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EDUCATION

Doctor of Education in Curriculum of Instruction

2015

Dissertation Title: Exploring a Flipped Classroom Approach in a Japanese Language Classroom: A Mixed Methods Study." Baylor University, Waco, TX

Research Interest: Applied technology in foreign language education, Critical Content-Based Instruction, Blended learning.

Master of Science in Education in Curriculum and Instruction

2006

Baylor University, Waco, TX

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Minor: Asian Studies

2004

Baylor University, Waco, TX

Continuing Education

- Completed PRESTO (Preparing Researchers, Educators, and Scholars to Teach Online). [Online]. Baylor University. (Fall 2020)
- Completed "Purposeful interactive foreign language teaching." [Online]. The Ohio State University (May-July 2020)
- Completed ACTFL OPI workshop at San Diego State University (January 12-15, 2015)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Senior lecturer in Japanese, Baylor University, Waco, TX

2013-present

- Teach beginning, intermediate, advanced levels, Culture through Reading, Food and Culture, Japanese Civilization, and independent study courses and administer all grades
- Develop overall course structure, materials, and exams
- Advise both incoming freshmen and prospective high school students
- Baylor in Japan Director: Designed and direct a short-term summer study abroad program 2012-present

Lecturer in Japanese, Baylor University, Waco, TX

2006-2012

- Taught beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels, Japanese Civilization, and independent study courses and administer all grades
- Developed overall course structure, materials, and exam
- Advised both incoming freshmen and prospective high school students
- Was responsible for overseeing two Japanese graduate assistants.

2006-2008

Instructor of Record/Graduate Assistant, Baylor University, Waco, TX

2005-2006

- Taught beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels, Japanese Civilization, and independent study courses and administer all grades
- Developed overall course structure, materials, and exams.

Instructor of Record/Graduate Assistant, Baylor University, Waco, TX – JPN

2004-2005

- Taught beginning level Japanese courses and administered all grades.
- Revised lesson plans, materials, and exams

Japanese Tutor/Japan Table Organizer

2003-2004

• Tutor students on need basis, developed curriculum and organized weekly meetings.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Baylor University Outstanding Faculty Awards for teaching, 2020-2021
- BaylorSalute Plus, 2021
- Baylor Fellows Academy for Teaching and Learning, 2018-2019
- American Association of Teachers of Japanese Teachers Award, November 2018
- Texas Foreign Language Association Teacher of the Year for Japanese at College Level, October 2012
- Dean's Academic Honor List, Baylor University, 2013-2014
- Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, McLennan Community College

PUBLICATIONS

Textbooks:

Shoku de kangaeru nihon shakai [Diving into Japanese Culture and Society through Food]. Kuroshio Publishing. (2023). Co-authored with Murata, A., & Tajima, H.

Yasashii kotobade kokusaikoryu [International Exchange in Basic Languages: Activities for Exchange Partners]. Multicultural Societies and Language Education, 3, 1-81. (2023). Co-authored with Murata, A., Hasegawa, Y., Kawachi, A., & Takemaya, N.

Book Chapters:

Kyodo no fukasa no mosaku [Scaffolding for Japanese language learners]. In Murata A. (Ed.), Onrain kokusaikoryu to kyodo gakusyuu:t tabunka kyosei no tame ni [International virtual exchange and collaborative learning: Fostering cultural diversity and inclusion]. Kuroshio Publishing. (2022). Coauthored.

Nihongo gakushusha no tame no skaforudingu [Scaffolding for Japanese language learners]. In Murata A. (Ed.), Onrain kokusaikoryu to kyodo gakusyuu:t tabunka kyosei no tame ni [International virtual exchange and collaborative learning: Fostering cultural diversity and inclusion]. Kuroshio Publishing. (2022). Coauthored.

Hisaichi no hitobito no koe o tsutaeru tabunnka fiirudo waaku [MulticulturalfFieldwork to tell the stories of tsunami survivors]. In Akiko Murata, Akihiro Minoo, & Shinji Sato (Eds.), Fiirudo waaku no manabikata: Kokusai gakusei tono kyodoo kara onrain made [Learning Fieldwork: From collaboration with international students to online data collection (pp. 72–79). Nakanishiya Publishing. (2022)

Higashinihon daishinsai no hisaichi deno nichibei no daigakusei niyoru kokusaikyousyu purojekuto [Collaborative international learning project in community hit by the East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami by the Japanese and American university students]. In *Gengokyoikujissen: Ima x Koko* [Practices in language education: Now x Here]. Tokyo: Koko Publishing. (2019). Co-authored.

"Gengo no kabe o koeru": Translangeging no manabiai. [Overcoming the language barrier: Learning from translanguaging]. In Satō, T. & M. Takahashi (Eds.), Tayōsei ga hiraku manabi no decani: Shutaiteki • taiwteki ni tasya to manabu kyōyōkyōiku no riron to jissen [The learning designs being

expanded on diverse perspectives: The theory and practice of active collaborative learning in liberal arts education] (pp. 111-136). Tōkyō: Akaishi Shoten. (2020). Co-authored.

"Chapter 6 "Home Visit and Homestay." Challenge: Multicultural Experiential Learning Workbook. In A. Murata, K. Nakayama, T. Fujiwara, and T. Morishige. Osaka: Nakanishiya Publishing. (2019).

Hokubei no daigakusei no nihontaiken puroguramu o tsuujita manabi: Tohokuhisaichishisatsu shienkatudou o chuchin ni. [Experiential Learning in Japan: The Community Service Experience of North American Students in Tohoku]. In Murata, A (Ed.), Daigaku ni okeru tabunkataikengakusyuu heno chosen – kaigai to kokunai o tunagu manabi to hurikaeri. [Promoting Multicultural Experiential Learning in Higher Education: Visualizing Multicultural Learning in and beyond Japan] (pp. 152-1690. Osaki: Nakanishiya Publishing. (2018). Co-authored.

Active report on community-based experience and service through intensive Japanese study abroad program: The possibility of raising students' social service awareness. Proceedings of the 23rd Princeton Japanese Pedagogy Forum: World Peace, Thoughtfulness, Respect and Language Education: What Can Japanese Language Education Contribute? (pp. 259-270). New Jersey: Department of East Asian Studies, Princeton University. (2017). Coauthored.

Articles:

Constructivism in foreign language learning. Academic Exchange Quarterly. 11(1), 5-9. (2007).

TFLA conference in Austin: One Japanese instructor's thoughts. *Texas Foreign Language Association Journal*. 54(1). (2007).

Completed Project:

BIJ in Minamisanriku. Digital archive and Open Educational Resource. https://sites.baylor.edu/bijm/

"Humans of Minamisanriku." A collaborative oral history project with Tohoku and Baylor University students. [Humans of Minamisanriku]. [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjhCCZCOX2aFBf8ZAawOX1w/videos.

PRESENTATIONS

Lecture/Workshop (Invited)

The COVID-19 initiatives at Baylor University and a practical report on a HyFlex approach in Japanese language Courses. [Webinar Presentation]. Cyber symposium: Reporting on the initiative to address online education since April, National Institute of Informatics. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNdrYCrdHkY&t=195s_(November 5, 2020).

Multicultural learning in the summer study abroad program. Lecture conducted in Career design course. Hosei University, Tokyo. (June 20, 2019).

I like People: Report on the Japanese Language Education at Baylor University. Tohoku University Japanese Education Lecture. Tohoku University, Miyagi, Japan. (July 25, 2018).

Flipped classroom approach in Japanese language classroom. University of Washington Japanese Pedagogy Workshop. Seattle, WA. (February 2017).

Women and resiliency. Intro to Gerontology course. Baylor University, Waco, TX. (November 2015)

Conference/Seminar Presentations

Collaborative Social Contribution: Translating Tsunami Survivors' Stories. 2022 American Council of Teaching Foreign Languages Annual Convention. Video presentation. (2022).

Shokude manabu nihongo to nihon shakai (The textbook with CCBI approach in Japanese Food, Culture, and Society course). 2nd CCBI Symposium Virtual Conference (August 2022).

Powerpoint-based interactive games. Baylor University Interactive Media and Language Center Workshop. Panel presenter. (May 2022).

Experiential learning for students: Language beyond the classroom. Baylor University Modern Languages and Cultures Faculty Colloquium. Panel presenter. (April 2022).

Designing Japanese language, food, and culture courses with CCBI approach. ACTFL2021 VIRTUAL Conference (2021).

Boundary crossing resulting in Reciprocal Benefits and Challenges in Virtual Exchange: Qualitative Analysis of Students Reflections and Conversations. 2021 International Virtual Exchange Conference. (2021).

Significance and Potentials of Collaborative Online International Learning in Japanese Language Education. International Conference on Computer Assisted Systems For Teaching & Learning Japanese. (2021).

Overview of the new intermediate and advanced Japanese language textbook (Japanese food culture and society). The 27th Princeton Japanese Pedagogy Forum. (2021).

Learning Japanese, Culture, and Society through Food. 2021 Annual Southern Association of Teachers of Japanese Virtual Conference. (2021).

Ten Years On: Remembering the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. Panel for Japanese Teachers Association of Texas Special Online Forum. (2021).

Learning Japanese Language and Society through Washoku (Japanese Cuisine). 25th Anniversary Japan Studies Association Conference. Honolulu, HI. Co-presenter (January 10, 2020).

Language Education Advocacy Beyond Classrooms: Tokyo Olympic Dance Project. 2019 Annual Convention and World Languages ExpoAmerican Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Washington, D.C. Co-presenter. (November 23, 2019).

Online LAB in Japanese Blended Language Courses. LEFT: Language Education Forum for Technology. Baylor Interactive Media and Language Center, iMLC (Interactive Media and Language Center. Copresenter. (October 30, 2019).

Interactive Media & Language Center Technology Retreat--Using 360 Cameras. Interactive Media & Language Center Technology Retreat, iMLC. Baylor University, Waco, TX. Co-presenter. (May 16, 2019).

Results and Issues of the Joint Project by Students of the Japanese and American University: Report on the "Humans of Minamisanrik." American Association for Teachers of Japanese Spring Conference. Co-presenter. (March 2019)

Update on the Project-based Learning in an Upper-level Japanese Course. Academy for Teaching and Learning, Baylor Fellows Spring 2019 Meeting & Presentation. (January 2019)

Language and Cultural Exchange for Mutual Benefit. Texas Foreign Language Association Annual Fall Conference. Japanese Language Education Programs: Co-presenter. (October 2018)

Challenges in Transformative Learning: The Gap between Student and Faculty Expectations. Baylor University Academy for teaching and learning, Provosts Faculty Forum. (September 2018)

Project-based Learning in an Upper-level Japanese Course. Academy for Teaching and Learning, Baylor Fellows Fall 2018 Meeting & Presentation. (September 2018)

Flipped Classroom and Active Learning: A Practical Session to Help You Get Start a Flipped Classroom. Texas Foreign Language Association Fall Conference (TFLA). (October 2017)

WhatsApp & LINE – Creating an Authentic Learning Environment Using Text Chat Apps. Texas Foreign Language Association Fall Conference (TFLA). (October 2017)

The implementation of LINE text pals project in the beginning-high Japanese language courses. The 7th International Conference on Computer Assisted Systems for Teaching & Learning Japanese (CASTEL/J). (August 2017)

Active report on community-based experience and service through intensive Japanese study abroad program: The possibility of raising students' social service awareness. The 23rd Princeton Japanese Pedagogy Forum. (May 2017)

An analysis of educational design for US - Japan two - way collaborative learning: Application to Japanese language education. American Association for the Teachers of Japanese (AATJ) Spring Conference. Copresenter. (March 2017)

Beyond GPA: Providing Valuable Learning Experiences through the Japanese National Honor Society. American Counsels of Teaching Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Annual Conference (November 2016)

Study Abroad: Go with Confidence! Baylor University Department of Modern Languages and Cultures MLCtheWorld presentations. (November 2016)

Let's motivate students through extracurricular activities. Texas Foreign Language Association Fall Conference. (October 2016)

Exploring a flipped classroom approach in a Japanese language classroom. Baylor University Department of Modern Languages and Cultures MLC Colloquium. (September 2016)

Exploring a flipped classroom approach in a Japanese language classroom. American Association for the Teachers of Japanese (AATJ) Spring Conference. (March 2016)

Building 21st century skills through student collaboration. Texas Foreign Language Association (TFLA) Fall conference Presentation. co-presenter. (October 2015)

Implementation of flipped classroom and its effectiveness in improving proficiency. ACTFL Poster Presentation. (November 2014)

The impact: Study abroad in disaster affected North Eastern Japan. ACTFL Session Presentation. Copresenter. (November 2014)

Blended Learning in Teaching Japanese. Japanese Teachers Association of Texas Summer Workshop presenter. (May 2013)

Not an Ordinary Summer Study Abroad Program: Language Immersion, Blended Learning, Service Activities and Beyond. TFLA Fall Conference session presentation. (October 2012)

Exploring the Use of Popular TV Drama Series for a Group Project in a Foreign Language Course. TFLA Fall Conference session presentation. (October 2011)

Using Blogs for Different Purposes in the Foreign Language Classroom. TFLA Fall Conference session presentation. (October 2010)

Using Technology to Enhance Output in Foreign Language Learning. Baylor University Fourth Annual Educational Technology Showcase poster presentation. (April 2010)

PPT, Google Images, and Callouts: How to Make Grammar Lectures More Fun and Engaging. TFLA Fall Conference session presentation. (October 2009)

CBI for Advanced Japanese JOINT Program: Participants Perspective. ATJ Annual Conference session presentation. Co-presenter. (March 2009)

Let's Have Fun with a Video Project: Step-by-Step Guide for Your Classroom Video Project. TFLA Fall Conference session presentation. (October 2008)

Increasing Student Motivation through Video Projects. ACTFL Convention session presentation. (November 2007)

AP Japanese and Textbook benkyo kai. TFLA Spring Conference session presentation. (March 2007)

Constructivism and Teaching Japanese. TFLA Fall Conference. (November 2006)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Honors Thesis Committee

Served on the Honors Thesis Committee for Gus Holdrich on "Orthographic Effects on the Perception and Production of Certain Japanese Phones by L2 Learners." May 2018

Served on the Honors Thesis Committee for Michael Wen on "Rates and Equilibria of Vial-in-Vial Vapor Diffusion for Common Laboratory Solvents." April 2017

Served on the Baylor University Scholars exit interview committee for Gus Holdrich November 2016

Served on the Honors Thesis Committee for Ryan Smith on "Coordination: A view from syntactic theory and second language acquisition" Director Spring, 2014

Advisor for Senior Honors Thesis for Brittany Lozano on "Understanding Futōkō as a Social Problem in Japan" The Social Context and Motivation for Change" Fall 2013

Served on the Honors Thesis Committee for Emma Perry on "An Annotated Translation of part 1 of Kokoro: Sensei and I" April 2012

Served on the Honors Thesis Committee for Celeste Mitchell on "Haruki Murakami's Lederhosen: A Case Study in Translation" April 25, 2007

Japanese Speech Contest Mentorship

Mentored the total of 46 students to participate in Japanese Speech Contests since 2007

- 5 students won the first place at the Dallas Regional Speech Contest, Japanese School of Dallas 2007-2020
- 3 students won the first place at the Texas State Speech Contest, Rice University, Houston, TX 2010-2018
- 1 student wont the first place and 1 student won the 2nd place at the J.LIVE Talk National Speech Contest, George Washington University, D.C. 2017-2020

Other Committees and Service Activities

Serving on the Heritage Month Advisory Committee, 2020-Present

Served as a Marshals for Commencement, May 2018, May and December 2019

Served on the MLC Faculty of the Year Selection Committee, 2019

Served on the Baylor University Cultural Events and Experience Committee August 2018-2020

Served on the Baylor University Teaching/Learning, and Technology Committee September, 2017-2020

Organized Japan-Texas Business Forum: Why should Japanese-affiliated companies come to Texas? November 16, 2017

Served on the Innovation Task Force for the Modern Languages and Cultures department, 2017

Faculty Mentor for the student Success Collaborative (SSC) September 2017-2018

Serving on the Interactive Media and Language Center (iMLC) Advisory Board for the Modern Languages and Cultures Department August 2017- present

Served on the Baylor University Department of Modern Languages and Cultures Chair Search Committee May, 2015-2019

Organized LEFT-Language Education Forum for Technology 2016-2019

Organized and presented three forums: Effective use of Canvas; eComma, a social reading application; Learning how to use Canvas Conferences February, March, October 2016

Organized a colloquia presentation "Saving Lives": Secured the funding and invited a guest speaker from Japan. April 2016

Served on the ad hoc Modern Languages and Cultures planning committee, 2014

Sponsor of the Japanese National Honor Society College Chapter 2014-present

Baylor and Beyond Living Learning Center Japanese Neighborhood Liaison to present

Global Community Living Learning Center Japanese Language Suite Mentor 2014

Director of Baylor in Japan Intensive Summer Language Program 2012 to present

Director of the Baylor/Hosei university Exchange program

Advisor of the Japanese Student Association

Advisor of the Baylor Japanese Honor Society

MLC World Cinema Series Japanese movie presenter

Administrator for the Credit by Examination for Japanese

Organized an information session for Boren Scholarship review process for less commonly taught languages (LCTL) faculty in the Modern Languages and Cultures department

Co-organizer for the weekly Japanese Teatime Conversation Table, 2005-present

Co-organizer for the Japanese cultural and social meeting for the students of the Japanese, 2005-present

Organizer and advisor of the Annual Japanese Spring Festival, 2009-2019

Organizer of the Annual Baylor Reunion in Japan with the collaboration with the Baylor Network and the International Student and Scholar Services August 2007 to present

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Participated (invitation only) in the 2020 Leadership Workshop by American Association of Teachers of Japanese and Japan Foundation, Los Angeles, November 2020.

Vice President and the newsletter editor for the Japanese Teachers Association of Texas, 2019-present

Served as a Secretary and Workshop Coordinator for the Japanese Teachers Association of Texas, 2018-2019

Served on the Boren Scholarship Application Review Panel, March 2014, 2016, 2017, 2020

Organized the Japanese learners Tokyo Olympic dance project (17 Texas high schools and universities), 2018 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-hEj2u0aCU&list=RDD-hEj2u0aCU&start_radio=1

Visited Rapport Academy 5th/6th grade class with the Baylor in Japan students, May 2014

Serving on the Organizing Committee and onsite Director for the Dallas Regional Japanese Speech Contest, 2007-present

Served as a judge for the Texas Japanese Speech Contest in Houston, TX, March 2013, 2007

Served on the Japanese Teachers Association (JTAT) by-law committee, 2008-2009

Served on the Texas Education Agency Japanese Teachers Examination Standard Setting Committee, Austin, TX, July 2007

Selected to participate in the Japanese teachers' workshop sponsored by ATJ, Association of Teachers of Japanese at University of Colorado at Boulder, July 2007

Attended the annual Japanese Teachers' Association of Texas meeting in Houston: Panel discussion with the Consul General of Japan, June 2007

GRANTS

Japanese Language Education Project Grant, Japan Foundation Los Angeles. \$3600 (December 2020)

Professional development Grant, Academy for Teaching and Learning, Baylor University, \$301.00 (December 2, 2019).

Japanese Teaching Material Grant, Japan Foundation Los Angeles. \$1000.00 (September 2016)

"Saving Lives" Colloquia presentation, Diversity Enhancement Grant. \$450.00 (April 2016)

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) scholarships for Baylor in Japan summer study abroad program, 800,000 yen [\$7,600] (June 2015)

Baylor University Diversity Enhancement Grant. \$340 (April 2013)

OTHER LANGUAGE RELETED EXPERIENCE

Translator

Run/Walk/Run Japan Jeff Galloway Blog Translator, 2009

Book Translation: Jeff Galloway Marathon Training. Phidipides Publisher, 2009

Contract work for American Income Life Insurance Co., Waco, TX 2008-2009 Translated Japanese documents (death certificate) to English.

Contract work for Williams, Squires & Wren L.L.P., Waco, TX 2005 Translated Japanese documents (Automobile impact test results) to English.

Contract work for Success Motivation International, Inc., Waco, TX 2003 Translated Japanese documents (Motivational training manual) to English.

Japanese and American Liaison/Administrative Assistant for Kumagai Road Co., LTD, Yokohama, Japan, 1989-1991. Performed various administrative duties and acted as interpreter and liaison for Japanese contractors and base personnel.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Volunteer for the Mission Waco's annual Cultural Foods & Dance Night, 2014 & 2016 St. Philip's Catholic Church Community Outreach Organizer, 2005-2008 Assistant Director of Youth Group, St. Philip's Catholic Church, 2004-2006 China Spring Elementary Quality Assurance Council, 2005-2007

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- AATJ: American Association of Teachers of Japanese
- JSA: Japan Studies Association
- JTAT: Japanese Teachers Association of Texas
- TFLA: Texas Foreign Language Association

LANGUAGES

- Japanese Native language
- English speak fluently and read/write with high proficiency

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