

Special Interest Groups

Asian-Pacific Islanders Special Interest Group

Friday, February 24, 2017 ■ 8:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. ■ Meeting Room: Senator's Lecture Hall

Culture, Storytelling, and Digital Tools

Chair: Shu-Yuan Lin, Idaho State University

Co-Chair: Rosa Salas Palomo, University of Guam

8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.

Guam's Mermaid legend: A practice of oral and cultural tradition

Dr. Jose Cruz, Guam Education Board

Guam's Legend of the Mermaid is a story on traditions of Guam's seafaring people. The legend will be further shared in the presentation when Sirena took them to Rota(Luta) the next island over. Other items of Guam culture will be further shared.

8:50 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.

Developing New Materials for Your Own Teaching

Ms. Lois T. Gumataotao, Guam Department of Education

"How do you expect me to teach, we don't have any materials!" Too many times we hear this from teachers and this is with teaching in English! Can you imagine the less commonly taught languages? This workshop is intended to provide you with practical ideas and information in adapting authentic (raw) materials in your teaching.

9:10 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Using Digital Storytelling as a Pedagogical Tool to Facilitate English Language Learning

Iris N. Bamio Bonnet, M.Ed. Idaho State University

This presentation reports an action research project using digital storytelling as a pedagogical tool to facilitate English language learners' (ELLs) literacy skills. The project was conducted and implemented at a Middle School using Google Classroom platform. Qualitative and quantitative results will be shared.

9:30 a.m. - 9:50 p.m.

Exploring Storytelling in the Pacific

Matilda Naputi Rivera, Ed.D., Guam Department of Education, ESL Program

Storytelling is an effective way to encourage and build language development. It is universal and enables us to understand who we are, where we come from, and how to live in the universe. It naturally encourages others to listen not just to the words being spoken, but to the message, emotion, and experiences of the storyteller. Join us as we explore the importance of storytelling in the Pacific.

11:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

Key Issues in Separating Language Differences from Learning Difficulties

Shu-Yuan Lin, Ed.D., Idaho State University

Students who learn a second or new language and students with learning disabilities often share some difficulties in learning. This presentation provides practical ideas for teachers to determine appropriate instructional educational programs for a growing number of English language learners.

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API SIG Business Meeting