates’ beliefs about elementary school science education. The images of science teaching in an elementary school setting. Preservice teachers had learned science with inquiry and how they teach science in various learning environments. Data were collected through reflections, drawings and narratives. Findings indicated that most participants low confidence and had simple conceptual beliefs about teaching science at the beginning of the study surrounding the ideas of fun and hands-on. However, they all had complex and student-centered beliefs at the end of the study including ideas of learning science outdoors, engaging students in scientific knowledge, science tools and practice. Some common beliefs at the end of the study were that participants believed in inquiry-based practices and technology integration. Based on the findings it can be said that inquiry-based modelling along with embedding technology in science methods course has a positive impact of preservice teachers and their science teaching. Further implications include the need for teacher educators to model the use and integrate learning environments beyond the classroom; along with the need for sessions wherein teacher candidates can practice teaching science in both formal and informal science settings, which also includes reflection on their beliefs about science instructional practices.

The rapidly changing modern technology invites our students to become autonomous learners, encouraging them to be self-directed. However, it doesn't always nurture their confidence in decision-making. Modern technology alienates students from reality and detaches them from positive engagement. In other words, it produces an 'independent' individual and presents to the society who strongly depends on technology. As educators, we must encourage individual growth in students while maintaining the balance with modern technology. Keeping this in mind, we introduced a new teaching tool to Physics lecture-rooms to cultivate interdependence and positive engagement among peers. To achieve this goal we stepped backwards and created a tech-free environment in the classroom allowing students to proactively engage in problem-solving. We experimented this pedagogical tool in intro-level Physics courses with Engineering majors. In this exercise, small groups were formed with five students in each and experimental based problems were given to each along with low-tech row materials. Although a lack of interest to talk was observed at the beginning, later students moved out of their comfort zones and designed, low-tech experiments to find out solutions to the assigned problems. Students were graded for contribution, creativity and accuracy. They were eager to learn through these types of exercises, and found their Physics laboratory experiments more meaningful. Lab reports improved significantly and students became more vocalized active participants. Indirectly it built the skills and attitudes required for positive engagement in diverse and globalized communities.
The purpose of this qualitative research study was to explore the intersection of new literacy practices and literate identities. The experiences of young adolescents were examined to better understand how these experiences and their perceptions impact the development of their literate identities in multiple contexts. As such, this study sought to explore the following research question: How were the literate identities of sixth-grade adolescents shaped by the new literacy practices in which they participated? This study illustrated that the socio-cultural underpinnings of New Literacies were directly tied to the meanings young adolescents developed from the various literacy webs in which they interacted. Exploring the connection between the various digital communities of practices in which young adolescents traversed offered great insights about possible implications that these communities may have had upon their literate identity formation. The IAFOR conference website asks ‘how do we help our students build the skills and attitudes necessary for positive engagement in distributed, globalized communities.’ The first step is understanding adolescents' literate identities and the communities of practice in which they navigate. As educators, we can use this knowledge to better understand our students, specifically how the literacy practices in which they participate directly impact their overall identity perception. These understandings should guide our future teaching practices and tie directly to the themes of the conference: independence and interdependence.

Japan educational institutions are currently facing the critical need to develop more global human resources - people capable of thinking independently and flexibly, and taking leadership in culturally diverse international environments. The Japanese Prime Minister's Council on Promotion of Human Resource for Globalisation Development clearly (CPHRG) states that as globalization gathers speed for the international economy of the 21st century, it is of great necessity to continuously develop global human resources who possess rich linguistic and communication skills and intercultural experiences, and thrive internationally (CPHRG, 2011, par. 3). But education in Japan has long functioned as a means of transmitting the unique culture the Japanese people have developed over the centuries; it emphasises conformity. Japanese universities are currently facing the urgent need to make the transition from a conventional theoretical content-driven language education model, towards inquiry-oriented curricula that develop communicative and intercultural competence. This paper will review the literature about language education at university level in Japan. It will discuss the tensions between the Japanese educational beliefs and values, and messages of modernity, critical thinking, intercultural literacy development, and the self as agents of change and progress which are usually more associated with Western educational models.

Digital technology is rapidly encroaching upon the humble picture book in educational function. Elementary educators and scholars alike must consider its merits and disadvantages in light of literary formation in the young. Pondering the nuances of tech-fictive literature (Belcher, 2017), this paper looks at the value of story to shape a citizen, its purposes past and present, and its possible outcomes in crafting the creative imagination of children towards a love of reading. It examines the social purpose of story. Fairy tales developed a clear division between good and evil, encouraging a moral perspective. Myths and tales became socially shared. As wordless books emerged, communal stories gave way to the individual perception of story. Meaning could then be constructed from story with no shared understanding. Tech-fictive literature currently draws the reader to embrace technology as a lone act. This paper seeks to discern the outcomes, possible benefits and challenges of the engagement of story through picture books, and attempts to answer the question: Is literacy development enhanced or truncated by changes in story form, and if so, what could be the effect on young readers?
How English is Written by Japanese College Students
Shigeyuki Suzuki, Tokyo Kasei University, Japan

The presenter will demonstrate how difficult it is for Japanese learners of English to write adequate English paragraphs because of the differences between the two languages in terms of presenting information logically. Kaplan (1980) says that ‘each language and each culture has a paragraph order unique to itself, and that part of the learning of a particular language is the mastering of its logical system.’ Therefore an English paragraph with correct grammar is not necessarily well written. English education in Japan has long focused on the importance of receiving information written in English. Historically it has been necessary for Japan to educate its people so that they have good command of English to acquire knowledge that is lacking in Japan. It is natural that receiving information written in English in the international society has long been the primary focus of education. Therefore, translation of written English into Japanese is highly emphasized. On the other hand, presenting information in a logical way has not been considered important. It is true that students are taught how English should be written, but grammatical correctness is the priority in the teaching of written English in Japan. With the help of writing samples from college students, the presenter will demonstrate how English is often written by Japanese college students.

Learning Japanese with Gestures
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This session presents the findings of a research project that investigated the impact of Intentional Teaching Gestures on primary school students’ learning of Japanese as a second language. A quasi-experimental approach was used to investigate the impact of 170 students’ learning with gestures. Students’ oral telling of stories in Japanese was used as a measure of their oral language output for comparison between learning with and without gestures. The study collected both quantitative and qualitative data. Quantitative data informed the question of how much language students produced, whilst qualitative data provided evidence of the features of students’ language when learning with and without gestures. Findings will be shared that reveal the pedagogical value of Intentional Teaching Gestures including gestures as a scaffolding tool for teachers and as a recall tool for learners.
An Inquiry-Implement-Expression Teaching of Internet of Thing Integrated to Physics Course

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An inquiry-implement-expression teaching of Internet of Thing (IoT) integrated to physics course at a senior high-school is proposed in this work. The teaching methods include inquiry teaching, implement process, and expression assessment. The simulation programs, so-called VPhysics course, on Physics kinematics and mechanics were developed with Visual Python program and IoTtalk which is provided by Professor Yi-Bing Lin. Our action research shows the students with inquiry-implement-expression teaching have better performance over conventional teaching counterpart due to higher learning motivation, more activity engagement, and wider innovation-ability.

Development and Application of Augmented Reality in the Teaching of Microscopic Particles in Junior High Schools in Taiwan

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Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) are currently the two most widely discussed simulated reality technologies. This research will explain abstract concepts with the use of the latest augmented reality technology, and develop corresponding teaching strategies. The Interactive Microscopic Augmented Reality (IMAR) developed in this research, which simulates the motion of particles in the three states of matter and the transition between three different states. The characteristics of IMAR are (1) Using three-dimensional (3D) simulation in substitution for animation, which allows users to observe the motion of particles from any angle and (2) integrating special effects into teaching. For instance, the color-coded particles can help users observe particles more easily. The movement tracks and screenshots of the particles can be used for further discussions. This study includes several interviews and a empirical teaching study. The conclusions of the research are as follows: (1) The design of the 3D model in AR should also integrate with hands-on activities so as to allow the real and virtual worlds to complement each other. (2) The purpose of the particle model used for teaching is different from that of a scientific model. It places great emphasis on the integration of special effects and teaching methods, and makes software application more relevant to teaching in the classroom. (3) AR should be able to develop students’ multiple representation skills and ability to learn on their own through interactive activities. (4) Augmented-reality teaching can help students learn the abstract concept of particles.

The Sharing Cycle of Science Learning: A Method to Connect College STEM Courses with Tribal Community Topics that Enhance Sovereignty

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American Indian students are underrepresented in all science and engineering fields by almost 50%. At the same time, the fastest growing occupations for the past half century require knowledge of science and mathematics. To address the need for relevant science training, the "Framing the Chemistry Curriculum" project was created by the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL), Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC), and Nebraska Indian Community College (NICC). These partners iteratively developed a model to increase the number of tribal college students taking an introductory chemistry course. Specifically, the goal was to create sustainable chemistry laboratory experiences at NICC and LPTC. Our hypothesis was that American Indian students will be more inclined to engage and persist in chemical education when lessons and laboratory activities are framed within the context of community-relevant topics because of their strong sense of kinship and place. Since these colleges have low enrollments, the project was assessed using mixed methods to learn about attitudes and engagement. The following four objectives were completed: (1) An Advisory Board of local scientifically-oriented stakeholders developed the frame's tribal community topics; (2) Created a lab manual that connects these topics to chemistry content; (3) Developed a two-semester chemistry sequence, integrating lecture and laboratory experiences; and (4) Disseminated the method locally and regionally through workshops, outreach, and recruitment. The most common statement from the several dozen students who took the course is that it helped them understand why chemistry is important. NICC also hired a full-time science instructor to teach several chemistry courses.
Today's GenZ and Millennial students may present challenges for the GenX and Baby Boomer faculty who teach them, and vice versa, since the values and views of the two groups are often very different. Today's students learn, interact, and study in ways that differ from those of previous generations. Faculty may have trouble relating to, engaging with, and helping these students learn and succeed. In addition to this generation gap between students and faculty, universities are seeing a dramatic rise in the number of students seeking help – and, tragically, not seeking help – for serious mental health issues. This combination of the generation gap between faculty and students and the student mental health crisis is creating serious problems. While universities try to address these issues, suicide rates are rising and some students are unable to find the help they need. In this session, a university librarian and an administrator will explore the generational characteristics of students and faculty and the ways in which the mental health crisis is affecting both groups, and will suggest effective ways for faculty to work with and support these students. Insights will be shared based on a literature review, an overview of the ways in which universities are addressing mental health issues, and consideration of case studies. A quiz activity will highlight the mental and emotional health needs of today's students. The session will end with a discussion of strategies for working well with today's students and for addressing their mental health needs.

It is the purpose of this paper to describe intrinsic motivation and to explain how the application of intrinsic motivation through meaningful, personable assignments in such forms as research, social media, and critical thinking helped eradicate the lack of student motivation within a classroom. The identification of the differences between intrinsic and extrinsic motivation created an environment in which the students became more active in their education and enhanced communication between the teacher and the students. Increased work ethic and communication in the classroom setting were increased by the application of research, social media, and critical thinking within the scope of personable assignments geared toward intrinsic motivation. Too much pressure is placed upon educators to survive the jungle of teaching the students of today, making a good impression, and earning high test scores. The challenging part of achieving motivation is how the work is presented to students and whether it embodies an intrinsic or extrinsic notion.

The purpose of this grounded theory study was to gain knowledge about how learning occurs in musical theatre production (MTP) since little is known about how thespians learn and create a show. MTP brings together all artistic disciplines and people with varying degrees of education and skill sets. Successful production requires both learning and contribution from all participants, a process that does not follow the traditional classroom model. By posing the research question, "What are the learning experiences of thespians developing a musical theater production?" and utilizing a Charmaz model of grounded theory methodology, snowball sampling technique was used to recruit participants with Broadway or Off-Broadway experiences. Twelve participants answered 13 questions in face-to-face, semi-structured interviews. Interviews were transcribed and coded in a systematic series of steps revealing three distinct aspects that construct the learning process: there is a defined structured organization focused on creative empowerment, support for the development of productive collaborative efforts, and the personal attributes of high self-efficacy and attribution as significant themes in the learning environment. The study showed that when these are successfully combined in the framework of rehearsals, a show is learned through a process called reciprocal learning. Learning in MTP is an exemplar model for learning because it requires a specific structure, vision, and leadership that requires participation from all, and promotes development of positive self-attributes. Reciprocal learning theory can be applied in traditional settings for learning.
Deforestation and forest degradation are among significant environmental issues in Afghanistan but has not been studied intensively due to insecurity, confined budget, lack of expertise, and limited accessibility to new technology. In such a situation, remote sensing technology offers practical and economical means to acquire reliable, consistent, and up-to-date information for assessing forest cover and monitoring its spatial and temporal dynamics. Therefore, this study aims to map forest cover changes and to quantify forest loss and gain between 1998 and 2016 in six districts of Nuristan Province in Afghanistan using medium resolution Landsat series data (Landsat TM and Landsat OLI). Our methodology comprises of (i) preprocessing of Landsat images using TNTmips (ii) object-based image classification using eCognition Developer 9, (iii) mapping forest cover change, and (iv) quantifying forest cover loss and land cover dynamics. The results showed that although deforestation in six districts of Nuristan Province has not occurred in a large scale, the forests have been continuously degraded between 1998 and 2016. Meanwhile, the performed accuracy assessments on maps showed that the utility of high-resolution images for choosing training samples in Landsat images resulted in relatively high overall accuracies (>91 %). Overall, this study can be utilized as a baseline data of forest cover and its spatial and temporal dynamics of Nuristan Province, where the effort was to exploit the potential of freely available, medium-resolution Landsat data series that might contribute in future forest management, restoration, and conservation at a local, provincial, and national level in Afghanistan.

Ammonia has more sustainable applications than being a fertilizer. Its emerging applications include hydrogen carrier, fuel cells, clean transportation fuels, and other off-grid power applications. The environmental and centralization problems associated with the conventional Haber-Bosch process are great limitations to the current nitrogen fixation industry. Currently, the Haber-Bosch production of ammonia around the world is centralized. Hence it is critical to introduce a sustainable nitrogen fixation process under low temperature and pressure conditions. The non-thermal plasma (NTP) allows for the synthesis of ammonia at a lower temperature and pressure conditions. It is proposed that the moderate process conditions can potentially allow a more economical construction and operation of ammonia production systems on distributed farms and renewable hydrogen production sites. In this presentation, we will discuss the past and current situations, and the most recent development on the NTP ammonia synthesis (from both our lab and other published studies). Next, analysis and recommendations will be made on the potential of changing the ammonia production industry using this technology, leading to further discussions on how to improve the current ammonia production infrastructure to a more sustainable fashion.
This paper investigates the economic impact of the University of Hawaii at Hilo (UHH) on the Hawaiian community. The paper examines the proportion of Hawaiian population with college enrollments and graduates on the Hawaiian sustainability. Our regression analysis focuses on two scenarios of the augmented production function. The first analyzes the aggregate effect of UHH on the economy in Hawaii County, and the second analyzes the sectoral effect of each college at UHH on each economic sector in Hawaii County. In each scenario, the benchmark variable is either enrollments per capita or graduates per capita. The dependent variable is either labor productivity, which is defined as output divided by employment, or per capita income, which is defined as income divided by population. The results show that both benchmark variables affect Hawaiian economy positively. These results are robust for both models on productivity and economic growth. The sectoral effects are different for different sectors although they are all positive. Some sectors have larger effects on the economy compared to the aggregate effect while some have a smaller effect than the aggregate effect. Based on the aforementioned analyses, we provide policy implications for the state of Hawaii and the university as well as a plan for updating the information in the future.
15:30-16:30 | Room 302B (3F)
Friday Session IV
Social Justice in Education
Session Chair: Shakeara Mingo

The Role of the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Empowering Girls in the Disadvantaged Areas in Egypt: An Exploratory Study
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According to Vakil (1997) NGOs are defined as self-governing, private, non-profit, and formal organizations which are gearing to develop the quality of the disadvantaged lives. Globally, NGOs have been instrumental in developing both practices and policy. The NGOs in Egypt are represented by 15,000, predominantly small community-based organizations which focus on social assistance and service delivery. Over the past three decades, NGOs succeeded in partnering with the Ministry of Education to intervene in public schools with activities and educational projects in basic education, particularly in primary schools at the most disadvantaged, isolated and remote areas in Upper Egypt. The purpose of this study is to investigate the practices of the ‘Nile Valley’ NGO in the most disadvantaged areas in Upper Egypt to empower girls who skipped education at early ages. The instruments used in this qualitative study are: observations, document analysis, and semi structured interviews. The sample size was 25 participants from the teachers, students, project managers, and students. The findings show that girls were empowered to take initiatives towards their education. The study concludes some practical implications, future recommendations, and limitations.

Food Apartheid and the Curriculum That Saves It
Shakeara Mingo, Focused Vision Consulting, United States
Tiffany Brooks, Focused Vision Consulting, United States

Health is wealth! Unfortunately, everyone does not have access to healthy food. We are facing a new apartheid, and this one deals with food access. The lack of access to healthy foods puts individuals at risk for more severe health conditions such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol, cancer, and sleep apnea all of which can lead to death. Areas that have high food inequality are areas that have high poverty rates, a deteriorating education system, and an overwhelming amount of food deserts. To solve the food apartheid crisis that is plaguing African Americans in the District of Columbia, we will use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to gather and analyze qualitative and quantitative data to measure the impact of the lack of grocery stores in communities of color that has experienced a steady decline in access to grocery stores. We will also research and review already existing curriculums to analyze whether or not schools are utilizing a comprehensive curriculum that incorporates food science into its structure, in order to develop a curriculum that is relatable as well as comprehensive for students of color. Unfortunately, there is little to no information of previous research using a similar methodology. There is also a lack of comprehensive research analyzing the role of public education as it relates to food access in communities of color. This ongoing study will provide a new and creative alternative to solving the food apartheid crisis plaguing communities of color.
Ever changing technologies offer new ways for us to be independent and autonomous learners, encouraging students to be self-directed and confident in making choices, and enabling and empowering students and teachers to be proactive and tailor content. However, myriad technologies and services make us more dependent on the very things allowing autonomy. How do we help students and teachers alike navigate and curate the vast information available? How do we encourage individual growth while also underlining the importance of belonging and of the reciprocal responsibilities and privileges of education? How do we help students build the skills and attitudes necessary for positive engagement in distributed, globalised communities that so often lead to polarisation and alienation instead? How do we educate with independence and interdependence in mind? This panel of experts will explore these and other topics, drawing on their many collective years of experience in education research.

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Professor Mok is no narrow disciplinary specialist but has worked creatively across the academic worlds of sociology, political science, and public and social policy while building up his wide knowledge of China and the region. Professor Mok completed his undergraduate studies in Public and Social Administration at the City University of Hong Kong in 1989, and received an MPhil and PhD in Sociology from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1991 and The London School of Economics and Political Science in 1994 respectively.

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With research and scholarly interests in philosophy of education, educational policy analysis, and comparative and international education, he has published widely on education issues, the logic of social science research methodology, and educational policy and reform issues in the U.S. and Asia. He is particularly noted for his work on the structure and behaviour of national educational systems in the U.S. and Asia. He has been a Fulbright Senior Specialist Award holder (2007 – 2012), an award that has enabled his research efforts on educational reform issues in lower and higher education in Denmark and China. Most recently, he has been researching policy issues concerning the expansion and quality of higher education in Vietnam.

Professor Curtis Ho and Dr Sela V. Panapasa's biographies can be found on pages 30 and 31, respectively.
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Independence and Interdependence of a Professional Development School Partnership
Rob Sumowski, Georgia College, United States

Professional Development School (PDS) Partnerships have the potential to not only provide unique experiences for teacher candidates, but can also provide important professional development for the teachers and administrators in the schools involved in the relationship. According to the National Association of Professional Development Schools, a key essential is ‘a comprehensive mission that is broader in its outreach and scope than the mission of any partner and that furthers the education profession and its responsibility to advance educational equity in inclusion, and, by potentially expanding, the broader community.’ Our PDS is a model for how this joint mission is beyond each institution’s ability to provide the experiences and services in isolation. Although both the school district and the university are independent entities, their interdependence in the PDS allows us to accomplish the overarching mission to improve education at all levels in our community from six weeks old to the doctoral level. The benefits are initiatives such as a joint Montessori Academy for early childhood education and the instructional choices they tend to make during their field experiences. Several key themes emerged from the data, including control, student behavior, pre-service teacher self-perceptions, and pre-service teachers’ perceptions of students. The “control” theme was particularly evident as the primary concern of pre-service teachers.

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This study will investigate the level of stress-recovery and moods of a sample of high-level university athletes, in order to determine the psychological factors that play an important role in the development of the athlete. This study is important, because when the athlete fails to reach the ideal state of performance, known as activation, can be affected. This may be related to over-training, fatigue and/or exhaustion. These factors, in athletes, have been classically related to moods. The design of this study is quantitative. Participants will be a sample of highly competitive athletes who are university students currently competing in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The instruments to be used will be the Recovery and Stress Questionnaire for Athletes (RESTQ-Sport) and the Scale of Moods (POMS). The analysis of the data will be done using descriptive and inferential statistics through the programmed SPSS.

Commit to Be Fit is an award winning, grant funded, school supported program in a rural Virginia county that is geared towards creating a healthier culture in three key areas: cafeteria, classroom, and the community. Realizing that academic performance is strongly correlated to healthy minds and bodies, wellness and healthy lifestyles have become an integral part of our educational culture. The Commit to Be Fit program was presented an award by Governor McAuliffe as the recipient of the 2017 Virginia School Board Association’s Food for Thought Competition for wellness/physical activity. Nutrition: Attendees will learn how Commit to Be Fit provided healthier food options within the school cafeterias, while promoting nutrition education for students, parents, and community members. Classroom: Attendees will hear the success that we have experienced in promoting movement opportunities within the schools. A few of the highlights that will be shared include our elementary school Brain STAR (Strengthening through Action Repetition) learning lab, high school alternative seating classroom, classroom kinesthetic corners, Brain STAR brain break database for educators, and more! Community: Attendees will gain insight on to how to inspire and motivate employees and community members to become actively engaged in a healthier lifestyle. Special attention will be focused on contests, challenges, workshops, and family events. Gather ideas on how to generate enthusiasm, create awareness and buy-in, and begin a community wide, culture shift that embraces health and wellness.

This case study examines the relationship between school-based performing arts participation and academic identity development for African American male high school students. Participants addressed how their engagement in a school-based performing arts program influenced their academic achievement and school experiences. The researcher used African American Male Academic Identity Development theory, a proposed original framework, to address the following questions: What are the experiences of African American males who participate in school-based performing arts programs? How do performing arts education experiences influence the academic identity development of African American male high school students? Based upon the data derived from this study the author provides evidence that school-based performing arts participation improves academic performance, engenders positive school experiences and encourages affirmative racial identity development for African American male high school students. Findings from this study contribute to the body of literature on the relationship between arts education and academic achievement among African American males, and inform educational policies and practices that are designed to improve school outcomes for students in this demographic group.

Despite the efforts of education leaders across schools, bullying remains a social phenomenon affecting the well-being of students today – including those in higher education (Washington, 2014; Schaefer, 2017; Slonje and Smith, 2008). Intentional verbal, physical and emotional intimidation are some of the defining characteristics of this destructive power balance between the bully and the victim (Washington, 2014; Schaefer, 2017). As technology continues to raise communication accessibility between friends, peers, and loved ones – it also raises the stakes for more potential bullying or cyberbullying to occur (Slonje & Smith, 2008; Brody & Vanelisti, 2017). Harm can now be done using virtual means such as social media, cell phones, texting, emailing, and other form of digital communication (Watts et al., 2016; Schaefer, 2017). This session introduces the initial findings of a working paper (Siwajian, 2018), contributing to the conversations about cyberbullying in higher learning and its destructive impact affecting the life and well-being of adults and their families.
Keeping Hospitality, Travel, and Tourism Students on the Pathway: A Guided Learning Journey to Success with Eportfolio
Leslie Gail Scamacca, The City University of New York/LaGuardia Community College, United States

This presentation shares progress of Travel, Tourism, and Hospitality faculty at an urban community college in their undertaking of curriculum review following a guided pathways approach. This two-year project is funded through the college’s Center for Teaching and Learning and focuses on several key objectives, such as making connections between the various courses throughout the curriculum; helping students make connections between their diverse experiences; and facilitating integrative learning and reflection activities for students. These connections are leveraged through the development of a core student ePortfolio. This project is guided by four pedagogical practice areas from the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). These main practice areas informed specific phases of this project and include; mapping pathways to student end goals, the College has developed a framework for advanced student learning which include core competencies (Inquiry and Problem Solving, Global Learning, and Integrative Learning) and communication abilities (Oral, Written, and Digital); helping students choose and enter a program pathway, the second phase focused on preparing students for the economy, for democracy and global community, and to pursue their own hopes for a better future; keeping students on a path, the third phase helps keep our students on a path to graduation and success; and ensuring that students are learning, here, we shift the focus from passive listening to students’ own engagement with questions, problems, and community or work-based projects.

Purpose of Mindfulness in Teaching Learning Process: Perspective of Buddhism
Pramila Bakhati, Lumbini Buddhist University, Nepal

Mindfulness is the mental awareness and practices as a tool for purification of mind for creative doings, ultimately which nurtures students’ all-round development. It is beneficial to everyone as it helps to maintain the mental health with increased abilities, skills, efficiency and productivity as well. It develops insight and wisdom, eventually supports for the best human qualities of kindness, empathy, compassion, and equanimity. As a new paradigm shift, the mindfulness approach in the education system is becoming crucial to reducing the possible mental health problems such as the depression, stress and anxiety disorder experienced by the youths around the globe. Therefore, the schools unquestionably have the mandate to offer such education which can help to create the students with the healthy mind. However, if the students do not receive the proper education to cultivate a healthy mind then the learning outcomes may be in wrong directions. In this regard, teachers can play a vital role to promote mindfulness curriculum and activities in schools through available practices. This paper discusses on conceptual understanding of mindfulness at first. Then it illustrates the purpose of mindfulness in the teaching–learning process. Afterwards, it describes the trend of Mindfulness schools with the role of teachers and ends with a conclusion.

Utilizing Experiential Learning and Electronic Portfolios to Create Lifetime Learning Opportunities in Exercise Physiology Curriculum
Brian K. McFarlin, University of North Texas, United States
Erin M. Bowman, University of North Texas, United States

Over that past five years, higher education has gradually shifted away from traditional face-to-face learning to experiential learning approaches. Experiential or project-based learning tasks allow students to apply learned knowledge using real-world situations. These learning tasks allow students to develop skills related to teamwork, critical thinking, and problem solving among others. The development of future-proof skills is critical for students to succeed in the chosen career path after graduation. Our implementation of this instructional strategy centers around an upper division exercise physiology course that traditionally has a high fail rate due to content difficulty. We demonstrated that by shifting the course to an experiential learning model, we were able to reduce the fail rate and increase student understanding of complex content. While experiential learning courses are effective, one major limitation is that it can be difficult for students to demonstrate knowledge of future-proof skills to potential employers. To combat this limitation, we utilized an electronic portfolio tool that is available campus wide. The electronic portfolio allows students to track future-proof skill acquisition and refinement over their entire college career. Upon graduation they have access to a dedicated electronic portfolio website that can be shared with future employers as part of a standard application process.

Examining the Misalignment Between High School Physical Education Courses and the University Physical Education Preparation Programs
Susan Bertelsen, Metropolitan State University of Denver, United States

Physical educators are traditionally trained to teach a wide variety of activities to K-12 students. Much of the Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) curriculum provides movement foundation classes, individual and team activities and teaching methodology. A very small proportion (if any) of the curriculum is dedicated to teaching resistance training techniques, protocol, and program design or other fitness-focused courses. In other words, PETE programs are grossly underpreparing pre-service teachers in weight training and fitness education (Bertelsen, 2016; Bulger, Housner, Lee, 2008; McGuire, et al. 2014). This presentation will disseminate the results of a study that examined the current state of high school physical education course offerings as they relate to the training of future physical educators. Data was collected from high school physical education department chairs regarding their programs’ current offerings in fitness, weight training, and health classes; additional certification or training beyond a bachelor’s degree by those teaching weight training; and, the role of nutrition education in physical education. Physical education teacher education (PETE) curriculum data was also collected from 32 University programs in the western U.S. to determine the credit hours required of graduates in a variety of courses including teaching weight training, fitness, health and nutrition education. Although several courses types were examined, the focus of these results shed light on the weight training and fitness-related curriculum – or lack thereof. This ‘misalignment’ warrants attention to the specific training that teachers are receiving in these subjects.
teaching 21st-century pedagogy by understanding 1) how the teacher candidates' experiences in teaching 21st-century geography are significant to improve the quality and effectiveness of teacher education and training in Brunei. The purpose of the study is to propose a few simple predictions about how higher educational institutions that now exist beyond tertiary education can embrace and describe the findings. The study reveals that teacher candidates are able to integrate the use of technology effectively for teaching and learning, but the use of technology in their class is still limited. Some challenges and limitations incorporating technology in the class are highlighted. Implications for teacher education are suggested.

42502 10:00-10:30 | Room 305B (3F)  
Adapting to the Challenges of Mega-Complexity: Quartic Education for the 22nd Century  
David L. Brooks, Kitasato University, Japan

How will tertiary education cope with, survive, and potentially evolve in the fourth-dimensional paradigm shift occurring now as we complete the first quarter of the twenty-first century? Super complexity in our knowledge-based societies has every appearance of galloping into hyper drive. With the advent of a globalized, interdependent knowledge economy, an international political ecology characterized by chaos and instability with the new alignment of world powers and the conflict spawned thereby, increasingly sophisticated digital media communication and its global synchronicity, and the exponential reframing of our frameworks of knowledge caused by unabated scientific discoveries and new technologies, we have reached the Age of Mega-Complexity in knowing and in being. Thus, we are compelled to think beyond tertiary education, hence the use of term quartic - pertaining to the fourth degree. In this century of transition, what new roles of intellectual authority and in what new forms of institutional integrity can higher education lead us toward the twenty-second century? This thought-provoking thesis of this paper makes a few simple predictions about how higher educational institutions that now exist beyond tertiary education can embrace and describe the findings. The study reveals that teacher candidates are able to integrate the use of technology effectively for teaching and learning, but the use of technology in their class is still limited. Some challenges and limitations incorporating technology in the class are highlighted. Implications for teacher education are suggested.
For decades, one of the defining marks of Jamaican boys' gendered identities is their use of the native language, Jamaican Creole (JC), and rejection of Standard Jamaican English (SJE) which is often perceived as an effeminate language. While Jamaican Creole offers independence from coloniality, the boys’ academic success is dependent on Standard Jamaican English, the only language of instruction in schools in Jamaica. This proposed study will investigate how attitudes towards English in a small inner-city community impact four Jamaican adolescent boys’ perception of gendered self and ability to succeed in school. It will embrace a social constructivist approach, using a single case study design and narrative inquiry over a 4-week period. Through interviews, video diaries and graphic works, the study will document the boys (age 14-17) language experiences at home and in an urban school in Jamaica in order to assess the impact of predominant language attitudes. Preliminary results suggest some boys are taking agency of their language paths and success in school, while others tend to emulate the community's language practices (use of JC) to assert their gendered identities in order to feel a sense of belonging. The findings underscore the need to explore deeper understandings of the intersections of gender, class, familial language practices and attitudes in a society marred by language prejudice. The study aims to construct new knowledge to better assist families, policymakers and educators to develop more inclusive language practices that encourage success among young Jamaican boys and give them autonomy.

The study has implications for other heritage learners in the US and the challenges they face to maintain their language, as well as implications for educators of heritage learners from diverse backgrounds.

Due to the competitiveness among MOOCs platforms, each website is designed with the hope of attracting learners to it rather than other platforms. To explore the structure of different MOOCs and to address the differences between English and Arabic MOOCs, the five highest rated platforms were selected (Coursera, edX, Futurelearn, Rwaq, and Edraak). To analyze the platforms, feature and link analysis of course's webpages were conducted. For the feature analysis, 11 distinguishing features were defined to describe the structure of each platform. For link analysis, the measures that assessed the presence of inbound, outbound, internal-community, and external-community links are discussed first, followed by an analysis of the external links focusing on three variables: destination type, affiliation, and purpose. Two main points stand out in the analysis of the MOOC platforms' websites. First, all platforms share the same features, for instance, videos and discussion forums. However, particular features distinguish the platforms from each other; for instance, only edX has the notes feature. Also, English MOOCs provide supplementary reading materials, but Arabic MOOCs do not. Moreover, the number of courses offered by the English platforms is much greater and their content is richer than that of the Arabic MOOCs, so the English MOOCs websites are more expansive and the Arabic MOOCs websites are simpler. Second, MOOCs platforms have few outbound links and those they do have are generally used to advertise themselves on social media websites. In contrast, the much more extensive internal links are utilized to navigate within MOOCs courses.

Various learning technologies for learning are used by Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to deliver distance education programmes. Using technologies for learning in the delivery of distance education (DE) programmes enables students to access teaching, learning and resources. The purpose of this study is to investigate the use of learning technologies in developed and developing countries to foster interactivity and interactive technologies for effective student teaching and learning. The research question for this study was to identify which components a model would comprise to effectively integrate learning technologies into DE programmes at the Unit for Open Distance Learning (UODL) at the North-West University (NWU). The research design for this study comprised a multi-mode bounded case study (n=5), and a fully mixed equal status sequential multi-mode design and methodology was followed (n=795). Students enrolled for Education related DE programmes at the NWU participated in the study. The results of the data reflected that infrastructure, interactivity and Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) had a definite influence on the degree of flexibility in the delivery of DE programmes. Flexibility in DE is improved when barriers are removed that influence access to resources, learning from anywhere and at any time. Improved flexibility will enable DE students to access academic and administrative support via various technologies available at a time convenient to them.
The project describes design students learning sustainability in a tertiary institute setting. A class was engaged in a live collaborative project with an NGO where they were asked to work with mentally disabled collaborators in designing, making and marketing of original upcycled products in Hong Kong. By understanding sustainable design and its importance for the future, design students apply principles learned and gained first-hand experience in seeing the potential of sustainable designs. The intention was to embed strong awareness of sustainability to all participants. Students, mentally disabled and their carers, wooden waste suppliers, as well as teaching staff were the main stakeholders in this project. Students explored ways in which design can create environmental, social and economic value for the NGO. The methodology used to assess project effectiveness involved making direct observations and post-project stakeholder interviews. These methods shed light on the appropriateness of project design, environmental, and economic outcomes of the project. Over the course of a 14 week semester, students learned how to conduct waste material exploration, co-design, iterative design, prototype testing, hands-on making and branding/marketing. Upon post project review, students felt achieving effective collaboration with mentally disabled was the biggest challenge, while embracing sustainable design principles through making upcycled products was considered a stimulating journey. Overall, they were able to answer project objectives and to achieve positive outcomes in this project.

44427 10:00-10:30 | Room 307B (3F)
Waste Management Education and Its Impact on the Environment of the Kyrgyz Republic
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In the Kyrgyz Republic, waste management has posed a great concern partly because of rapid urban population increase and poor waste management education. Past studies have shown that education for waste management can considerably contribute to reducing waste generation by inducing recycling. However, few studies have examined the link between environmental education at school and waste management in the Kyrgyz Republic. This paper argues that there is an urgent need to focus on waste management education among pupils and students in all levels of the education system. Therefore, the objective of this paper is to examine the level of awareness, knowledge and practices of students with regard to waste management at primary and secondary schools. To achieve this objective, the study conducted a questionnaire survey at these schools in Bishkek, the capital. The findings revealed that students from the sampled schools possessed inadequate knowledge and awareness about waste management. In addition, most of them were aware of waste problems within their school compounds but did not have sufficient knowledge about how these problems can be mitigated by, for example, sorting garbage. The study seeks to contribute to waste management policy improvement in the Bishkek area.

45073 10:30-11:00 | Room 307B (3F)
Secondary School Parents Feel in Community with Their Children's Schools When...
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Parents are recognized as key educational stakeholders contributing to positive student outcomes. For decades educational researchers have been pursuing the question, how do you increase parent involvement in schools? With this question, educators and policymakers are curators of parent involvement, resulting in practices that tend to be school-centric (Lawson, 2003). Parents are commonly emphasized as partners in education; adages such as "it takes a whole village to raise a child" are invoked, but whether and/or how parents feel part of a school community is rarely interrogated. This research redirected the study of parents in schools from the typical question of "involvement" by asking, what makes parents feel in community in their children's schools? We focused on secondary school parents since research shows parents' involvement declines at this level (Epstein, 2001), and they feel displaced on the school landscape (Blinded, 2013). Based on semi-structured interviews with 18 parents of rural secondary schools and 13 parents of urban secondary schools in Alberta, Canada, we identified discourses that demonstrated parents' sense of community with, and sense of disconnection from, their children's secondary schools. Using Freeman's (2017) categorical thinking as an approach to analysis, data were viewed through four lenses as proposed by McMillian and Chavis (1986) in their sense of community theory: membership, influence, integration and fulfillment of needs, and shared emotional connection. This research advances the conversation about parents by injecting a conceptual focus on community, a term with current and universal appeal.
In Korea, discussions are underway to seek alternative energy from the energy dependency centered on nuclear energy. The gradual shift from fossil fuels and nuclear power, which has been the largest source of energy in Korea to date, to renewable energy is at the heart of much controversy. However, effort to this change in energy policy has been decided by the perspective of the energy supplier such as the expert or the government, rather than the opinions of the people who are influenced by the policy. The current government (The President Moon's Administration) is making efforts to pursue changes in energy policy through the process of public consensus such as the Public Opinion Committee. The purpose of this study is to analyze the energy preference of the public and factors affecting preference. Recent studies, such as Yanga et al.(2016) and Greenberg(2009), also emphasize the importance of analyzing the preference of people for energy sources in the energy transition period. In particular, Greenberg (2009) suggests that there is a significant difference in energy source preference between residents around the nuclear facility and non-residents. This study is to investigate the differences of preference for energy sources between residents around the nuclear power plant and non-residents. And this paper will analyze the source of the difference of preference between two groups. In this study, we use survey data for South Korean for analysis.
and insights into creating relationships that strive for excellence and respect, where both parties are teacher and learner at the same time.

Having worked together for 6 years, they provide strategies of AFL Cape York House and current student at the University of Sydney and Rachel Elphick, Education Manager at AFL Cape York House both child and adult can expect the best of each other. Nathaniel Tamwoy, an Argun man from Badu Island in the Torres Strait, graduate and know the child. A partnership of love and trust needs to be created so that the shared knowledge becomes the instrument of power and students to thrive? Relationships of strength can only be formed when the adults can de-role and get to know themselves, know their schools about the roles that relationships play in the development of the whole person have meant that many opportunities have been missed policy and the academic achievement of Indigenous students. Deficit language, poor implementation of policy and a lack of understanding Australia's Indigenous students belong to the oldest living culture in the world. Connection to country, community and culture provides great...
Participants will end the session by identifying professional learning opportunities that may address those knowledge and skill gaps. Participants will surface the knowledge and skills their staff need to better engage ELL students’ families to accelerate student learning. Tracing successes and challenges of engaging families and communities towards increased student learning. Through that discussion, participants will conduct a self-assessment of their own district or school and work in small groups to explore practices that show how integrating family and community engagement efforts can strengthen the instructional program at the district, school, and classroom levels to lead to positive results for ELLs. Participants will have the opportunity to place this research into context by reading about the Pasifika Early Literacy Project, a New Zealand Ministry of Education contract designed to enable NZ Pacific learners to utilise their linguistic and cultural resources at school through utilization of Pacific dual language books. It will provide examples from teachers in English-medium classrooms who having participated in the professional learning and development (PLD) workshops, learnt how to teach in what traditionally had been monolingual classroom spaces. Through their changed beliefs and practices, they enabled young Pacific children to utilise translanguaging to support their development and progress in speaking, reading and writing at school. The initial research questions were: ‘What does effective facilitation focused on the development of linguistically and culturally sustaining pedagogies look like?’ And, ‘How do teachers who are not Pacific themselves, transfer knowledge from PLD workshops into their everyday classroom practice to enable Pacific bilingual children to utilise their language resources?’ The study investigated the practices of an effective facilitator who supported and enabled teachers to change their practice, resulting in significant impact on children and their families. Examples of facilitator, teacher and student talk will illustrate the catalysing power of changed teacher mindsets on Pacific bilingual children’s experiences of schooling. The utilization of Pacific dual language books as mirrors into the worlds of Pacific children and as windows into other worlds will illustrate the power of making connections with Pacific children’s funds of knowledge, to facilitate decolonising classroom spaces and the normalising of multilingual classrooms.

It is becoming increasingly evident that Canada’s Indigenous students are falling through the cracks as they face a myriad of problems in academic and socio-economic settings. Throughout the years, academic and social problems have intertwined and interweaved to inhibit Indigenous people from prospering and flourishing as economical equals in an adverse society. The deficiencies felt by Indigenous students today could be attributed to the era of residential schools, which left behind a legacy of trauma that is still felt by Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians today. The damage caused by generations of loss cannot be fully restored; however the residual impacts may be alleviated through restitution aimed at the current and future generations of Indigenous students. This interactive workshop will provide examples from teachers in English-medium classrooms who having participated in the professional learning and development (PLD) workshops, learnt how to teach for transfer in what traditionally had been monolingual classroom spaces. Through their changed beliefs and practices, they enabled young Pacific children to utilise translanguaging to support their development and progress in speaking, reading and writing at school. The initial research questions were: ‘What does effective facilitation focused on the development of linguistically and culturally sustaining pedagogies look like?’ And, ‘How do teachers who are not Pacific themselves, transfer knowledge from PLD workshops into their everyday classroom practice to enable Pacific bilingual children to utilise their language resources?’ The study investigated the practices of an effective facilitator who supported and enabled teachers to change their practice, resulting in significant impact on children and their families. Examples of facilitator, teacher and student talk will illustrate the catalysing power of changed teacher mindsets on Pacific bilingual children’s experiences of schooling. The utilization of Pacific dual language books as mirrors into the worlds of Pacific children and as windows into other worlds will illustrate the power of making connections with Pacific children’s funds of knowledge, to facilitate decolonising classroom spaces and the normalising of multilingual classrooms.

Developing powerful home-to-school partnerships with the families of English Language Learners helps ensure that families have the resources they need to be strong advocates for their children and to support learning at home, particularly in the realm of literacy. Participants will receive concrete guidance for how to assess the effectiveness and responsiveness of current engagement efforts and improve the integration of family engagement to strengthen their literacy program. The session will begin with an overview of the research that shows how integrating family and community engagement efforts can strengthen the instructional program at the district, school and classroom levels to lead to positive results for ELLs. Participants will have the opportunity to place this research into context by exploring the case study of Camino Nuevo Charter Academy. This case study will illustrate how the teachers and staff at Camino Nuevo engaged students’ families as part of their academic approach and describe the positive results in students’ language acquisition and overall achievement. From there, participants will conduct a self-assessment of their own district or school and work in small groups to explore successes and challenges of engaging families and communities towards increased student learning. Through that discussion, participants will surface the knowledge and skills their staff need to better engage ELL students’ families to accelerate student learning. Participants will end the session by identifying professional learning opportunities that may address those knowledge and skill gaps.
As educators, how can we cultivate sites for speaking truth to power that extend beyond our classrooms? Focusing on KDocs Documentary Film Festival and its Outreach Program based at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Vancouver, Canada, this workshop will explore possibilities for establishing a film festival (or special screenings) plus community outreach activities (town halls, doc-making workshops). We will consider best practices and lesson learned from KDocs, which began in 2012 as a special screening of Siebel Newsom’s *Miss Representation*, an event that featured Margaret Atwood as its keynote speaker, and has since grown to a 4-day film festival in 2018 that welcomed over 1,500 guests, 15 keynote speakers, and 37 panelists. The workshop will allow us to: Identify social justice issues most relevant to our students, colleagues, and institution; Craft a mandate and mission statement for a starter film festival; Determine recruitment strategies for keynote speakers and panelists; Explore partnership opportunities across the disciplines/in the community; and Map out an initial plan for funding and sustainability. As Paulo Freire says, “I engage in dialogue because I recognize the social and not merely the individualistic character of the process of knowing. In this sense, dialogue presents itself as an indispensable component of the process of both learning and knowing.” Join us to discover how documentary activism can be the catalyst for Freire’s dialogue – dialogue that has the power to engage us in critical thinking and understanding about ourselves, our communities, and our world.
Activating Autonomy
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Students from heavily teacher-centered educational backgrounds, or from cultural backgrounds that discourage students from expressing opinions or drawing attention to themselves often do not cope well in classes requiring active participation, critical thinking and the ability to be autonomous. This can be frustrating and present serious problems for both students and teachers alike. In this presentation, the speaker will introduce a teaching method which flips the passive student/active teacher roles that this type of student is used to, creating a classroom where the students need to take responsibility for themselves, work through problems on their own, and actively communicate with peers. The speaker will explain how and why this method has been successful for her and her colleagues in promoting ongoing student autonomy at her Japanese university. She will also briefly explain the origin and theory behind the method; introduce its key points; give specific examples of successful lesson plans and instructions; and explain some of its limitations. Participants will leave with the skills and knowledge to be able to practice this teaching method in their own classrooms.

Effects of Reflective Practices on Self-Directed Learning Competency in a Korean University Pre-Service Teachers’ Course
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Self-directed learning (SDL) is the central theme of adult education. Teachers, in particular, need to have SDL competency to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills for themselves when they begin teaching. While SDL has been demonstrated to support students’ learning in higher education, little is known about reflective practices’ effectiveness for SDL in pre-service teachers’ classes. It is crucial for pre-service teachers to experience SDL first hand in their own learning in order to become effective practitioners. This study investigates the effects of using reflective practices on students’ SDL competency in a university pre-service teachers’ course. The reflective practices are measured by three variables: self-reflection, peer-feedback, and collaboration. Based on the 28-item SDL Competency Scale, an online survey was given to students who have taken a pre-service teacher course titled ‘Instructional Methods and Technology’ in Korea. A total of 64 students participated in the survey and a multiple regression analysis method was used to analyze the data. The results of the study present not only if and how the use of reflective practices improve students’ SDL competency but what specific reflective practices affect students’ SDL competency in the university pre-service teachers’ course.

Learner Autonomy and the New Dawn of Education
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Learner Autonomy, an ancient teaching paradigm dating back to Chu Hsi (12th century), defined and codified in the pedagogies of the 1970’s by Henri Holec and in the 1990’s by David Little, has flourished in the 2010’s in an unprecedented way. The Web2 technologies have finally made the ancient dream of all good teachers and dedicated learners come true. The custom-tailored teaching pedagogies, which had been the privilege of the elite universities, can now be the reality of teaching the large classes, by making use of the hitherto unimaginable possibilities offered by blended or distance-learning environments. What had been attainable in individual teaching methodologies, has now become transferable to large audiences, dispersed often over huge learning spaces, bridged by distance-learning techniques. We conducted a Case Study of the effectiveness of placing teaching contents on the Moodle Platforms for each subject taught in the Japanese Studies Major, for groups of 63 students which we are accredited for, and researched the effectiveness of thus enabled blended teaching. We also examined the relationship of learner independence and interdependence within the student teams who used the resources posted on Moodle Platform Subject Group Spaces and worked towards producing their Seminar Papers in teams of three. The teacher support was tailored to suit the needs of their chosen research task, as well as to guide them in reaching the learning goals of their research interest.
Migrant workers play important roles in the global economy. Besides contributing to their home countries through remittance, the workers are fulfilling the jobs that cannot be fulfilled by existing workforce in the host countries, for example, domestic workers. Increasing numbers of women in the First World countries are participating in the formal economic sector, leaving behind domestic jobs that were perceived as women’s traditional tasks. It creates opportunities for foreign women to fulfill the needs of domestic workers. However, migrating to foreign countries comes with a lot of risks, especially for domestic workers. Working in private homes puts women, who are often coming from poor and uneducated backgrounds, become vulnerable to abuse and human rights violations. My research will discuss about the experience of two Indonesian foreign domestic workers in Singapore who enroll in education programs provided by Indonesian Embassy. The methodology for this study is qualitative and participants are recruited with snowball sampling. This study is a part of my work-in-progress MA thesis that recruited 15 participants. The first participant is a woman who enroll in high school equivalent program. And the second participant is a woman pursuing undergraduate program at the school. My research reflects that continuing education gives value to the participants’ personal and professional life. One of the participants mentioned that education gives her dignity back because she feels that people are often downgrading her because of her job. The other one shares that pursuing education gives her broader opportunities as she is not planning to work as maid forever. The two participants might not represent all Indonesian migrant workers; however, their narratives could represent of the challenges of foreign domestic workers and how they overcome their issues. Further researches need to explore deeper about educational options for the workers in order to provide a better education system for the workers. Migrating to foreign countries are often perceived as better choices for unskilled and uneducated workforce. Hence, researching the experiences of domestic workers are important to provide different perspectives of immigrant workers’ lives. It provides more information for educators and policy makers to improve the life quality of foreign domestic workers.
Listening While Reading: Developing Listening Comprehension of High-Performing Grade 2 Students Through Audiobooks
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Listening serves as one of the essential language skills in information exchange. With today's developments in technology, new approaches and materials should be fabricated in order to develop learners' listening skills. Various researches found out that assisted reading with audio recordings is an effective instructional intervention. This study aims to hypothesize that there is a significant difference between the test score means of students who developed listening comprehension after utilizing audio book with story text and of those who did not. A quantitative research was utilized in the study. An experimental design was also applied which required the participants to undergo a 3-week long study, within a one (1) hour schedule. Participants were divided into two groups: control and experimental. The control group used an audiobook to develop their listening comprehension while the experimental group maximized the use of audiobook with story text. The data were obtained using the pre- and post-test. Results of the Mann-Whitney U test for the participants' listening comprehension tests revealed that there is no significant difference (at α=0.05, z =0.18464) between the test mean scores of the two groups. Same results were gained using the Wilcoxon Signed Rank test when pre- and post-test results of the experimental group were compared (at α=0.05, W=8.5). On the contrary, it was found out that there is a statistical difference in the result of the pre- and post-test of the control group (α=0.05, W = 5).

How Can We Encourage Students to "Interact" and "Produce" In English Classes?: Voices of Japanese EFL Teachers
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The newly revised Course of Study for high school English education in Japan (MEXT, 2018) demonstrates the importance of fostering students' productive skills. Students will be expected to 'interact' and 'produce' in English by engaging in a variety of oral communication activities such as speech, presentation, debate and discussion. However, as great emphasis has long been placed on receptive skills in Japanese English education, the majority of high school EFL teachers lack experience in employing such oral communication activities (Benesse Educational Research and Development Institute, 2016). This qualitative study, therefore, aimed to investigate the teaching strategies utilized and explored by Japanese EFL teachers who have experience in teaching EFL courses focusing on such activities (e.g. presentation, discussion). In particular, it attempted to examine the difficulties they encountered and the strategies they used and explored in encouraging their students to 'interact' and 'produce' in English through such activities. In order to collect data, semi-structured interviews were conducted with five Japanese EFL teachers. Findings indicated that several serious obstacles tend to exist when implementing such activities in Japanese EFL context, including students' silence, speech anxiety, low motivation to speak English, unequal participation, and poor achievement. In order to overcome such obstacles and support students' learning, it was suggested that building rapport with students, praising students' efforts to communicate through English, designing activities flexibly, and providing clear learning goals and instructions are considered particularly crucial as they help promote students' engagement with oral communication.

Practicum Host Teachers in Language Teacher Training: Effects of the Hosting Experience
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In Canada, practicums in programs geared toward teaching English as a second language (TESL) are mandated by the professional associations TESL Ontario and TESL Canada. Research indicates that practicums help student teachers, but there has been little effort to investigate how host teachers may benefit. In this study nine TESL host teachers were engaged in semi structured interviews to answer two questions: 1) How do TESL practicum host teachers perceive the hosting process? 2) Do TESL practicum host teachers use the hosting process to reflect on their own practice, and if so, how? Results indicate that host teachers feel that the experience leads them to think more carefully about their motivations and practice, they feel the need to show their best work, it encourages them to be self aware and critical as they verbalize their planning processes. More experienced teachers tended to focus more on practical day to day classroom practice, and the less experienced teachers tending to focus more on reflecting and collaborating.
Universities can be workplaces where staff work in silos. Teachers are often left to their own devices when designing and implementing curricula. Whilst the freedom of independence may be welcomed by teachers, it can lead to missed opportunities such as the chance to encourage a spiral curriculum. This presentation will report on the coordination of staff teaching on a variety of English courses across four years at a small women's university in Japan. Tasks asked of teachers were chiefly related to the creation of a shared google document containing separate tabs for each course. The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) was employed as a tool for teachers to choose language goals in the form of "can do" statements. Teachers were required to add course assessments, rubrics and test specifications where applicable. Additionally, columns were created for any comments or suggestions related to the course. Finally, a chart showing all courses was created to display progression of course levels throughout the curriculum as a whole. While in its infancy, initial feedback from teachers involved in this project has highlighted the importance of course collaboration to increase knowledge and improve transparency for both teachers and students alike. Further benefits, along with shortcomings, will be discussed and recommendations given for the coordination of language courses at similar institutions.

Childhood mathematics achievement has been associated with success in later schooling, and is predictive of later success and adult socio-economic status. Despite the critical need for strong mathematics skills, not all learners are able to develop them. It is well-documented that children enter school with different levels of mathematics skills and understanding. These gaps in learners' foundations not only cause students to lag behind their peers, they also make it less likely that such students will find career success after formal schooling. A growing body of research exists documenting the impact of early school mathematics achievement and its relationship to later mathematics achievement in school. It has proven challenging, however, to help all young students achieve the mastery of important foundational concepts and skills in mathematics. There is promise, however, in using adaptive technologies designed to efficiently identify what the child already does or does not know, and what the child is ready to learn next, thus keeping students in the zone of proximal development. This presentation focuses on the design of and recent research related to a promising new adaptive platform that teaches mastery of number sense foundations in a virtual environment. Early results show that students are not only able to master important key concepts and skills in a very short amount of time, but that the system is able to effectively and efficiently monitor and move students through the architecture of concepts and skills using personalized learning trajectories optimized for maximum learning.

While primary school education has evolved over the last few decades to respond to diverse modes of intelligence and learning methods, the benefits of active classroom techniques, and the importance of play and fearless exploration, post-secondary institutions have lagged behind in incorporating such innovation. With some exceptions, collegiate curricula are still grounded in a silo system of majors, minors, and discipline-segregated programs or departments. The structure of specialized study does not reflect, nor adequately prepare students for, the complex, interdependent, and rapidly changing nature of the way knowledge in the 21st century is acquired and applied. The convention of training students in a major and embedding that within a separate and distinct liberal arts curriculum was an effort to produce well-rounded graduates who are competent in basic core skills. However, that pedagogy partitions the way in which students participate in higher education, and ignores the opportunity to truly integrate curricula. The enormous problems we now face will not be solved by a single discipline, but rather through a consortium of disciplines, the boundaries of which will become indistinguishable as they merge at a higher level of sophistication. In response, the structure of higher education must be re-envisioned to recognize and leverage the relationships between discrete fields of study and to establish new fields of inquiry that reside in those interstices. This paper will offer both a critique of the traditional pedagogy and proffer another kind of curriculum that cultivates interdisciplinarity.
44528  13:15-13:45 | Room 307A (3F)
Foreign Language Education for Intercultural Citizens in a Global Era: What Chinese Teachers Say and What They Do?
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In order to make educational responses to globalisation, English language education is necessary to be located in a wider purpose, shifting from a focus on language skills, to a vision of intercultural understanding, and to a broader perspective of developing intercultural citizenship. Taking this perspective, this study aims to investigate the FL (foreign language) teachers’ cognition and practice of developing citizenship. To this end, this study firstly explores teachers’ understanding of a “good citizen”. On this basis, their beliefs on the role of FL in developing citizenship are examined, which followed by a sustained observation of their classroom practice of teaching citizenship. From there the study moves to consider the relationship between the teachers’ cognition (including their understanding of a good citizen and their beliefs about the role of FL in developing citizenship) and their classroom practice. Through analysing the interview data and the observation data collected from six EFL (English as a foreign language) teachers in one China’s university, this study finds: 1) concept of citizenship in the context of China is more concerned with morality, and 2) FL teaching contributes to citizenship development by emphasising more virtue than intercultural understanding, which is seen in both the teachers’ beliefs and classroom practice. This study extends current theories of citizenship education by contextualising concept of citizenship and illustrating the contribution of FL to the development of the contextualised citizenship. It also explores the pedagogical implications of intercultural teaching and provides insights for FL teacher development.

44669  13:45-14:15 | Room 307A (3F)
English as an International Language (EIL): How Japanese Universities should present English education amidst increased International Students
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With Japan as an example, this paper will argue that international students, as a consequence of government initiatives for globalizing “expanding circle” nations’ universities, represent an opportunity to give local students and international students authentic English-as-an-international-language (EIL) practice. The current context of English dialog between Japanese students and international students will be analyzed partly through interviews with staff from four different Japanese universities, and through a sample of Japanese university students’ own opinions and impressions of English-practice with international students who are ‘non-native English speakers’ (NNESs). I will posit, supported by consideration of expanding countries’ futures in international matters, linguistic and language-learning theory, and the perspective of English expanding circle countries’ overcoming English “nativism”, that properly organized English-language dialog between students of different first languages is an authentic, valuable, and practical pursuit for universities. In addition to preparing students for possible future English dialog with other NNESs, the ideal result is that university students, whether native or non-native English speakers, local or international, will come to understand English as serving the function of an international language. Finally, I will suggest some practical ways of employing international students for English practice at various types of universities.

44833  14:15-14:45 | Room 307A (3F)
The Centrality of Language Objectives for Engaging English Language Learners in Academic Content: Challenges and Opportunities for ESOL Teacher Trainers
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Recent research into teachers’ ability to accommodate the linguistic needs of English learners (ELs) within regular content instruction suggests myriad challenges in lesson planning, instruction, and assessment. In particular, developing clear and measurable language objectives that derive from a teacher’s content objectives and instructional plan can be especially difficult for teachers whose own understanding of the structure of English and second language acquisition processes is introductory. And yet, research also indicates the centrality of language objectives for effectively engaging ELs in academic content, and that the ability to plan content and language integrated lessons is one of the most valuable tools teachers of ELs can possess. In this presentation, I report on my systematic attempts as an ESOL teacher educator to facilitate pre-service and in-service teachers’ understanding of the importance of language objectives, as well as the experiences of my students in applying the principles of SDAIE (Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English) in establishing measurable content and language targets for ELs. Through an examination of their SDAIE lesson plans, I explore how teachers integrate new understandings of English language functions, forms, and vocabulary, as they relate to academic content. The findings shed light on the sources of teachers’ confusion and frustration and offer concrete solutions to better equip teachers to meet the linguistic needs of their students.
Cycle commuting has been shown to promote major health effects, studies showing as much as 41% lower overall mortality compared to car or collective transport (Celis-Morales et al 2017). Yet, for many of us, there are significant behavioral barriers in changing transport behavior. On the positive note, studies have shown that bikes providing electric assistance when pedaling (pedelecs) also have positive effects on cardiovascular health and helps people meet physical activity recommendations. It is possible that pedelecs could facilitate active transport by reducing some perceived behavioral barriers by enhancing autonomous motivation in line with self-determination theory. The overall purpose was to examine underlying motives for using the pedelec above passive transport (car, bus). Semi-structured interviews (N=14) were used to study motivational aspects of participation in a community-based pedelec project. Qualitative content analysis revealed motives to choose the pedelec was health reasons (regular exercise), economic reasons (e.g. avoid having two cars), environmental reasons (to reduce environmental impact) and personal values (e.g. related to exercise identity). These four motivational themes can be related to the significance of autonomous motivation for behavioral regulation. The step from passive to active transport might be challenging, but the use of pedelecs and appropriate communication policy might facilitate such a transition. Application of self-determination theory and addressing the motivational themes found in this study could shed some light on motivational drives for active transport and inform community interventions and policies design to adopt sustainable transport behaviors.

A Study on the Social Solidarity and Emotional Energy of Young Gamers
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Games occupy an important position in the recreational culture of Korean youth. However, game-related studies and policies in Korea have focused on the adverse effect or problematic behavior of games. This study intends to recognize situations in which games, the main recreational activities and culture of the youth, generate social interaction, and to then review the social solidarity and emotional energy experienced by the youth concerning the interaction ritual argued by Randall Collins(2004). A total of 26 (19 male, 7 female) adolescents were interviewed 10 times. The result of the study displayed that the adolescents formed social solidarity and obtained emotional energy by enjoying games in the same space, such as a PC room, and independently formed ethics and regulations while also creating symbols, such as levels and characters. Particularly those with high emotional energy displayed confidence, passion, and positive senses of self, and displayed 1) Immersion : group competition, 2) healing : stress relief, and 3) creation : symbol or secondary creation. On the contrary, those with low emotional energy displayed low confidence and a loss of solidarity. This situation was displayed as 1) violation : swearing/rudeness, 2) hate : female/generational hate, and 3) cursing : family conflict. Through this study, it was concluded that games performed the role of forming a social life for the youth as a stage of manifesting social solidarity and emotional energy. From point of view, there is a need for the institutional supplementation of the policies for the youth and further education in game literacy.

Not Your Local Food Bank: A Food Rescue Program for Migrant Women and Their Families
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Through a maternal health research program, we sought to improve nutrition among migrant women living in difficult circumstances and receiving services from a Community-Based Organization (CBO). However, nutritious food was not of primary concern for these women; any food was needed. In response, we launched a food rescue program. We collect food, that would otherwise go to waste, and redistribute it through the CBO, to migrant women and their families who lack ‘same day’ food. Through focused ethnography, we studied the program’s evolution and impact. The research questions were, ‘What are the necessary components of a food rescue program? ‘What is its impact on its recipients and CBO workers?’ Data collection included: a) participant observation at the food distribution site and at planning meetings (25 fieldnotes), b) 30 short formal interviews with all CBO workers involved in the program, and c) program documents. Data were analyzed using qualitative content analysis. Rigor was ensured through methodological cohesion, iterative data collection and analysis, sampling adequacy, participant checks, peer review, and an audit trail. Necessary program components included: involvement of the university, in-depth knowledge of the food landscape, safe distribution conditions, and challenging existing charity models. Impacts occurred at the individual (women received food), organizational (CBO workers spent less time obtaining emergency food resulting in more time to address root causes of poverty) and systems levels (city-wide attention to food rescue and improving food systems). When developing a food rescue program, particular components should be considered for increased likelihood of success.
Towards a Pedagogy of Resilience
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Indigenous peoples, forced to live under the yoke of colonial oppression, have been denied the freedom to determine their own destinies. This includes not only losses directly resulting from colonization such as language, traditional practices and social organizations but also an ability to define current experiences from a uniquely Indigenous perspective. However, within an increasingly dynamic and changing socio-political and cultural landscape, members of Indigenous tribal communities are reclaiming their Indigeneity by theorizing on cultural continuity at the intersection of ancient tribal wisdom and contemporary pedagogy within higher-education. Exploring Indigenous perspectives on resilience from a stance that is grounded in the Indigenous lived-experience is one example of how Indigenous peoples are reclaiming their right to self-determination. In Canada, a commonwealth country established within a colonial ideological framework, current Indigenous issues are foregrounded by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s findings in relation to assimilationist policy that was, in part, manifested through the Indian Residential Schools and the horrific abuse that occurred within these institutions. Among many other action items, some of the 94 Calls to Actions that emerged from these findings issue a significant challenge calling for the inclusion of Indigenous ways of knowing into institutes of higher education. Informed by my doctoral research, I examine how resilience from an Indigenous perspective emerges through relational and reciprocal processes between students and instructor and how Indigenous pedagogical approaches premises within Indigenous tribal philosophies can intentionally foster student resilience. I offer teaching strategies and assessment techniques leading to successful learning outcomes.
This study employed a mixed methodology with a quasi-experimental, grounded theory research design whereby, from a population of 108 tertiary students who were identified and flagged on entry (Time 1 at the beginning of the semester) as having an External Locus of Control, a sample of 54 was split into one Control and one Treatment group. The Treatment group was taught the "SIMPLE" strategy (Internality instruction) as a strategic measure to stimulate the students of this group, to think and behave more Internally which is, more desirable for holistic and academic wellbeing. The Control group was not treated and so did not receive the "SIMPLE" strategy instruction. Both the Control and Treatment groups of Externals were re-tested at the end of the semester at Time 2, and similar to previous international research, but, now in a Caribbean setting, the mean Locus of Control (LoC) score of the treatment group had desirably reduced.

The study aimed to determine and analyze classroom interactions in Social Science, Filipino and Physical Education subjects at Mariano Marcos State University. Specifically, the researcher analyzed the pattern of exchanges of teachers and students; language used by teachers and students; linguistic structure of teachers' and students' utterances; and language function of teachers' and students' utterance. Tape recorder was used in recording classroom interactions. Based from the study, there were seven structures of exchanges from teachers' and students' utterances. These were the TPT, TP, TPTPT, TPTP, T, TPPPT, TPTP, TPPP, and PT. English, code-mixing, Filipino, code-switching, and Ilokano were used in the discussion. The use of English language in all classes and Filipino language in Filipino classes was revealed. Code-mixing was also integrated to facilitate easier discussion, communication, sharing of ideas, opinions; and as a result of being trilingual or bilingual. Ilokano language was used by teachers to give emphasis for the first utterance, and to encourage students to participate in classroom interactions while students share their opinions, and reactions. Code-switching was used to share quotations, examples, use of tag questions while students share messages. Teachers most often used paragraphs, phrases, sentences, and words in class discussions. Fifteen categories such as informative, elicitation, directive, comment, marker, conclusion, cue, aside, nomination, accept, check, starter, prompt, meta-statement, and evaluate were also used. Meanwhile, reply, silence, react, informative, elicitation, comment and loop were also revealed.

With the global migration of families, teachers from dominant cultures or languages have the responsibility to help minority and migrant students integrate into the community while positively engaging their native identities (McBrien, 2005). For this to occur, teachers must develop respect for the cultures of the minority or migrant communities with which they work (Cummins, 2013). The dynamics of training effective teachers of diverse students is complex. In the U.S., many teachers are white and women, but teach students from all backgrounds (Hodgkinson, 2002). Teachers from demographically homogeneous backgrounds often teach in diverse contexts. Globally, teachers are often trained in urban settings, but teach in rural settings. Teachers who speak dominant languages (English, French, Mandarin, etc.) teach in schools and communities with local, endangered languages (Menken & Garcia, 2010). Teachers who lack exposure to diverse populations need training before they can manage classrooms with complex identities and value systems (Roxas, 2010). Attendees to this session will have a chance to participate in sample strategies used in an action research project implemented in teacher education programs in two different regions of the United States. In this project, teachers in training engaged in empathy-building strategies to help them develop self-awareness of their own basic value systems and world-views, while also helping them to understand the value systems and world-views of their students. The presentation will include a discussion of a quantitative pre- post- survey given to the pre-service teachers, teachers' qualitative reflections on their learning, and implications for teacher training programs.
Japan played a major economic growth after the World War II, which could be realized with high industrial skill because of engineering education such as mechanical engineering and electrical engineering. However, in recent years, everyone agrees that the importance of information technology is rapidly increasing, while the industrial technology is also inevitable. Currently in Japan, IT education is responsible for the subject "Technology" in junior high schools and the subject "Informatics" in senior high schools. It is self-evident that excellent education relies heavily on excellent teachers. The recruitment of teachers in Japan is conducted for each prefectural board of education. The authors asked all the boards of education throughout the country to disclose information and investigated the present situation of hiring teachers. As a result, despite the fact that the number of faculty members in "Technology" in junior high schools and "Informatics" in senior high schools is much less than the required number, almost no faculty recruitment has been conducted, and as a result, It is clear that teachers of unrelated subjects doing classes or letting people without teacher's license temporarily take charge of classes. Because such an environment, class content is far from computer science in many cases, education is almost not done such as programming. Fulfilling the teacher recruitment and in-service teacher training and improving Japan's information technology capabilities, the authors are very worried about the future of Japan.

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are 10 categories of childhood abuse and maltreatment which have a dose-response relationship with common adult health concerns seen in healthcare settings including health risk behaviors, chronic disease, and mental illness. Many of the ACEs-associated biopsychosocial risk factors are modifiable. However, healthcare professionals may not address these issues for fear of opening 'Pandora's Box', i.e., a source of extensive problems for which they may feel that they are not sufficiently prepared for with training, resources, or time. Trainees need instruction in how to conduct trauma-focused conversations within the limited scope of an office visit and to deliver successful interventions. To address this need, we have developed and implemented a 4-hour simulation and video based training program for healthcare professions trainees on how to conduct brief interventions connecting their patients' current health concerns and their experiences of ACEs. We have completed workshops that included didactic sessions followed by individual simulations with standardized patients for over 500 trainees. Participants have evaluated this program as preparatory for real-life encounters, and as being designed to allow for educational mastery. This presentation will describe the curriculum including the five targeted skills, and illustrate the key components (i.e., didactics, provider and patient videos, simulated-patient encounters, trainee feedback, and facilitated discussion that encompasses targeted skills, clinical implementation, and self-care). We will share outcomes from a mixed-methods evaluation of the training program.
The study of writing often focuses on text production or the cognitive events in producing writing. Issues of researching, teaching, and producing writing are further complicated from a sociocultural perspective, which posits that ‘good writing’ is socially constructed, not universal (Woodard, R., & Kline, S., 2016). This presentation explores the Writers’ Workshop model from a sociocultural framework, examining how the procedures, environment, and community of practice motivate students to develop independent and interdependent writing identities. Writing and Writers’ Workshop are social and cultural processes that reflect and privilege cultural values (Woodard, R., & Kline, S., 2016). Writers’ Workshop is a process-oriented approach to writing that focuses on student choice, ample writing time, conferencing, sharing, and building a community of writers (Calkins, L. M., & Harwayne, S., 1991). Research supports that the process-orientation model increases self-efficacy, engagement, and other motivation constructs that correlate to academic achievement (Pajares, F., Johnson, M.J., & Usher, E.L., 2007). In addition to increasing writing performance, writing and writing identity change and develop through social interactions (Woodard, R., & Kline, S., 2016). Writers’ Workshop creates a community of practice in which students learn from each other through sharing, peer feedback, and vicarious learning. Writers’ Workshop fosters social interactions among students (Burns, T.J., 2001; Englert, C.S., 1992; Rowe, D.W., Fitch, J.M., & Bass, A.S., 2001; Vygotsky, 1978; and Woodward, R, & Kline, S., 2016); teachers can leverage those social interactions so students can independently and interdependently develop writing identities and proficiencies.

Ladson-Billings (2006) coined the term education debt in response to the focus on the achievement gap, also known as the opportunity gap. She urged researchers and educators to reframe the problem, shifting blame from the students and their families or communities onto the historical, political, sociocultural and moral barriers embedded in institutions that influence U.S. education. Despite this call to action over a decade ago, the problems persist. One large factor hindering positive changes toward more equitable education is the fact that it is difficult to change ideologies, but practices themselves resist change without first changing ideologies (Gorski, 2017). Two prevalent ideologies that prevent shrinking the opportunity gap are the myth of social mobility and meritocracy (Reeves, 2018). These deeply ingrained ideologies in the fabric of American identities are internalized by students and teachers with repercussions on their self-efficacies and engagement which can negatively impact their success with schools and academics (Pajares & Johnson, 1994). In fact, Olson (2015), suggests that we focus on the mental and emotional disengagement faced by millions of students and teachers, rather than test scores. Institutions that value conformity over creativity hamper student success and wound identities, so engagement with learning can increase by examining, embracing, and honoring our unique identities. This conceptual presentation will begin with a brief background on the education debt and current opportunity gap statistics, followed by examples of Olson’s 2015 seven school wounds, how educators can address them, and suggested questions researchers can apply to their research.

This paper explores the serious issue of bullying in school settings and reports on a descriptive case study of IM4U, a character education curriculum, in an early childhood education setting. IM4U addresses the social and emotional development of young children with a focus on anti-bullying that aims to help children learn through the development of a safe learning environment with the use of music, activities, and discussions. The case study includes an examination of teacher perceptions regarding the use of the program as an anti-bullying curriculum. Results from the data allowed the researcher to generalize that pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students had varying levels of development of core values and that teaching character education in early education has positive effects on students’ core value development. Findings also demonstrated that bullying, including physical, verbal, and emotional, is a problem in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. Teacher perceptions and impressions of the IM4U program indicated that they liked the overall idea and concept of a curriculum addressing bullying behaviors and felt that songs, activities, and discussions effectively influenced students’ thoughts and behaviors; however, teachers believed that this curriculum was more appropriate for older students and suggested making the curriculum more user friendly for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. This short-term study builds upon the research base in the social and emotional development in early education and recommends that more long-term and longitudinal studies of larger student populations be conducted to measure the effects of character education and anti-bullying programs on student outcomes including the earliest grades.
**Saturday Session IV**

**Challenging & Preserving: Culture, Inter/Multiculturalism & Language**

**Session Chair:** Yvonne Yihsing Liu-Constant

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**Language Images: A Discourse Analysis of Learners and Teachers’ Identity Transformations in International Schools**

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Encouraged by a college administration in efforts to internationalize curriculum, community college instructors in Sociology and ESOL collaborated on an interdiscipinary project: The Culture Exchange. in which Introductory sociology students welcomed ESOL classes of International students from throughout the world, to discuss topics related to sociology while practicing English acquisition. Each week students met new students and discussed social topics related to culture, social roles, family life and rituals, social groups, socialization, deviance, and class, gender, and racial inequality in societies. After four years (2012-2015) of evaluations were completed, a total sample of 110 sociology students who participated in the project completed twenty question surveys at term end. Findings included the following: Students gained greater global perspectives, cultural awareness, and personal growth through the experience, and could apply the learning to their career goals. Further, they ranked gender inequality as the greatest gain in understanding inequality in society as well as understanding sociology. Finally, when ranking this course requirement with other assignments: reading, quizzes, library reviews, lecture, ancestor mapping, students overwhelming chose the two international requirements: ancestor mapping, and culture classroom conversations, as their favorites. It is clear that the project was of value to both groups of students, to the commuter campus culture, to these students communities and families. Since community colleges have a wealth of international students taking English, this project helps support global education, students, the college community, and faculty collaboration at very little cost to the institution, while revitalizing faculty instruction and internationalizing curriculum.

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**Chinese Immigrant and European American Parents’ Emotional Expressions in Childrearing Activities: Cultural Norms of Emotions**

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Both European Americans and Chinese immigrants value emotional expressions that are true to inner feelings, and adhere to social norms dictating appropriate expressions for different situations. However, the two groups differ in how they coordinate the values of being faithful to inner feelings and to social norms. The European American culture values an individual’s genuine expressions of emotions over allowing social norms to unduly dictate one’s behavior. The Chinese culture values social norms over explicit, individualized expressions of inner feelings. This study hypothesized that Chinese immigrants may be less likely to express inner feelings in social situations that are heavily regulated by cultural norms, and more likely to express feelings in lightly regulated situations. European Americans may differ less in emotional expressions across social situations due to the greater emphasis on self-consistency. Parent interviews about their childrearing practices were conducted, and two childrearing activities, sleeping and privacy-related activities, were selected for analysis according to cultural norms. Findings indicated that the two ethnic groups had different patterns in how their emotional expressions changed according to situation, and the patterns fit their respective cultural norms. Contrary to prediction, while the self-consistent orientation of European Americans was supported in that they were more likely to voluntarily express feelings in both activities, the European American parents also changed their emotional expressions to fit social situations through variations in positive versus negative expressions. The discussion centered on the interactions among social situations, measures of emotional expressions, and cultural norms.
Teaching a foreign language through drama is an effective approach that learners can apply the target language to communicate as well as understand the use of language in real-world contexts. Making and performing a playlet is one of the valuable methods to integrate and utilize what students have learned from a language course. In addition to see the benefits of cooperative group work while creating a skit, the presenters examine how to involve individual's contributions and responsibilities similarly to teamwork in Korean language classes. This research provides a thoroughly designed project setting to facilitate learners' motivations and well-structured plays. First, each student watches Korean TV dramas and films over the semester and autonomously chooses a character having a distinct personality trait. Then, students in a small group write a collaborative script using the selected characters for an ensemble-cast drama. At the end of a semester, each group presents their playlets to the class. This study will share the detailed project setting and procedure and the findings in developing an ensemble casting by adopting Korean TV drama and film characters. Through it, the panel will discuss the advantages of the project and suggest further strategies for other foreign language educators.

This study explores the use of musics and songs as didactic and pedagogical tools for supporting students in learning foreign languages, particularly English for speakers of other languages (for Brazilian Portuguese speakers), focusing on English as Specific Purposes classrooms (workplace communicative approach) in higher education institutions under functional, sociocultural and cognitive linguistics perspectives. In designing a course tailored for learners of English in workforce, relevant elements of the target language and scenes of work environment for mastering the language in usage events within workforce are considered, reflected upon, and turned out into scenarios for communicative practices. Language(s)/linguistic and cultural background of the learners are strongly considered. The perspectives of language patterns in a multi-domain of practices are supplemented by pedagogical and didactic tools that use music and songs. This study aims at modestly contributing for the discussion on strategies for improving the teaching and learning English for Specific Purposes and to the betterment of teaching-learning of terminologies and vivid scenario for practicing pronunciation and vocabulary while exploring the potential value of using musics and songs as part of a method of language practice in the classroom for Brazilian Portuguese speakers. The aim is to develop linguistic and communicative competencies that contribute for a classroom that can effectively support the development of students' skill for communicating in workplaces akin with functional competency. Issues of terminologies, semantic fields, language and the lexicon, and usage-based contexts are also taken into consideration.

Student-athletes usually prioritize athletic success rather than academic achievement so that they unavoidably face the confusion between the role of a student and of an athlete. This study aims to address a flipped communicative learning and teaching model in order to motivate student-athletes to take more accountabilities on their learning, especially English which is one of the subjects required by student-athletes' minimum academic achievement policy in Korea as well as they've been displaying strong demand of. Nineteen Korean male student-athletes took an ESP course for one semester in which three steps proceeded; watching ECS (Emotionally Competent Stimulus)-based YouTube videos before class, doing in-class activities and wrapping up with OMPs (One-Minute Paper) during class. This study will share the detailed project setting and procedure and the findings in developing an ensemble casting by adopting Korean TV drama and film characters. Through it, the panel will discuss the advantages of the project and suggest further strategies for other foreign language educators.

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The concept of urban animals has thus far been directed by spatial and temporal changes. Humans and wild animals have been trespassing into each other's spaces as populations grow and habitats destroyed, respectively. As cities are evolving, cohabitation between humans and animals often occurs below the radar. The narrative that animals have either been introduced into cities overtime and fluctuate in abundance is being challenged. Some urban animals are in fact the original inhabitants of these cities, and have simply lived on in their independent habitats and managed to stay unnoticed. Other animals, albeit being originally found in these areas, have been forced to adapt to the changes in their surroundings as a result of urbanization. Containment as a means of spatially separating humans and wild animals has been the practice for years. However, an urban wild environment comprising of opportunity and risk is replacing the concept of a static nature in a city. Current ideas of cohabitation require humans, animals and the environment to be considered simultaneously, and challenge the current human-centric views and attitudes. Therefore, the power shifts of city spaces have been reflected in several urban intervention projects. By reclaiming the city, designs for non-humans move from a space of rigidity to one of flexibility and accommodation. Proving that animal adaptation to urban environments does not need to be viewed as a fight for survival, or "just holding on", but as a "story of co-existence".

More than 92% of Taiwan energy sources are imported, including coal, oil, natural gas, etc. The self-supported energy sources are quite limited. Nevertheless, the electric power price in Taiwan is rather cheap when comparing to other energy imported countries, such as Japan. That results the question of overuse of electric power much more than what is real needed in Taiwan, especially in residential sector. In this paper, we focused on the demand side to explore the electricity consumption and factors affected in the county level. Factors include residence habits, local climate, household economic status, building characteristics, and demographic factors, etc. The empirical data are selected form the panel type data source in month from 2012 to 2016. The data were collected from government departments' open data. Also, applying individual effects is regarded as the habits difference effect in each county. This paper estimated through the Pooled Mean Group (PMG) Model. PMG provided what use-characteristic types for each county in short-term so that this paper could advise how to modify the local government policies based on bottom-up aspect. With the model constructed, we are able to evaluate some energy policies that may affect the residential power use.

Urban expansion leads to a large scale of terrestrial habitat loss in Hong Kong. Urban greening plays a crucial role in ecologically restoring the degraded landscapes by promoting biodiversity and ecosystem services. Slope greening occupies to a considerable proportion of greening works in Hong Kong due to the presence of hilly topography and highly urbanized landscapes and its performance draws our attention. A common greening strategy such as planting of herbaceous groundcovers is usually carried out on soil slopes while its effectiveness is seldom reviewed. Besides the capabilities of forming a dense green cover, the roles of planted groundcovers in proliferating plant diversity are also important in promoting a sustainable green cover. Moreover, unlike other urban landscapes, the slope features such as angle and orientation influence substantially the vegetative growth of soil slopes. Our study focuses on evaluating the greening performance of soil slopes in Hong Kong by investigating the current vegetation abundance and structure. Any special findings regarding to the distinct groundcovers dominating soil slopes will be disseminated. The relationships between vegetation and slope performance, which govern a healthy plant community on soil slopes, will also be discussed. Furthermore, a comprehensive analysis regarding to the influences of soil properties on slope greening will be shown. All these provide useful information in reviewing the current greening strategy in promoting our environmentally sustainable city. Constructive suggestions based on our precise findings will be made to improve the greening works and any practical measures can be recommended to other cities.
In a country that is characterized by a long standing problem of poverty, it is the aspiration of its people to see their country develop. This is the case of the Philippines. While most of its Asian neighbors do well in their drive for development, the Philippines remained underdeveloped and majority of the Filipino people are poor and vulnerable. The Philippines is an archipelago endowed with rich natural resources including fertile lands and mineral resources. The country's total area is 300,000 square kilometers, composed of 298,000 square kilometers of land and 1,830 square kilometers of water bodies. Majority of the Philippine population depend on land for sustenance, especially the Filipino farmers. But because of the continuing land grabbing and landlessness, they suffer in dire poverty. Land grabbing and landlessness is among the biggest problems in the Philippines that makes the majority of the population vulnerable. The paper will present the effects of land grabbing and landlessness to the lives of the Filipino people, especially the farmers who are among the vulnerable sectors in the country. It will propose the importance of genuine land reform as a tool for social justice, genuine development, and just and lasting peace.

This study examines the economic consequences of sustainability strategy, which are reflected as firm value, investors' evaluation, and social perspectives. The cost structure on corporate finance will be discussed. We employ Heckman-two stage process to control for the endogenous bias. Using Taiwan firms that earned 'Corporate Social Responsibility' awards from Taiwan Institute for Sustainable Energy during the period of 2005-2016, we find significant association between sustainability activities and of firm value. Specifically, when firms have high quality of corporate governance, sustainability strategy activities are positively associated with firm performance. Our empirical results suggest that sustainability strategy has a significant effect on the association between firm performance and investors' evaluation.

My paper analyzes the populist rupture in what is generally understood as ‘normal politics’ and the implications of this rupture for ecological theory and environmental policy. I draw on John Judis’ book The Populist Explosion: How the Great Recession Transformed American and European Politics and other works to define populism generally as well as the difference between left-wing and right-wing forms of populism. Using Judis’ analysis as a starting point my paper traces the right-wing populist approach to environmentalism that assumed prominence in the Reagan administration to the view of environmentalism that prevails in the Trump administration. I then draw on Andrew Szasz's book Ecopolitism: Toxic Waste and the Movement for Environmental Justice and other works to explore ways to transform ecological theory, strategy and messaging to enact environmental policies that enjoy broader and more active public support and are, therefore, more resilient in the face of right-wing populist attacks. Classical republican themes of independence and self-reliance found in populism alongside themes of interdependence and cooperation to achieve collective ends are a focal point of this paper. Drawing on Herbert Reid and Betsy Taylor's Recovering the Commons: Democracy, Place, and Global Justice, ecopolitism is defined as a discourse that not only divides the political landscape between elites and ordinary people with regard to disparities in wealth and power, but that also provides a vision of community that has the potential to unite and empower ordinary people in the common purpose of caring for each other, the earth, and future generations.
Empowering Pacific Islander communities requires that the community itself has ownership of the tools and opportunities to develop and implement culturally-tailored wellness programs. The work of the National Center for Pacific Island Wellness to foster Pacific Islander communities of wellness has received overwhelming support from Pacific Islander leaders and community stakeholders. This presentation discusses new educational approaches that build health coalitions among Pacific Islander faith-based organizations, local health departments, and local agencies to address health disparities and prevent the spread of chronic disease by encouraging the empowerment of local residents. The presentation discusses educational strategies aimed at improving nutritional habits through the development of local programs that enhance food procurement, focus attention on nutritional standards and implement local training groups to reinforce behaviors. Similarly, the presentation discusses ongoing efforts to improve physical activity in specific neighborhoods by educating communities about the presence or need for walking routes, parks and recreation centers, and how to work with local governmental units to achieve these goals. Finally, the presentation will discuss training programs that encourage the identification, promotion and increased use of appropriate and locally available health and community programs. The lack of culturally competent educational programs for Pacific Islander adults is particularly problematic in many parts of the United States, including California, Hawaii and the northwest. This presentation outlines an innovative education strategy that is currently being tailored to the needs of Pacific communities through a process of community meetings, focus group interactions and the engagement of Pacific leaders and elders.

Due to sharp increases in the size of the elderly worldwide, most nations are seeking educational strategies that will help address the needs of caring for this growing population. From a pedagogical standpoint, instructing care providers, practitioners and social service professionals in the unique needs of elderly clients typically require specialized training beyond that provided in these fields for the general population. The elderly often have different healthcare needs from the general population, and their social service needs are often more complex as well. For example, service provision frequently needs to allow for barriers such as frailty or disabling conditions that limit the ability of the client to accomplish specific goals without additional assistance. The science of geriatric medicine and geriatric social service provision are slowly emerging as recognize fields within training programs that emphasize the provision of care and the improvement of the quality of life for their clients. These programs, while valuable, remain rare within the developing world and are almost nonexistent elsewhere. This presentation will review successful programs that address the needs of the elderly from a specific pedagogical focus and discuss ways of implementing these kinds of programs within a diverse, culturally competent and multinational perspective. There is a critical need for the rapid growth of educational programs that train students in the provision of geriatric services worldwide. To meet this need the development of educational programs that focus on the specific and often unique needs of the elderly population is a critical first step.
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Assessing Barriers to the Diffusion of Net-Zero Homes: Consumer Response to the Solarhouse Demonstration Project
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Buildings are responsible for a significant proportion of the total energy and carbon emissions worldwide and as such the building sector can be integral to the implementation of sustainable development strategies. One of those strategies is encouraging the construction of net-zero energy buildings and residential houses. Data was gathered from attendees of the 2017 Expo for Design, Innovation, and Technology in Toronto, Canada who visited a demonstration net-zero energy home at the Expo, and subjected to multivariate correlation and regression in order to provide some insight on the relative influence of certain barriers to the adoption of the net-zero housing technology. Our results suggest that cost, knowledge, and social compatibility barriers that might limit the diffusion of this housing innovation can be overcome if consumers are provided the opportunity to experience the construction and design quality of a net-zero house. However, addressing knowledge barriers remains important in reducing sensitivities to the extra investment cost of a net-zero house when compared with conventional housing. The findings of this study present implications for the housing industry in developing sustainable housing.

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Basic Research and Ethical Inquiry for EFL Students: Implementation and Reflection
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Ethical inquiry and reasoning are essential types of critical thinking. Developing and understanding research skills are necessary components of a university education. This presentation will detail the rationale, design, implementation, and instructor reflection of an integrated research skills, ethical inquiry, and essay writing unit in an undergraduate, low to low-intermediate proficiency, English as a Foreign Language (EFL) university course in Japan. The rationale will be discussed in terms of why ethics and research skills should be introduced, even with lower proficiency students, and why ethics and research skills may be an effective language learning combination for EFL students. The design will be discussed in terms of unit planning and intended outcomes, as well as how to structure the introduction of ethics in an appropriate fashion that does not tell students what to think, but rather allows space for students to use their own powers of reasoning. The implementation will be discussed in terms of classroom and pedagogical choices that make the unit accessible and meaningful for students. The instructor reflection will be discussed in terms of perceived outcomes, feedback, challenges, and ideas for future units. Overall, the presentation will describe a flexible student research unit that provides opportunities for meaningful target language use and can be modified for a wide variety of teaching and learning contexts.

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Endangered Cultures: The Tacit Wisdom of the Past
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Bangladesh has a wealth of indigenous communities and ethnic groups scattered across its geographical territory. More than twenty seven different peoples and cultures have been identified each with its rich and diverse cultural practices. Having been marginalized both in terms of authority and connectivity, these people are in most cases deprived from the mainstream infrastructural and technological advancements. However this remoteness from conventional development has also given them the opportunity to sustain and reinforce their irrevocable interrelationship with their surroundings. One such example is the â€œTripuriâ€ people that inhabit the fringes of Rema-Kalenga Wildlife Sanctuary, a protected forest and wildlife sanctuary in Bangladesh. The “Tripuri” people, who have been living here for many generations, are interdependent on the forest ecology for their subsistence in countless ways. The Sanctuary thrives on a wide range of bio-diversity and is home to many rare and endangered species of plants, birds and animals. Due to lack of proper governance and inconsiderate development activities the future of the forest and its inhabitants is under constant threat. Much like the forest the people there, too, have a culture that is constantly intimidated by the ostentatious temptations of progress. The ancient wisdom and ways of the Tripuri people is a valuable storehouse of information and insight into the bio-network of the forest and its ecological context. Losing their ways and customs could cause irreversible loss of the collective and accumulated experience that these people have acquired over time.

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The Self-Management System Standard for a Prosper Lifestyle: An Educational Module for Dependencies Interface Management: From the Teachings of Islam
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Born orphan. Right after birth, his mother passed away. Nurtured by another mother of the same tongue (Arabic), and living at the countryside (a Bedouin), the prophet Mohammad PBUH (Peace Be upon Him), was consequently taken care of by his grandfather and uncle. Mohammad PBUH gifted with the Quran for Humanity, and the messenger of Islam, said: 'Ever new born is born with instinct (a close translation to ‘Fitra’ in Arabic). The parents either raise him to be a Jew, a Christian, or a Buddhist'. This paper purpose focuses on the identification of instinct and its relevance to the belief system the prophet of this proverb came up with; Islam. The Quran, a name of a belief system derived from the Arabic term ‘Salam’ – peace in English – and means ascending to ‘Allah’. In this paper, Islam resembles ‘the methodology’ for maintenance of the state of instinct. Quran is the curriculum, and the set of teachings is the pedagogy. This early childhood experience evolving in a prophet, whose duty was to deliver a module for building prosper communities, is the drive of this study. This paper is displaying in a dedicated research those standardized practices for nowadays' prosper lifestyle, especially, while noticeable is the result of incongruities by today's followers of this naturally conceived comprehensive belief system comprising a transparent curriculum and methodology. Research methodology of this paper is the researcher's property and complies with the top international best practices of relevance.
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44467
Social and Academic Impacts of Studying Abroad
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Study-abroad experiences are often researched in terms of cultural competency and linguistic development, which is limiting because it ignores a broad range of experiences related to the study-abroad experience. In contrast, this study used a transcendental phenomenological approach to examine the subjects’ general academic and social development experiences in the context of involvement in study abroad. The primary source of data was semi-open interviews with individuals that were publicly recruited. The participants had studied abroad and ranged in age from 19 to 43. Data analysis revealed the themes of changes in relationships, support networks, outsider, and liberation. These themes suggested that broader preparation programs and improvements in student support might be advantageous or necessary. This information can lead to improvements in the understanding of both the social and academic issues that students can expect to encounter when they study abroad. This information could also improve programs designed to prepare students for studying abroad.

44505
The Culture of Writing and the Writing of Culture: Organizational Connections and Pedagogical Implications of ESL Writing in Multilingual Setting
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One pressing concern among ESL writers is the confusing differences that exist between the conventions of writing in their first and target languages. Previous studies show that rhetorical organization of ideas in writing is assumed to be an activity embedded in culture (Kaplan, 1966; Kachru, 1997). In second language learning, writing basically involves overcoming the differences between the linguistic systems of the first and the target languages (Brown, 2000). However, whether writing is done in first or target languages, one is expected to follow a basic structure of introduction, body and conclusion. In this study, samples of argumentative essays of thirty Filipino college ESL students from three distinct linguistic backgrounds (Cebuano, Chavacano and Tausug) were analyzed to explain the complex nature of ESL writing in a multilingual setting. Anchored on Rhetorical Structure Theory, the writing samples were described based on their organizational structures and features. The nature of word order, sentence construction and the specific components of students’ essays were quantitatively and qualitatively analyzed based on ESL writing models. Results suggest that while the overall organizational features of the students’ essays did not differ significantly, an interesting observation can be made on the word order and sentence structure of students’ essays based on respective linguistic backgrounds. This further indicates that a writing pattern seems to be unconsciously integrated in students’ writing. As such, implications for the teaching of ESL writing using Anglo-American models and students’ community funds of knowledge (Moll, 1992) within independent physical and virtual spaces were discussed.

44600
Language Learning Strategies of Grade VIII Students in Tabuk City National High School, Tabuk City, Kalinga
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Teacher’s knowledge about his students is crucial in his effort of making learning meaningful. Moreover, knowing how students learn the English language could help English teachers plan activities suited them. This study generally determined the English language learning strategies of the grade VIII students in Tabuk City National High School, 2015-2016. It specifically found out the extent of dominant manifestation of the language learning strategies of the respondents along Memory, Cognitive, Compensation, Metacognition, Affective, and Social and its significant difference when respondents are grouped according to gender and the school program they belong. The descriptive survey method was used with the Strategy Inventory for Language Learning (SILL) (50-item version 7.0 ESL/EFL) of R. L. Oxford as the instrument. t-test and Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) were used to determine if there were significant differences in the extent of dominant manifestation of language learning strategies of the respondents when grouped according to the moderator variables. Results showed that male grade VIII students moderately manifested the language learning strategies along the six categories. Both male and female grade VIII students perceived that the language learning strategies were somewhat true to them. Regardless of school program, the students employed language learning strategies at about the same frequency which bid them in developing the macro skills in communication arts. Recommendations included that language teachers should integrate language learning strategy trainings in their lessons to make students aware of the benefits of using these in learning the English language.

44942
Power-Dependence in Domestic Politics and Interdependence, Balance of Power and Soft Law in Diplomacy, Comparison of Bureaucracy in the History
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This paper investigates Power-Dependence in Domestic Politics and Interdependence, Balance of Power and Soft Law in Diplomacy, Comparison of Bureaucracy in the History between the US, UK, EU and Japan. This paper consists of four parts. First, this paper investigates the similarity and common factors of Power-dependence in Domestic Politics and Interdependence in Diplomacy. I consider the power-dependence theory in intergovernmental relations by Rhodes and the interdependence theory in international relations by Nye and Keohane have similarity and common factors. Second, this paper investigates the Bureaucracy of Power-Dependence. In Japan, the Bureaucracy and Government coordinate the politicians, interest groups and local government. On the other hand, Bureaucracy and Government have conflicted to take initiative of politics. This paper investigates the cooperation and conflict between bureaucrats and government in Liberal Democratic Party and Democratic Party in Japan. Third, this paper investigates the Soft Law and Balance of Power in U.S., U.K., EU and Japan focusing on the Bureaucracy and Government of Power-Dependence, and Interdependence in Diplomacy. The diplomacy of United States, United Kingdom and European Union is influenced by the Balance of Power and Collective Security. This paper investigates how the balance of power influences the diplomacy. Finally, in Japan, Bureaucracy and Official Residence have cooperated and fought to take initiative and leadership. This paper investigates the history of Bureaucracy between the US, UK, EU and Japan.
44994

Research as Assessment for Learning vs Assessment of Learning at Higher Education
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At higher education, students are terminally assessed through a research output that demonstrates their originality, creativity, innovativeness, and contribution to knowledge and problem solving in society. However, the assessment process, unlike the traditional pencil-and-paper and other performance assessments which are thoroughly proctored by the examiner, is one that is loosely structured. Depending on whether the student engrosses in undertaking research as an assessment by mastery orientation or performance orientation or both will determine whether the research process serves as an assessment for learning rather than assessment of learning. In this article it is argued using a critical review of literature that higher education students who use mastery orientation to research will pursue a deep learning of both the theoretical and practical demands of their research, in which case what is learned is enduring. Hence research as a terminal assessment will serve as an assessment for learning. On the other hand, students engaged in research through performance orientation are likely to engage in surface learning of taking ethical shortcuts in the pursuit and just wanting the work done, presented, and passed. In this case, what is learned from the research process is not enduring, and hence the process serves as assessment of learning for a short while. It is recommended among others that institutional policies and faculty practices on research conduct should engender deep learning through mastery orientation as opposed to surface learning through performance orientation so as to foster research as an assessment for learning rather than assessment of learning.

45008

Survival vs Traditions: How Georgia Fights Against Economical Crisis – the Economical Issues of the 21st Century Family
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Georgia is identified for its national historical culture where gender balance was always playing a significant role in formation of the entire society. This paper presents findings how Georgian nation makes choices in the way and process of survival of its soul within our global community through immigration and how a female part undertook the responsibility for fixing the family's economical crisis, switching the family supporting role of male to female. We compare and analyze the recent statistics collected on Georgian immigrants around the globe. The results exhibit that a female immigrant is better fighter, and suitable for a new environmental atmosphere than a male one. Gender balance was always recognized as a key in building the Georgian society. Both academic and practical observations proved that female workers have been increasing over the past few decades. Recent research shows that immigrants focus on the positive side of corporate social issues management, explaining why and how a family put responsibilities on female activities and how such engagement influences on Georgian culture. In this study, we focus on Georgian economical reality and explore the ways how family chooses the further responsibilities based on gender in the economical fight. We discuss the implications of our findings and the contributions of this study to the research based on our case study, which illustrates the challenges of our research on the Georgian community in the United States.

45107

A Study of Early Childhood Teachers’ STEM Pedagogical Strategies: Select, Adapt, Contextualize, and Integrate
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Research indicates that early exposure and experience with STEM has positive impacts across the entire spectrum of learning (McClure et. al., 2017). Research in child development shows that rich learning experiences during sensitive periods have a lasting positive impact on young children's future academic success. For instance, early math knowledge not only predict later success, it also predicts later reading achievement (National Research Council, 2012). Early experiences with science develop children's 'social meanings about science as a distinct academic domain that comprises its own disciplinary content, language, and processes' (Matzicopoulos, Samarapungavan & Patrick, 2009, p. 312). Despite these powerful findings, elementary schools and early childhood programs often lack knowledge, resources, time, and capacity to focus on early STEM learning in developmentally appropriate ways (Office of Innovation & Improvement, 2017, McClure et. al., 2017). The purpose of study was to examine early childhood teachers' pedagogical practices related to integrating STEM in the classroom. Early childhood in this study is defined as zero to eight years. The research was guided by the following questions: How do early childhood education (ECE) teachers integrate STEM in the classrooms? How do ECE teachers select, adapt, and contextualize STEM activities and resources? What are the current barriers to STEM integration in the classroom? An explanatory mixed method design was used, whereby quantitative data were collected and analyzed in phase one, followed by a second phase of qualitative data collection and analysis (Creswell, 2013).

45141

Promoting Reflective Learning to Develop Learner Autonomy
Jehan Cruz, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies, Japan

The development of reflective abilities to enhance learners' awareness of the learning process has been linked to autonomy (Little, 1991; Holec, 1981). This presentation shall discuss a pilot study of how reflective learning has been incorporated as part of classroom practice to assist beginning Japanese university students make the transition from teacher dependence to more self-directed learning. The study is being conducted in response to the need to provide opportunities for learners to develop a level of reflection, as most language teaching situations do not create enough opportunities for this. This research is fundamentally based on the belief that learning is effective when people become personally engaged in the learning process and engagement takes place when there is a need to learn (Boyd & Fales, 1983). A range of classroom activities and assessments have been selected and created to help students “reflect-in-action” and “reflect-on-action” (Schon, 1983) to engage and promote the language learning process. Learners are given guided questions to help them reflect on what work they have done which they log in their journals. The study so far has shown students become more aware of their learning behaviour and develop more specific learning goals, however, the challenges for the practicing teacher is how to help students reflect more critically on themselves and how to provide individualised support to students. Finally, the study also has shown challenges on how to regulate autonomy in line with the Japanese educational context.
Since 2009, IAFOR has welcomed university presidents, faculty deans, journalists, national politicians, government ministers, diplomats, charity leaders, think tank directors, company presidents, documentary photographers, movie directors, members of the armed forces, actors, lawyers, doctors, jurists, artists, poets, writers, clergy, scientists, philosophers...

Here are some highlights from the past twelve months, from our events in six cities, in five countries, and over three continents.
"Urban Heritage and the Modern City" was the theme of The IAFOR Conference on Heritage & the City, held in partnership with Hofstra University, New York. Academics from more than 25 countries attended the conference to "help build the concept of 'urban heritage' as the foundation for developing pioneering methodologies for the study of cities".

Above from left to right: Academic, actress and theatre director, Professor Jean Dobie Giebel (Hofstra University) welcomes delegates; Professor Mark Lukasiewicz, Dean of the School of Communication at Hofstra University, delivers a Keynote Presentation on "Alternative Facts"; Professor Gregory Pell (Hofstra University), an expert on artistic correspondence between cinema and film, speaks as part of the Featured Panel on "Urban Heritage and the Modern City". Panelists responded to the proposition that the "diversity and otherness of the new city-space requires us to study the city as a sort of cultural heritage collage," and "urges us to consider new methodological paradigms".

Below, clockwise from top left: On the same Featured Panel were Dr Rodney Hill of Hofstra University, a prominent film scholar and archivist who considered the role of visual and filmic versions of New York, and Professor Alfonso J. García Osuna, who looked at literary interpretations of the city. IAFOR Vice-President, Professor Ted O’Neill of Gakushuin University, Japan, with IAFOR Scholarship winners, Ioannis Vardapolous of Harakopio University (Greece), and H. Kubra Gur Duzgun of Mimar Sina Fine Arts University (Turkey). Dr Ljiljana Markovic, Dean of the Faculty of Philology at the University of Belgrade, Serbia, spoke of cities as places of both conflict and compromise, as well as cooperation and reconstruction. Professor Markovic has been interested in the role of the university at the very heart of civil life in Serbia, where she also serves as a city councilor.
Top left: Professor Leonard K Cheng, President of Lingnan University, Hong Kong, welcomes delegates to the IAFOR Conference on Higher Education Research (CHER-HongKong2018), before delivering his keynote presentation, "Innovation and Entrepreneurship at a Liberal Arts University? The Experience of Lingnan University". The Conference was held in association with the Asia Pacific Higher Education Research Partnership (APHERP).

Top right: Professor Anthony Welch, of the University of Sydney, Australia, delivers a Keynote Presentation, "Innovation, Entrepreneurship and the Shift to the East", to a packed room in Lingnan University, in which he detailed the massive increase in research and development budgets and output from China.

Below, clockwise from top left: Dr Xu Di from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, USA, gives her Featured Presentation titled "Value, Innovation, Entrepreneurship: An Ethical Perspective for Global Education, Research & Development". Professor Deane Neubauer from the East-West Center, USA, and co-director of APHERP, gives a Featured Presentation on "Recalculating Higher Education in the Asia Pacific Region within the Emerging Fourth Industrial Revolution". Professor Catherine Montgomery, University of Bath, UK answers questions following her Featured Presentation on the impact of innovation and entrepreneurship on education. Professor Yuto Kitamura, The University of Tokyo, Japan, gives a Featured Presentation on "The Impact of Internationalization of Higher Education in Asia on Cooperation Among Diverse Stakeholders: International Cooperation to Promote Entrepreneurship and Innovation".
Top: APHERP celebrates the moving of its secretariat from the East West Center (Hawai‘i, USA) to Lingnan University (Hong Kong) with the unveiling of a ceremonial plaque at CHER–HongKong. The International Academic Forum (IAFOR) was excited to partner with APHERP for this event. After this successful conference, IAFOR is looking forward to future opportunities to work with APHERP.

Below: Professor Ka Ho Joshua Mok, Vice-President of Lingnan University (left), and Dr Joseph Haldane, Chairman and CEO of IAFOR (right) deliver closing addresses following the plenary sessions. The two both expressed that the conference had been a great success, and that they enjoyed seeing so many scholars from around the world coming together in international, interdisciplinary academic pursuits.

Bottom left: A trio of musicians from Lingnan University entertain delegates at the welcome reception. Many delegates noted they enjoyed the opportunity to network at the Welcome Reception, and that the music helped to create a relaxing, informal atmosphere. Bottom right: Detail from the CHER–HongKong Programme.
Dr Zachary Walker, of University College London’s Institute of Education, delivers the opening keynote to the 10th Asian Conference on Education (ACE2018), held in Tokyo, and attended by more than 550 people. Dr Walker’s insightful Keynote Presentation, titled “The Things that Do Not Change”, explained the importance of flexibility in responding to learner needs, but also the need to implement best practices as demonstrated by research in the field. Dr Andy Curtis, from Anaheim University (USA), and 50th President of TESOL International, gives a humorous and moving account of his journey as an educator and scholar, in a Keynote Presentation titled “Moving Forward by Going Back: Not Changing but Innovating”, drawing on both personal experience and on a wide variety of intellectual inspirations, including the current relevancy of Thomas Dewey’s work from more than hundred years ago.

Professor Keith W. Miller, University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL), USA, delivers a Keynote Presentation titled “Sophisticated Machines and Innovative Education: Who (or What) Will Thrive?” in which he spoke of the role of AI, robots and their relationship with students and teachers in an interactive, and thought provoking speech. Dr Liying Cheng, from Queen’s University, Canada, gives a wide ranging Keynote Presentation on “High-Quality Classroom Assessment in Times of Change: From Purposes and Uses to Tasks and Environments”, which looked at new and innovative methods of assessment. Professor Ted O’Neill of Gakushuin University (Japan) is flanked by founding IAFOR Journal of Education editor, Dr Bernard Montoneri of National Chengchi University (Taiwan), and current editor, Dr Yvonne Masters from the University of New England (Australia). Professor O’Neill moderated a lively Featured Panel on “Thriving in Publication: Ethical Guiding Principles for Academic Publication”.

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Top left: Professor Kay Irie, from Gakushuin University, Japan, speaks about delivering change in conservative institutions as part of the Featured Panel Presentation on "Leadership and Innovation", chaired by IAFOR Chairman, Dr Joseph Haldane (not pictured). Top right: Professor Ljiljana Markovic, Dean of the Faculty of Philology at the University of Belgrade, Serbia, who spoke of the challenges facing a developing country, responds to a question during the same panel.

Bottom, clockwise from top left: Dr Kristin Palmer, Director of Online Learning Programs at the University of Virginia, USA, in the Featured Panel Presentation titled "Leadership and Innovation", delivers a perspective from a major US public research institution. Dr Peter McCagg, Vice-President of Akita International University, Japan, a small but highly ranked college located in rural Japan, talks of disconnect between the university’s more global facing aims and its relationship with the local community. Professor Ljiljana Markovic is interviewed by prominent Serbian TV anchor, Svetlana Gurbor of Pinkova TV. Distinguished Professor Tien-Hui Chiang, of Zhengzhou University, China, delivers a thought provoking and controversial Keynote Presentation titled “Teacher Competences Function as the Discourse of International Competitiveness within the Institutionalized Milieu in the Epoch of Globalization”.

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Top left: Professor Kaori Hayashi, a noted expert in the field of Japanese Media and Politics at The University of Tokyo, Japan, gives the opening Keynote Presentation on “Indifferent Publics – The Challenge of Japanese Media Today” at the ninth Asian Conference on Media, Communication & Film (MediAsia2018). Top right: Prominent Asian documentary filmmaker, Keiko Bang, gives a highly engaging multimedia Keynote Presentation on “Fearful Futures: Are we Awoke?”. Bang has produced more than 50 award-winning documentary films, worked and for and with governments and non-profit agencies, undertaken projects to support refugees, and worked at some of the largest broadcast companies in the world, and she drew on this breadth of experience to deliver a truly memorable presentation.

Bottom, clockwise from top left: Professor Georg Adlmaier-Herbst, of the Berlin University of the Arts, Germany, delivers a Keynote Presentation titled “When All the Research Says Otherwise but Fear Remains: On the Role of Facts in Dealing with Future Fears”, which looked at the intersections of psychology, behavior and media. Professor Yutaka Kubo from Waseda University, Japan, takes part in a Featured Panel Presentation on the state of film studies in Japan. The panel was moderated by Timothy W. Pollock, from Osaka Kyoku University & Hagoromo University of International Studies, Japan, who also served on the Organising Committee for MediAsia2018, helped to make the conference so successful. Professor Chie Niita, also from Waseda University, was another panel participant. Professor Kubo and Professor Niita provided deep insights built on their many years of respective experience, and thoroughly engaged the audience in discussion.
The IAFOR Global Innovation & Value Summit (GIVS2018) was held in Tokyo, and brought together some of the biggest names in government and business in Japan. Organised in association with JWT and The Wall Street Journal, the conference considered and contextualised questions of innovation and value with a focus on innovation ecosystems in the global, regional and local ecosystem of Japan.

Top left: Telecommunications pioneer, Dr Sachio Semmoto, Chairman of RENOVA, Inc. and founder of DDI (later KDDI), delivers the opening Keynote Presentation at GIVS2018, recalling his experience of innovation in Japan in the privatisation of the telecom industry. Top right: Oki Matsumoto, Managing Director & Chairman of the Monex Group gives his views on how government can help encourage innovation by keeping its distance.

Clockwise from bottom left: Motoko Imada, President and Founder of media group, Infobahn, Inc., talks of the challenges and opportunities of being a woman in business in Japan; Dan Sloan, Founder of the Nissan Global Media Center moderates the morning Keynote Panel; Student volunteers from Gakushuin University help welcome delegates to GIVS2018.
If the phrase “innovate or die” is true, then these “shinisei” businesses must be considered to be the most innovative in the world. This “Innovation in Japan’s Heritage Industries” plenary session at GIVS2018 explored how innovation happens within heritage companies and what can be gleaned from these practices and applied to organisations that aspire to be similarly sustainable over the long term.

Top left: Masao Hosoo, President (11th Generation), Hosoo Corporation, talks about how his textile company uses both tradition and cutting edge technology in its products. Top right: Reverend Taka'fumi Kawakami, Zen Priest & Vice Abbot, Shunkoin Temple, Kyoto, has lectured around the world, including at MIT, on mindfulness and the continued relevance and role of religion in changing times.

Below left: Shuji Nakagawa, President & Craftsman, Nakagawa Mokkougei, which makes wooden objects, speaks about using innovation to introduce a new generation to traditional implements by reimagining them.

Bottom left: Hiroko Koide, External Board Director of Mitsubishi Electric Company, and Board Director for Business Strategy and Marketing at Vicela Japan Co, chairs the panel discussion. Bottom right: Rumiko Obata, Executive Vice President, Obata Sake Brewery, speaks of the innovative production and promotion practices she has employed to keep tradition and the rural brewery flourishing.
Japanese firms have been regularly regarded as inwardly focused, and averse to overseas business and competition, but this is not accurate, as there are many notable exceptions, including that of Mr Yuzaburo Mogi, Honorary Chief Executive Officer & Chairman of the Board, Kikkoman Corp. One of the true business giants of the past century, Mr Mogi was responsible for introducing soy sauce to the US market postwar, and to the building of the company into the food manufacturing giant it is today. Here he recounts his experiences of opening a new market to a traditional product, and how he helped create that market.

The second plenary panel at GIVS2018, on “The Multinational View on Innovation (Inbound/Outbound)”, explored how Japan’s leading companies define, measure, manage and inspire innovation both domestically and overseas with representatives from several leading Japanese companies. Panelists included Jin Song Montesano, Chief Public Affairs Officer, LIXIL Corporation (pictured above), and clockwise from left below, Masafumi Ishibashi, Chief Marketing Officer, Nestle Japan; Mandali Khalesi, Toyota Global Head of Automated Driving Mobility and Innovation; Ludovico Ciferri, President, Advanet. The panel was chaired by Ross Rowbury, President of Edelman Japan.
Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has pinned the future of Japan’s economy on innovation, and while heritage and existing businesses must play an important role in this embrace of growth and change, everyone is looking to Japan’s start-up sector as the key driver of Japan’s future growth. In the “Entrepreneurial Innovation in Japan” session at GIVS2018, panelists explored the unique elements of Japan’s start-up culture, and how this is driving or dampening the country’s future innovativeness.

Above: Kei Shimada, Director of Innovation, at IBM Innovation and Incubation Labs (left) and Tamaki Sano, General Manager of the Business Creation Department at Kirin Company, Ltd. (right) talk about creating and encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship within large corporations.

Below left: David Milstein, Partner, Head of Japan, Eight Roads Ventures, and prominent venture capitalist speaks positively of the investment environment of Japan. Below right and bottom: Marco Koeder, Digital Business Director at J. Walter Thompson, Japan chairs the panel, where David M. Uze, Co-Founder & CEO, Trillium Secure, Inc., strongly disagrees with the positive views of Japan’s start-up environment, comparing it unfavourably with Silicon Valley.
Driving innovation and value creation across all earlier panels at GIVS2018 are the laws, regulations and overall policies set in place by the central and regional governments. Simultaneously, Japan’s educational foundation is built on creating the proper environment and launching pad for innovative research and new entrepreneurs and innovators who will drive the future of innovation growth. This session explored how the Japanese government, as well as educational institutions, are working to foster both the spirit and environment to foster and develop future innovations.

Top left: Yoshimasa Hayashi, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (2017-2018), & Member of the House of Councillors, Japan, talks as part of the panel, and outlined how the Ministry is preparing for “Society 5.0”, where Artificial Intelligence both destroys and creates opportunities and employment. Top right: Yoko Ishikura, Professor Emeritus, Hitotsubashi University, Japan, and Member of the Global Future Council at the World Economic Forum speaks on the need for immediate action to encourage innovation in Japan.

Clockwise from left below: Kosuke Motani, Chief Senior Economist of the Japan Research Institute, talks about regional regeneration in Japan in depopulated areas; Eikei Suzuki, Governor of Mie Prefecture, Japan, responds with success stories from Mie; David Hajime Kornhauser, Director of Global Communications, Kyoto University, Japan, moderates the session; Yoshiaki Ishii, Director of the Science, Technology and Innovation Bureau at the Cabinet Office gives another government view.
Above (and bottom left): Geoffrey Wexler, Chief, International Division, Studio Ponoc, Japan, and formerly of Studio Ghibli and Walt Disney, moderates the final session at GIVS2018, weaving together the insights and discussions from all previous sessions, and encouraged the remaining panelists to answer the key question under discussion throughout the entire Symposium: What is truly driving innovation and innovativeness in Japan today, and how will this develop and grow in the future?

Below left: Professor Philip Sugai, Professor, Doshisha University, Graduate School of Business, Japan, and Director of the OSIPP-IAFOR Research Center’s Innovation and Value Initiative at Osaka University thanks delegates for attending the event.

Below right: Peter Landers, Tokyo Bureau Chief of The Wall Street Journal delivers a very thoughtful overview of the GIVS2018 summit in his closing remarks. The Wall Street Journal was the official partner of the summit.
Above left: Dr Alex Aguilar, Vice Rector for Outreach and Internationalisation at the University of Barcelona (left) and Dr Joseph Haldane, IAFOR Chairman and CEO, welcome delegates to The IAFOR International Conference on the City (CITY2018) held concurrently with The IAFOR International Conference on Global Studies (GLOBAL2018). The conference theme was “Fearful Futures” and the uncertain political future of the global city of Barcelona provided a stimulating backdrop for this conversation to unfold. Above right: Internationally acclaimed novelist and journalist, Liz Byrski of Curtin University, Australia, delivers a Keynote Presentation, considering her love-hate relationship with various cities in which she has lived, the reasons for fleeing from them, and the physical and emotional effects of being in any city. This address was a part of a “Cities we Fled” panel that also included addresses by Professor Sue Ballyn (opposite page above right) and Professor Donald Hall (opposite page bottom right).

Below (clockwise from top left): Dr Bill Phillips delivers a Keynote Presentation on “Catalonia’s Referendum on Independence from Spain”, contextualising the political crisis in Catalonia as part of a panel on the subject. Dr Phillips is head of the English and German Studies Department, and teaches English literature and culture, at the University of Barcelona, and also serves as a local councillor. Dr Cornelis Martin Renes delivers a thought-provoking keynote address, “¡A España no hay presos políticos! / In Spain there are no Political Prisoners!”, that looked at the way in which the Spanish government handled political and legal issues around the Catalan independence referendum. Dr Montserrat Camps-Gaset, a member of the Board of the University of Barcelona, and a Catalan native responds to questions on the issue of separatism and identity in Spanish politics, while Michael Strubell contributes a poignant analysis as a panelist in a Featured Panel Presentation “The Way and Wherefore of Spain’s Current Political Crisis: Catalonia... Again”.

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Above (from left to right): Professor Cynthia Schmidt-Cruz, Director of the Center for Global and Area Studies at the University of Delaware, after her Keynote Presentation "Writing the City: Buenos Aires in New Millennium Crime Fiction", which looked at true crime as inspiration for fictional explorations. Phil Ball delivers a thought-provoking Keynote Presentation on "Football, Politics and the City". Mr Ball is one of the world’s foremost football journalists, who has written award-winning and bestselling books during his career as a sports journalist. Professor Emerita Sue Ballyn, Founder and Honorary Director of the Centre for Australian and Transnational Studies Centre at the University of Barcelona, responds to questions from the audience during the Featured Panel Presentation “Cities we Fled”.

Below (from left to right): Writers Phil Ball, Gloria Montero and Liz Bryski on a very wide-ranging panel entitled “How Can Writers Respond when the Future Looks Fearful?”. Gloria Montero is a world-renowned novelist, playwright and poet, especially known for her play Frida K., which has been performed globally.

Bottom right: Professor Donald Hall, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Sciences & Engineering at the University of Rochester, delivers remarks as part of the “Cities we Fled” panel, where he talks of the societal, racial and generational fissures in the Deep South of the United States in the 1960s and 1970s. Bottom left: Conference attendees pose for a group shot outside the Aula Magna of the University of Barcelona.
Dr Thomas G. Endres responds to audience questions after his Keynote Presentation, “Classic Rock in the Year of Revolt: Using the Illusion of Life to Examine the Hits of 1968” at The European Conference on Media, Communication & Film 2018 (EuroMedia2018), held in parallel with The European Conference on Arts & Humanities 2018 (ECAH2018), in Brighton. Dr Endres is head of the School of Communication at the University of Northern Colorado, USA, and Executive Director and Editor-in-Chief of the Society for the Academic Study of Social Imagery.

Professor Bruce Brown of the Royal College of Art, UK, delivers a wide-ranging and powerful Keynote Presentation on “Design and Democracy”. Underscoring the “Fearful Futures” conference theme, Professor Brown presented ideas about how art and design intersect with politics and freedom, and how advancing technology impacts these relationships.

Dr James Rowlins enjoying the audience discussion following his Feature Presentation & Film Screening at The European Conference on Media, Communication & Film 2018 (EuroMedia2018). Dr Rowlins is currently a lecturer in the Humanities and the Arts Department at the Singapore University of Technology and Design, Singapore, which was established in collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA. As Founding Director of the Brighton Rocks Film Festival, Dr Rowlins discussed the triumphs and challenges of starting a new film festival in the digital age before screening the “Best Short Film” of the 2018 Brighton Rocks Film Festival, Alexanderplatz, directed by Mark Nelson (below right), who is seen taking questions from the audience about his film.

Delegates line up for a group photo outside the conference venue.
Above left: Dr Eddie Bruce-Jones, Deputy Dean at Birkbeck College School of Law, University of London, gives an engaging Keynote Presentation on “Contemporary Continuities: Racism, Populism and Migration” at The European Conference on the Social Sciences 2018 (ECSS2018) which was held in parallel with The European Conference on Sustainability, Energy & the Environment 2018 (ECSEE2018). Dr Bruce-Jones discussed ideas related to race in British colonialism, law, and populism drawing on his experience as a scholar of legal history. Above right: Professor Matthew Weait delivers a profound Keynote Presentation entitled “HIV – Environmental Phenomenon or Bodily Harm?”. Dr Weait, who is Professor of Law and Society, and Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Portsmouth, in the UK, talked about societal and individual responses to the criminalisation of HIV and the stigma attached to the disease.

Below (clockwise): A group photo of attendees outside the conference venue. Dr Tom Houghton has a relaxed conversation with other delegates at The European Conference on Sustainability, Energy & the Environment 2018 (ECSEE2018) before giving his Keynote Presentation “Innovation for Low Carbon Energy: Are Power Utilities Ready?”. Dr Houghton, who has recently established a training program in Renewable Energy for Developing Countries with UNITAR, is Director of the MBA (Oil & Gas) at Curtin Graduate School of Business, Australia. The magnificent Royal Pavilion in Brighton, designed by John Nash and inspired by the Indo-Saracenic style of India.
Above left: Dr George D. Chryssides, Honorary Research Fellow in Contemporary Religion at the University of Birmingham, enjoying discussion with the audience after his Keynote Presentation “Unchanging Truth? – Not in the Study of Religion” at The European Conference on Ethics, Religion & Philosophy 2018 (ECERP2018). Dr Chryssides presented ideas on modern spirituality and the concept of change in the study of religion. Drawing on his vast experience, from completing his doctorate at Oxford, in 1974, to being Head of Religious Studies at the University of Wolverhampton, UK, from 2001 to 2008, Dr Chryssides was able to give in-depth analysis of how views on religion change through time. This Keynote Presentation underscored the conference theme “Surviving and Thriving in Times of Change”. Above right: Held concurrently with ECERP2018, The European Conference on Psychology & the Behavioral Sciences 2018 (ECP2018) shared the same “Surviving and Thriving in Times of Change” theme. Here, Professor David Putwain delivers his Keynote Presentation, “Surviving High-stakes Exams: Do Teachers Help or Hinder?”. As Director for the Centre of Educational Research in the School of Education at Liverpool John Moores University and Chair of the Psychology of Education Section of the British Psychology Society, Professor Putwain is a noted expert on the psychology of education, and the audience showed a keen interest in the lively discussion following the address.

Below: Dr Joseph Haldane, Chairman and CEO of IAFOR, poses with conference scholarship award winners.

Bottom: Delegates outside the conference venue enjoying the summer sun in a group photo.
Above left: The Karl Mannheim Chair of Sociology of Education at University College London’s Institute of Education, Professor Louise Archer gives an insightful Keynote Presentation, entitled “It’s Interesting, but Not for Me: Understanding what Shapes Student Subject Choice and Career Aspirations Age 10-18”, to delegates at The European Conference on Education (ECE2018), and answers questions from an engaged audience. ECE2018 was held in parallel with The European Conference on Language Learning (ECLL2018). Above right: Dr Annamaria Pinter, of the University of Warwick, answers questions following her Keynote Presentation, “Children Working as Co-Researchers and Researchers – Possibilities and Challenges”. Dr Pinter shared thoughts from her books and publications on second language acquisition in childhood.

Below (clockwise): Professor Anne Burns delivers her Keynote Presentation at ECLL2018, “Teacher Tales: Context-Embedded Language Teacher Professional Development” in which she discusses sustaining teacher professionalism, and professional development accounting for location. Professor Burns, armed with scholarship and international teaching experience, shared insights into the value of learning in the context of where one works. Dr Björn Åstrand, of Sweden’s Umeå University, delivers his Keynote Presentation “Teaching in Times of Change – To Nurture the Essentials for a Thriving Education”, before a large and engaged audience. Professor Mario Novelli, from the University of Sussex, UK, enjoys the discussion after his Keynote Presentation, “Education, Conflict & Peacebuilding: Transcending Negative Peace, Peace Education & the Global Education Agenda”. Professor Novelli shared findings from his research for UNICEF on education in times of conflict and how it connects to peacebuilding. Professor Brian Hudson, Professor of Education and Head of the School of Education and Social Work at the University of Sussex, and an Organising Committee member, addresses the audience at ECE2018.
Above: Dr Megumi Rosenberg of the World Health Organization (WHO) engages with the audience in a "Health Across the Lifecourse" plenary panel at the Asian Conferences on the Social Sciences (ACSS2018), Sustainability, Energy and the Environment (ACSEE2018), and Aging and Gerontology (AGen2018), while Hiroshi Ishida, Professor of Sociology in the University of Tokyo, looks on. Held in June, under the umbrella theme of “Surviving and Thriving”, Kobe is also home to the WHO Centre for Health Development, which although based in Japan, is fully part of the WHO's headquarters in Geneva. The panel was chaired by James W. McNally, Research Scientist at the University of Michigan.

Below left: Philip Sugai of Doshisha Business School, Japan, delivers a featured presentation titled “Towards a Universal Standard of Value through Blockchain” in which he speaks of his work creating and testing a theoretical model for the application of blockchain technology to marketing practice with the aim of deepening scholarly and practical knowledge of how value is created, measured and managed for customers, firms, employees, partners, society and the planet. Below right: Lowell Sheppard, Asia Pacific Director of the HOPE International Development Agency, delivers a featured presentation on “Surviving and Thriving”, drawing on his experience working in and writing about intensely dysfunctional communities, the result of war, disaster and extreme poverty.

Bottom left: Professor William Baber of Kyoto University’s Graduate School of Management, Japan delivers a workshop presentation introducing and review some general aspects of negotiating in professional contexts. Bottom right: Kathryn M. Lavender, a project manager at the National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging (NACDA) at the University of Michigan engages with attendees of a featured data research workshop.
Above: The Asian Conferences on Cultural Studies (ACCS2018) and Asian Studies (ACAS2018) were held concurrently under the theme “Fearful Futures: Cultural Studies and the Question of Agency in the Twenty-First Century” at the Art Center of Kobe in May. Here Haruko Satoh chairs a plenary panel titled “Fearful Futures: Rescuing Asian Democracy”. Professor Satoh is professor at Osaka University’s School of International Public Policy (OSIPP) where she lectures on Japan’s relations with Asia and identity in international relations, and co-director of the OSIPP-IAFOR Research Centre. The panelists from left to right are Colin Dürkop, Visiting Fellow at Kyoto University, Japan and formerly of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS); Pavin Chachavalpongpun, a leading Thai public intellectual, who is also associate professor at Kyoto University’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies; and Takuma Melber, coordinator of the Master’s programme Transcultural Studies Programme at The University of Heidelberg.

Below left: Helen Gilbert, Professor of Theatre at Royal Holloway, University of London, delivers a keynote on “Indigenous Resurgence and Environmental Justice on the Global Stage”. Below right: Vinay Lai is Professor of History and Asian American Studies at UCLA, and one of the world’s foremost scholars of Indian history, historiography, and culture in India. In a wide-ranging lecture on “The Challenge of the Global South” he highlighted what he termed the challenge of Bandung, which is to try to understand whether the Global South can mount an intellectual and socio-cultural defence that would facilitate the conditions for an ecologically genuine survival of plurality. Bottom left: Poet and academic Tammy Lai-Ming Ho of Hong Kong Baptist University answers questions following her keynote on “Poetic Resistance and Empowerment”, which looked at how Western literature and culture are incorporated into the expression of a unique Hong Kong identity. Bottom right: Donald E. Hall, Dean of Lehigh University’s College of Arts and Sciences, delivers a keynote presentation discussing the city of his birth: Birmingham, Alabama (USA), which encouraged the audiences to consider their own relationship with their own cities as sites of pleasure and pain.
Above left: Professor Diane Hawley Nagatomo of Ochanomizu University, Japan, delivers the opening Keynote Presentation at the Asian Conference on Language Learning (ACLL2018), held in Kobe, Japan. The conference theme was “Surviving and Thriving: Education in Times of Change”, and Professor Nagatomo reflected this in her address exploring questions of gender, and personal and professional identity among Western female English Language Teachers in Japan. “Surviving and Thriving in the Gendered Waters of Japan: Ten Women’s Stories”. Above right: The second Keynote Speaker was Professor Bonny Norton of the University of British Columbia, Canada, who joined the conference by video link, and also tackled questions of identity in her insightful Keynote Presentation on “Identity and Language Learning in an Unequal Digital World”.

Below left: Professor Ken Urano of Hokkai-Gakuen University, Japan, listens to questions following his Featured Presentation at ACLL2018, titled “Task-Based Language Teaching in an English for Business Purposes Program”. Below right: Professor Emerita Judy Noguchi delivers a Featured Presentation on English for Specific Purposes (ESP) entitled “A New Paradigm for English Language Teaching in Asian Contexts”. A Professor Emerita of Kobe Gakuin University, Judy Noguchi served as the first Dean of its Faculty of Global Communication. She served as Vice-President of JACET (The Japan Association of College English Teachers) from 2015 to 2017 and as President of JACET Kansai Chapter from 2010 to 2015.
Above left: Professor Umberto Ansaldo, Chair of the School of Humanities at The University of Hong Kong, delivers a wide-ranging keynote that looked at controversial questions of language preservation and conservation in "Heritage in Language?", as part of a plenary panel on Language and Heritage. The panel explored issues surrounding the role of heritage languages in contemporary society and education, both from theoretical perspectives as well as practical solutions. Above right: Dr Lisa Lim, Head of the Department of English and at the University of Hong Kong and a noted scholar on the sociolinguistics of globalisation, delivered a keynote on "Heritage in Language: Nurturing Collective, Socially Relevant and Transformative Research in Education". Here she is pictured in an exchange during the moderated panel which followed both presentations.

Below left: Professor Steve Cornwell IAFOR President, also Vice-President of Osaka Jogakuin University, Japan, takes part in a Featured Panel Presentation on “Language Learning in a Time of Complexity and Change” at ACLL2018, which asked and encouraged delegates to reflect and draw on their own experiences in language learning education. Below centre: Professor Ted O’Neill of Gakushuin University, Japan, and an IAFOR Vice-President, speaks as part of the same panel on his experience helping to found a new faculty at the university. Below right: Professor Jo Mynard, Director of the Self-Access Learning Centre (SALC) at Kanda University of International Studies (KUIS) in Japan in a light-hearted moment engaging with a member of the audience in the same panel.
Above left: Professor Eun Kyung Min of Seoul National University, South Korea delivers a Keynote Presentation entitled “The Prospect ... towards the East’: Reorienting Eighteenth-Century British Literature”. Her research interests include Enlightenment ethics and aesthetics, the history of literary canon formation, and early modern cultural history; she is also interested in Asian literature in English, Asian American Literature, and Asian cultural production in general. Her keynote was delivered as a part of The Asian Conference of Arts and Humanities (ACAH2018), where the conference theme was “Recentering: Asian Spaces, Cultures and Ideas in the 21st Century”. Above centre: Professor Li Ou of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong responds to a question following her Keynote Presentation entitled “British Romanticism in China: Received, Revised, and Resurrected”. Li Ou is Associate Professor at Department of English, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Professor Ou’s research interests include Romantic poetry and cultural/literary relations between China and Britain. Above right: Professor Georges Depeyrot of the Ecole Normale Superieure, Paris, and Director of the IAFOR Silk Road Initiative, introduces the scope of the programme to delegates at ACAH2018. Professor Depeyrot is a monetary historian and Board Member of the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France. He is the author or co-author of more than one hundred volumes, and is the founding director of the Moneta publishing house, the most important collection of books on the topic of money. Professor Depeyrot is a member of the board of trustees of the Centre National de Recherche Scientifique.

Below left: Dr Yutaka Mino of the Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art, Japan delivers a Keynote Presentation on The Ceramic Road as part of the IAFOR Silk Road Initiative at ACAH2018. Dr Mino is the Director of the Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art, where the conference plenary session was held, and one of Japan’s leading museum curators, as well as a Chinese ceramic and art historian of international renown. Below right: Dr Shoso Shimbo is a leading exponent of Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement. Dr Shimbo was selected by Belle magazine as one of six “Australia’s top floral designers” and has won multiple awards including the Gold Award at the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show. He is a director of the International Society of Ikebana Studies and he teaches “Japanese Aesthetics: From Ikebana to Contemporary Art” at RMIT. Here he is seen with his beautiful creation, following a demonstration at the ACAH Welcome Reception.
Above: The 2018 ACAH Conference in Kobe hosted a series of IAFOR Silk Road Initiative associated presentations on the conference theme of "Recentering: Asian Spaces, Cultures and Ideas in the 21st Century", using this as the lense through which researchers associated with the Initiative discussed a range of topics, covering art and culture, as well as history, politics, and international relations, and a special symposium was organised with the cooperation of Kobe University and the Nara National Museum, both of which organisations IAFOR will work on a planned Silk Road Conference in 2019. Pictured here after the presentations (from left to right) are Dr Sakae Naito, Chief Curator of the Nara National Museum and expert on Buddhist art; Kiyomitsu Yui, Professor of Sociology and Executive Director of the Centre for EU Academic Collaboration at Kobe University; Professor Hiroko Masumoto, Dean of the Graduate School of Humanities of Kobe University; Professor Noriyuki Inoue, Vice-President of Kobe University, and Professor Georges Depeyrot, Director of the IAFOR Silk Road Initiative. For more information about the IAFOR Silk Road Initiative, please visit www.silkroad.iafor.org.

Below left: Professor Ka-ho Joshua Mok listens to a response to his Keynote Presentation on "The Quest for World-class University Status: The Role of Liberal Arts University Nurturing Leaders for Uncertain Futures". Professor Mok is the Vice-President and concurrently Lam Man Tsan Chair Professor of Comparative Policy of Lingnan University, Hong Kong, and one of the world’s leading scholars in international higher education research. His recent published works have focused on comparative social development and social policy responses in the Greater China region and East Asia. He is also the founding Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Asian Public Policy (London: Routledge) and Asian Education and Development Studies (Emerald) as well as a Book Series Editor for Routledge and Springer. Below middle: Dr Xu Di of the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, USA discusses issues of education and ethics as part of a plenary panel entitled "The Challenge to Survive and Thrive in the 21st Global Learning Space/Community: Technology and Ethics". Xu Di is an educational philosopher and professor in the department of Education Foundations, at the College of Education in the University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa whose research focuses on bridging Eastern and Western philosophy for educational practices. Below right: Professor Curtis Ho delivers a presentation as part of the same panel. Professor Ho is Department Chair and Graduate Chair of the Learning Design and Technology department at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, who is a noted expert in educational media research, interactive multimedia, web-based instruction, distance education, video technology, and computer-based education.
Above left: Professor Dexter Da Silva, Professor of Educational Psychology at Keisen University in Tokyo, delivers a presentation as part of the Featured Panel entitled “Psychological Literacy: The Most Important Literacy for the 21st Century”, at the jointly held Asian Conference on Psychology & the Behavioral Sciences, and the Asian Conference on Ethics, Religion & Philosophy in Kobe. Dr Da Silva He has taught EFL at junior high school, language schools and universities in Sydney, Australia, and for more than two decades has been living and teaching at the tertiary level in Japan. Above right: Professor Ronald Mellado Miller of Brigham Young University, Hawaii, fields questions during the same panel. An academic psychologist, Dr Miller’s main interests are in the areas of applied statistical analysis and predictive modelling. He has led research in Tonga, Fiji, and Samoa, working with governments and NGOs to improve educational and other social outcomes.

Below left: Dr James W. McNally of the University of Michigan, USA and the NACDA Program on Aging, in a lighter moment during his Featured Presentation on a serious topic, “Patterns of Depression Among Elderly Asian Immigrants to the United States Over the Past Decade”. Dr McNally is the Director of the NACDA Program on Aging, a data archive containing over 1,500 studies related to health and the aging lifecourse. He has worked extensively on issues related to international aging and changing perspectives on the role of family support in the later stages of the aging lifecourse. A Vice-President of IAFOR, he is the Chair of the Social Sciences & Sustainability division of the International Academic Advisory Board. Below right: Professor Frank S. Ravitch of Michigan State University College of Law, USA, is a constitutional lawyer with an international reputation who works across the fields of ethics, religion and law. He has authored several books, including Freedom's Edge: Religious Freedom, Sexual Freedom, and the Future of America (Cambridge University Press, 2016); Marketing Creation: The Law and Intelligent Design (Cambridge University Press 2012), and Masters of Illusion: The Supreme Court and the Religion Clauses (NYU Press 2007), as well as amicus briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court. Here he delivers a wide-ranging, timely and powerful Keynote Presentation entitled “Law, Religion and Authoritarianism: From State Shinto to Religio-Trumpism”, in which he draws some uncomfortable parallels between the present political situation in the USA with darker moments in Japan’s past.
Dubai’s Festival City again hosted The IAFOR International Conferences on Education and Language Learning (IICEDubai and IICLLDubai), and attracted delegates from across the region as well as further afield as research and presentations focussed on the conference theme of Surviving and Thriving: Education in Times of Change. Both research focussed and more practical presentations and workshops were organised over the three days of the conference, and included presentations by representatives of the UAE Ministry of Education.

**Above left:** Dr Christine Coombe of Dubai Men's College, UAE, responds to questions following her Keynote Address entitled “Classroom Management: Empirical and Practical Perspectives”. Dr Coombe is a widely published academic, a past president of TESOL International Association and sits on the IAFOR International Academic Advisory Board. **Above right:** Dr Deena Boraie delivers a Keynote Address, “Exploring English Language Education in the MENA Region Now and in the Future”, in which she drew on her experiences in Egypt. Dr Boraie is dean and professor of practice at the School of Continuing Education at The American University in Cairo.

**Below left:** Dr Martin Spraggon of the Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government expands on the local context, giving an overview of educational policy, in his Featured Presentation on “Key Trends, Challenges and Opportunities in the Field of Higher Education in the UAE”. **Below right:** Dr Sufian Abu-Rmaileh of the UAE University listens to delegates giving feedback after his engaging presentation entitled “Using Critical Thinking Techniques in the Classroom”. Dr Abu-Rmaileh is a past president of TESOL Arabia.

**Bottom left:** Professor Mustafa Hashim Taha of the American University of Sharjah, UAE, examined entertainment education with an emphasis on the role of theatre in promoting political reconciliation in post-apartheid South Africa in his thought-provoking and wide ranging Keynote Presentation. **Bottom right:** Dr Virginia Bodolica of the American University of Sharjah, UAE delivers a Featured Presentation that addressed the wider conference theme of Surviving and Thriving in Times of Change with her featured address on “In the Era of Disruptive Transformations: Embracing the Imperative of Dynamic Adaptation to the Evolving World of Work”.

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To make original, high-quality, thought-provoking multimedia content freely accessible to a wide readership;

To facilitate the opportunity for academics to step outside of the traditional research publishing status quo – to get creative, explore different disciplines and to have their ideas heard, shared and discussed by a diverse, global academic audience.

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Innovation and Value Initiative

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More than ever, solutions to the transnational challenges, from climate change, sustainability to refugee crises, are in need of radically new approaches that depart from the present institutional limitations of global governance. Interdisciplinary and cross-sector collaboration, between science/technology and the humanities or public and private sectors, in search of new values and models of how we conduct businesses, produce food or even live, are recognised widely as the way forward, as has been demonstrated in the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) that usefully combines the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals (public) and Global Compact (private sector).

Moreover, as the world confronts the limits of Western concepts of innovation and the value that these bring, other unique, sustainable and inclusive models of innovation may have important and globally applicable lessons that could guide the future of innovation and value creation initiatives around the world. Even though global connectivity has been greatly enhanced, there are local or regional pockets of ecosystems with demonstrated capacities to survive over centuries, and yet these are hardly recognised or properly integrated into the theoretical underpinnings that inform international practices and policies.

As a way to take part in this global endeavour to renovate the current international system and create new values, the IAFOR Research Centre is proud to announce the Innovation and Value Initiative that will start as a three nodes project in the following areas: Value and International Economy, Value and International Politics and Value and Social Innovation.

**Lead Researchers**

- Haruko Satoh – Professor, OSIPP, Osaka University, Japan
- Philip Sugai – Professor, Doshisha University, Graduate School of Business, Japan
- Toshiya Hoshino – Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations

Innovation and Value Initiative
About the Initiative

The purpose of the Innovation and Value Initiative is to explore the drivers, processes and outcomes of innovation and value creation across countries, markets, industries and sectors and identify the drivers that foster the most healthy innovation and value-creating ecosystems across (1) heritage businesses, (2) multinational companies, (3) entrepreneurial startups, (4) educational institutions, (5) governments, (6) NGOs and NPOs. This initiative will also foster mature conversation between leaders across these fields and industries, and will address the questions of “what is innovation?”, “what is value?” “what are innovation ecosystems?” and what we mean by these terms in context.

The initiative will be comprised of the following elements: research, education, dissemination (working papers, workshops and conferences), and initiate collaborative implementation projects with businesses, local, regional or international NPOs and/or international organisations (for example, the humanitarian use of blockchain technology). The three nodes, “Value and International Economy”, “Value and International Politics”, and “Value and Social Innovation” will have each have its independent research component, but the researchers will also work closely to share findings, team teach for classes at OSIPP, integrate their works at implementation level or producing policy recommendations where possible and practicable, and plan new collaborative projects.

Project Nodes and Teams

Value and International Economy

Lead Researcher

• Philip Sugai – Professor, Doshisha University, Graduate School of Business, Japan

Associated Researcher

• John Beck – President, North Star Leadership Group

Value and International Politics

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• Peng-Er Lam – Senior Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Value and Social Innovation

Lead Researcher

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Dr Joseph Haldane, Chairman and CEO of IAFOR, co-moderated the Official Meeting, a roundtable session on Innovators and Investors, and focused on questions at the intersection of innovation and value, including “Impact investing”; investments made into companies, organisations, and funds with the intention to generate social and environmental impact alongside a financial return. The chair of the meeting was Japanese Ambassador to the United Nations, His Excellency Dr Toshiya Hoshino.

Dr Haldane said: “For IAFOR, impact investing is a particular area of interest in regards to the funding of research in higher education, and dovetails with the work we will be doing within the IAFOR Research Centre at the Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP) at Osaka University, as part of our new Innovation and Value Initiative, and also with The IAFOR Global Innovation & Value Summit 2018 (GIVS2018) to be held in Tokyo later this year.” He added that “it is a great recognition of IAFOR to have been invited to collaborate, and we are honoured to have been asked to work with the United Nations at this important event, and look forward to working with the UN and other stakeholders in the support of Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI-SDG).”

Dr Haldane, who teaches on the postgraduate Global Governance course at OSIPP, and is an Expert Member of the World Economic Forum in this area, was also keen to raise the issue of governance and policy implications of the uses of blockchain technology. In his introduction to the panel, he suggested that the use of blockchain, given its verifiability and the transparency of transactions might have a positive effect on systems of governance. This might be especially important at a time when the rules-based international system, exemplified by institutions such as the United Nations, are being challenged.

Image | Dr Joseph Haldane, Chairman and CEO of IAFOR, co-moderates a roundtable session on Innovators and Investors at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.
The IAFOR Silk Road Initiative encourages individuals and institutions working across the world to support and undertake research centring on the contact between countries and regions in Europe and Asia – from Gibraltar to Japan – and the maritime routes that went beyond, into the South-East Continent and the Philippines, and later out into the Pacific Islands and the United States. The IAFOR Silk Road Initiative is concerned with all aspects of this contact, and examines both material and intellectual traces, as well as consequences.

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IAFOR Silk Road Initiative

As an organisation, IAFOR's mission is to promote international exchange, facilitate intercultural awareness, encourage interdisciplinary discussion, and generate and share new knowledge. In 2018, we are excited to launch a major new and ambitious international, intercultural and interdisciplinary research initiative that uses the silk road trade routes as a lens through which to study some of the world’s largest historical and contemporary geopolitical trends, shifts and exchanges.

IAFOR is headquartered in Japan, and the 2018 inauguration of this project aligns with the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration of 1868, when Japan opened its doors to the trade and ideas that would precipitate its rapid modernisation and its emergence as a global power. At a time when global trends can seem unpredictable, and futures fearful, this Silk Road Initiative gives the opportunity to revisit the question of the impact of international relations from a long-term perspective.

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A series of round tables on the IAFOR Silk Road Initiative were held in Japan, the UK and Spain in 2017, and the initiative will become a central aspect of a series of conferences, meetings, seminars and workshops from 2018 in Asia, Europe and North America.

Rationale

The occidentalisation of history and the grand narrative of European and American progress has consigned the Silk Road instead to historical quaintness, exotic literary caricature in the adventures of Marco Polo, or the sort of esoteric academic investigations that receive little attention. This largely ignores its huge historical and present-day importance and relevance to the routes and paths that continue to connect humans through trade and exchange.

In a world of rankings, algorithms, unedited “news”, and self-referential “centres of excellence”, it is facile to conclude that the centre and pinnacle of all knowledge is held by a few pockets of venture-capital-backed open-plan offices in Silicon Valley, or schools and universities in which the cloistered architecture does not even offer the pretence of openness. Globalisation, and the technology that has enabled it, has allowed an immense flowering of possibilities in communication and access to knowledge, while at the same time increasing alienation from self and society, encouraging “virtual” worlds, creating and cementing fissures, and encouraging fear of the foreign. It is only through encounters with difference that we are able to shape ourselves and our ideas, and physical human interaction is and remains at the source of all value. The international, intercultural and interdisciplinary meetings that lie at the heart of IAFOR and this research initiative have never been more important in our globalised world.

Lead Institutions

• The International Academic Forum (IAFOR), Japan
• Osaka University, Japan
• The IAFOR Research Centre (IRC), Japan
• Belgrade University, Serbia
• École Normale Supérieure (ENS), France
• DAMIN, France
• MONETA, France

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The first IAFOR Silk Road Initiative roundtable of 2018 was held in Moscow on February 21, and in partnership with Moscow State University.

The event was hosted by the Moscow State University Institute of Asian and African Studies, and opened by the Director of the Institute, renowned scholar of politics and international relations, Professor Igor I. Abylgaziev. Attended by a group of invited scholars from both universities in Moscow and abroad, the Roundtable was organised with the kind support of the President of the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Area Studies, Professor Svetlana Ter Minasova, and Dr Elena Mishieva, Academic Secretary of the same faculty, and IAFOR Silk Road Initiative Project Coordinator in Moscow.

The roundtable was co-chaired by Professor Georges Depeyrot of the École Normale Supérieure (ENS), Paris, and Board member of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), and Dr Joseph Haldane, Chairman and CEO of IAFOR, and took as its subject, “International Academic Cooperation in Uncertain Times”. The topic was very timely, as this is a period of great global political uncertainty.

Professor Svetlana Ter Minasova delivered the opening address, which set the scene by underlining that most senior academics had effectively lived in two separate countries in succession; The Soviet Union until 1991, and then Russia since that time. She described the Soviet times as the “Kingdom of Prohibitions”, where everything was governed by what could not be done, and by what was prohibited, and there existed an insularity and isolationism, making relations with countries outside the communist sphere difficult.

With the fall of the erstwhile “enemy” of the USSR, the new Russia became suddenly very popular, as different Western companies, NGOs and universities, sought to quickly build relations with the country, and money started to pour in as people sought to gain market position and influence. Although that created funding pools that had until that point been non-existent, it also ushered in an era of inflation, and meant university lecturer wages were not enough to live on, and obliged many to engage in supplementary private tuition, with academics being underpaid and overworked. This has led to the familiar problem of a brain drain, and economic migration, as Russian academics sought higher paid opportunities abroad. Although there have been market reforms introduced, the state educations system remains slow and highly bureaucratic. A presentation by Dr Lubov Kulik of the Faculty of Economics at Moscow State University spoke of the economics of education in a presentation that considered education as both a public good and a commodity. [Report continued on the next page]
Recently, Russia has found itself more distanced from the west, as a result of, and resulting in, a context of increased authoritarianism and nationalism, and this has often made international research collaborations more difficult, and has seen cuts in funding from such programs as Erasmus+. For its part, the Russian funding bodies have continued to prioritise STEM subjects over the liberal arts, following a policy that mirrors most other countries. In the non-science areas of study, funding is more often directed towards internationally and internally sensitive issues that are often geared towards encouraging internal cohesion, nation building and so on, and in areas such as geopolitics, minority languages and religions; not surprising given that Russia is at once an old and a young country.

The intellectual life of the country is heavily weighted in Moscow and St Petersburg, although there are attempts to ensure that other parts of the country are well funded, and there are well-respected state universities elsewhere in the country, such as Novosibirsk and Vladivostok, as well as satellite campuses in the former Soviet republics, where Russia maintains considerable economic, cultural and linguistic influence.

The country also enjoys relations with many of the countries it now borders, and although these are historically weighted both positively and negatively, reflect a continued strong regional and cultural influence, where there are also large minority ethnic Russian populations. China has enjoyed a continued intellectual relationship with Russia, and there are frequent exchanges of students and professors alike, and Russian enjoys continued popularity in China, while Chinese is becoming a more popular language option. Professor Tatiana Dobrosklonskaya of Moscow State University, and a Visiting Professor at Beijing International Studies University gave a presentation which looked at the relationship and an overview of educational and cultural exchange between the two countries.

Professor Ljiljana Markovic, Dean of the Faculty of Philology at the University of Belgrade closed the symposium by speaking of the modernisation paradigms of education, and in a context of political instability, drawing attention to crises of identity, both individual and national. She underlined that we must seek ways to collaborate, to work together, and that this is both a philosophical and practical commitment.

In all, the symposium was a great success, and we look forward to future IAFOR Silk Road Initiative events.

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