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ELC Faculty Attends International Education Week Gala

November 17, 2023



At the start of International Education Week (IEW), ELC faculty gathered at a gala celebrating the 150th anniversary of Michigan State University's (MSU) first international students. This event set a celebratory tone for the week of November 13-17, 2023, during which MSU honored International Education Week (IEW), a nationwide initiative endorsed by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. The week underscored the critical importance of global engagement in education, in line with MSU's mission to advance knowledge and transform lives through international experiences.

This year's IEW at MSU featured a diverse lineup of events designed to foster global understanding and collaboration. The week commenced with a virtual reality session at MSU Libraries, offering attendees the opportunity to digitally explore various global landscapes. Discussions about forging meaningful international partnerships were facilitated online on November 14 by the Global Youth Advancement Network.

ELC Hosts Teacher Education Summit

October 1, 2023

The 2023 Teacher Education Summit, hosted by MSU's English Language Center, offered a comprehensive platform for former participants of the PDPI (Programa de Desenvolvimento Profissional para Professores de Língua Inglesa nos EUA) program. Administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE), PDPI is a pivotal initiative by the Brazilian government aimed at enhancing English language teaching and teacher training across Brazil. This six-week program brings high school English teachers to U.S. universities for advanced study in English language and teaching methodologies, alongside immersion in U.S. society and culture.

Held on September 30 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM Brasilia Time, the summit featured a series of workshops, keynote addresses, and interactive sessions led by ELC faculty and other distinguished educators. Topics such as technology integration, inclusive teaching strategies, and culturally responsive pedagogy were emphasized, addressing crucial aspects of contemporary education.

TEACHER EDUCATION SUMMIT

Bringing teachers together
Learning from each other
The PDPI experience



**Sept 30
2023**
11am - 7pm
Recife Time, Brazil



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Congrats to Drs. Hafour, De Felice & Kessler

October 18, 2023

The ELC would like to offer congratulations to Drs. Hafour, De Felice & Kessler on their recent publication in *Computer Assisted Language Learning*. Dr. Hafour led this research project during her time at the ELC in 2022. Dr. Hafour was awarded an opportunity to be at MSU as a Postdoctoral Research Scholar. She was sponsored by the Egyptian Government Postdoctoral Scholarship Program 2020-2021, which was fully funded by the Ministry of Higher Education in Egypt. This article is the result of her collaboration sponsored by Dr. De Felice and the ELC, and the generous contributions from Dr. Kessler.

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U.S. and Japanese Cultural Exchange



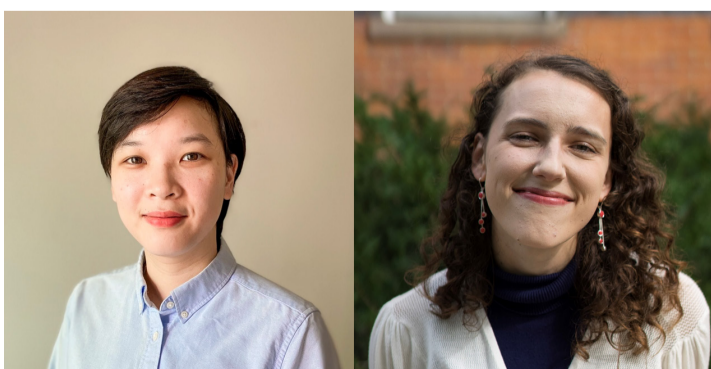
September 20, 2023

The ELC would like to express its gratitude to Dr. Masumi Hamada for integrating the Shiga University students into her JPN 301 courses this month. The MSU and Shiga students delved into cultural differences in advertising practices between Japan and the US. This exploration culminated in their creation of original commercials that highlighted these differences. ELC External Programs Coordinator Mark Albee and Shiga Prefecture Visiting Official Yuta Matsubara were present at the final presentations, witnessing the innovative approaches students applied in their work.

Throughout their time here, the students from Shiga University, who came to study English at the ELC's Intensive English Program, visited the Japanese classes. This interaction provided a rich, immersive environment where both MSU and Shiga students could practice their Japanese and English language skills together. They shared insights and learned from each other about their respective cultures and languages, deepening their understanding of the differences and similarities. This collaborative experience was not only educational but also fostered a sense of global connection among the students.

Immamura Fellowship Awardees AY 23-24

December 14, 2023



Praew Bupphachuen (left) and Maddie Gregory (right) have been selected to receive the Shigeo/Isako Imamura Graduate Fellowship. Please join us in sending Maddie and Praew a hearty congratulations on this award. This fellowship is awarded to graduate students in the MATESOL program who are in good standing in their academic studies, who are teaching in the English Language Center at MSU, and, most importantly for the fellowship, who demonstrate a commitment to academic and classroom excellence in English language pedagogy in a cross-cultural context.