

**ACM-CIC Enhancing the Midwest Knowledge Ecosystem  
Meeting on Languages  
June 11-12, 2013**

*All events will take place in Tactic Room 2 in the Aloft Chicago O'Hare.*

**WORKSHOP GOAL:** To generate ideas for a collaborative proposal between liberal arts colleges and research universities in the area of languages to submit to the Mellon Foundation. Three broad areas identified by Steering Committee and Planning Subcommittee:

1. Language sharing,
2. Language pedagogy,
3. Study abroad (language acquisition, orientation and re-entry programs, best practices)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11**

**1:00—1:15 Welcome and Introductions**

Russ Ganim (University of Iowa), Gerald Seaman (Ripon College), and Christopher Welna (ACM)

**1:15—1:45 Opening Panel—Background, Goals, and Present State of World Language Instruction at CIC and ACM Institutions**

Russ Ganim (University of Iowa), Gerald Seaman (Ripon College), Amber Marks (CIC), and Elizabeth Ciner (ACM)

**1:45—2:15 Group Discussion:** Participants share information about themselves and their respective institutions with respect to this initiative.

**2:15—2:30 Break**

**2:30—5:30 Successful Examples for Possible Collaboration** (Each presentation will be followed by a brief Q & A)

**2:30—3:15 Language Sharing**

Innovations in LCTL (Less Commonly Taught Languages) Instruction, Ariann Stern-Gottschalk (Indiana University)

**3:15—4:15 Language Pedagogy**

Technology and Pedagogy: The iPad Project, Noriko Taira Yasohama and Mary Finn (Northwestern University)  
Interdisciplinary Cooperation and Asian Studies, Rika Ito (St. Olaf College)

**4:15—5:00 Study Abroad**

Language sharing and research methods, Joan Gillespie (ACM)

**5:00—5:15 Dinner sign up**

**5:15—6:00 Wrap-up:** Discussion of key topics for Wednesday; are there other areas we ought to be investigating vis-à-vis collaboration?

**6:00 Dinner on your own or with a group** (ACM will reimburse up to \$25 for dinner)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12**

**8:00—8:45 Breakfast**

**8:45—10:30 Small Group Discussions**

What are we doing well that we could do more of?

What aren't we doing yet that we could do?

**10:30—10:45 Break**

**10:45—11:30 Group Discussion**—Grant projects, follow-up, and staying in touch

**11:30 Box Lunch**—All participants are invited to stay and continue the discussion

**Talking Points that Emerged from Abbreviated Iowa Meeting in February:**

- Innovation in pedagogy and technology, with discussion of the “flipped classroom” model of instruction: <http://www.knewton.com/flipped-classroom/>
- Sustained instruction as a means to provide for shared teaching of Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLs)
- Building a sustained course of study in LCTLs, which would include upper division courses and emphasize proficiency standards
- Close examination of study abroad as a mode of collaboration, concentrating on curricula related to orientation and re-entry
- Languages that might hold the most potential for cooperative work are Swahili, Portuguese, Korean, Chinese, Arabic, Hindi, and Marathi
- A virtual exchange of teaching and/or testing materials could be created, i.e., “Materials Share.”

**Wayne Jacobson**, Director of Assessment in the Office of the Provost at the University of Iowa and an adjunct Faculty in Educational Policy and Leadership Studies, is serving as our official workshop reporter; don't hesitate to avail yourself of the opportunity to talk with him about your interests and concerns!

Wayne spent the first half of his academic career teaching ESL in the U.S. and Southeast Asia, and he has consulted on program design, staff development, and assessment for language and literacy programs in Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, China, and the U.S. Before coming to Iowa, he was Director of the Center for Instructional Development and Research at the University of Washington. He holds a Ph.D. in Adult Education from the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

At Iowa, he is responsible for coordinating learning outcomes assessment in academic programs at UI, and he is also involved in preparing for UI's next institutional accreditation, UI participation in national assessment initiatives, and assessment collaborations with other CIC and Iowa Regents universities.

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