Summer Institute 2008 activities

Workshop Schedule: Online Cafés for Heritage Learners

Vision: Participants will form a collaborative learning community that will provide mutual support as they design and build intercultural exchange online café projects, tailored to specific needs of student populations, that make significant differences in the education and careers of their students. Participants will initiate their café projects, reflect on their experiences, and plan ahead for sharing the results with their professional colleagues.

Mission: Provide a supportive, motivating atmosphere for participants. Provide all technological and informational tools that participants need to successfully design, build, launch, use, evaluate, and report on their intercultural exchange Café projects. Provide an online "home" for participants to return to as they work toward realization of their café plans and plan their presentations for the 2009 NFLRC Computer-Mediated Communication in Language Learning Symposium.

All sessions will be held in Moore Hall 155B.

Summer Institute Workshop Day 1 - June 17 (Tuesday)

Participant goals:
Understand the vision, mission, and goals of the workshop. Understand significant challenges and variables in determining overall content, establishing partnerships and building community, and defining institutional parameters for online intercultural exchanges, taking Cultura and its daughter projects as a point of departure.

Sequence:
8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast – open lab
9:00-10:00 Welcome, introductions, goals – Considerations for utilizing inter-institutional online learning environments -- David Hiple
10:00-10:30 Introduction to online workshop environments
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-12:00 Online tour of 4 Cultura-inspired learning models
12:00-1:00 Lunch – open lab
1:00-2:00 Discussion: Analyzing characteristics of four sample projects
2:00-3:00 Negotiating parameters of your model – teams
3:00-3:15 Break
3:15-4:15 Reporting on your group's parameters
4:15-5:00 Introduction to the workshop discussion forum
Summer Institute Workshop Day 2 - June 18 (Wednesday)

Participant goals:
Understand significant challenges and variables in determining the design of detailed content and sequences of activities/tasks, the role of language learning, and the appropriate use of media in an online intercultural exchange, taking Cultura and its daughter projects as a point of departure.

Sequence:
8:30-9:00  Continental Breakfast – open lab
9:00-10:15  Defining detailed content and sequences of activities and tasks, the role of language learning, and the use of media in an online intercultural exchange project -- Gilberte Furstenberg
10:15-10:30  Break
10:30-11:30  Discussion: Analyzing characteristics of four sample projects
11:30-12:00  Post in workshop forums
12:00-1:00  Lunch – open lab
1:00-1:45  Launching your project plan – teams (prepare to report)
1:45-2:30  Report on project plans
2:30-3:15  Project planning, individual assignments
3:15-3:30  Break
3:30-4:30  Project work
4:30-5:00  Post in workshop forum

Summer Institute Workshop Day 3 - June 19 (Thursday)

Participant goals:
Understand significant challenges and variables connected with determining the role of the teacher and the students, fostering online community and cohesion, and designing evaluations of student performance in online intercultural exchanges.

Sequence:
8:30-9:00  Continental Breakfast – open lab
9:00-10:15  Understanding the role of teacher and students, fostering community and cohesion, and designing evaluations of student performance in online and hybrid intercultural exchanges -- Stephen Tschudi
10:15-10:30  Break
10:30-12:00  Project work
12:00-1:00  Lunch – open lab
1:00-3:15  Project work
3:15-3:30  Break
3:30-4:30  How’s it going? True confessions
4:30-5:00  Post in workshop forum
Summer Institute Workshop Day 4 - June 20 (Friday)

Participant goals:
Understand significant challenges and variables in engaging in reflective practice and sharing research results connected with online intercultural exchanges.

Sequence:
8:30-9:00  Continental Breakfast – open lab
9:00-10:15  Considerations for classroom-based action research -- Dorothy Chun
10:15-10:30  Break
10:30-12:00  Project work
12:00-1:00  Lunch – open lab
1:00-3:15  Project work
3:15-3:30  Break
3:30-4:30  How’s it going? True confessions
4:30-5:00  Post in workshop forum
5:00-6:00  Open labs (optional)

Summer Institute Workshop Day 5 - June 21 (Saturday)

Participant goals:
Finish preparatory work and share your group's plan and progress in implementing your intercultural exchange project. Evaluate this workshop.

Sequence:
8:30-9:00  Continental Breakfast – open lab
9:00-11:00  Finish up project work – perform workshop evaluation
11:00-12:30  Project presentations
12:30-1:30  Closing luncheon