

In Review - ATLE Luncheon February 3rd, 2016

Faculty Research Presentation

What happened today?

During our February 3rd event, ATLE hosted two faculty members to present their research on teaching and learning. For this luncheon, we brought in Dr. Jeremy Ecke from the the Department of English to discuss “Crowdsourcing: Language, Culture, and Student Exchange,” as well as Dr. Vicki Lind from the Music Department to discuss “Culturally Responsive Pedagogy: We Teach Who We Are.” Starting with Dr. Ecke, each guest presented for 15 minutes on their respective topics, with a ten minute question and debrief period following each presentation.

Dr. Ecke Highlights:

- His collaboration pairs UALR students and staff and students at Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo, Mexico, in evaluating a self-guided language learning model.
- This project’s interaction among students, language counselors, and language learners demonstrates how more advanced testing and learning objects could be created.
- His presentation highlighted some common grammatical issues, with which second language learners struggle, and how this model can be effective in helping them.
- For more information, you can view Dr. Ecke’s Handout here: [Crowdsourcing: Language, Culture, and Student Exchange](#)

Dr. Lind Highlights:

- Her co-authored book, which will be released this month, argues that how we teach, including the relationships between teachers and students, has a large impact on the quality of a class.
- This work builds upon research from Geneva Gay and Gloria Ladson-Billings, which demonstrates that by learning the personal cultural background of each student, a teacher can connect with and learn from students on a deeper level.
- In teaching music, for example, an understanding of students’ choices of music and the musical expression of their communities is an important part of teaching music in a culturally-responsive manner.
- In order to “teach responsibly,” a teacher must...
 - Know oneself
 - Know the students
 - Know the community

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