

Raising the Visibility of Asia in Teacher Preparation through E-Learning

The Freeman Foundation has funded a pilot program at California State University, Long Beach to raise the visibility of Asia in primary and secondary teacher preparation. This project has a large e-learning component. Through the project, teacher education faculty from ten California universities have collaborated to create web-based materials for enhancing pre-service understanding and meaningful pedagogic application of knowledge about Asia in language arts and social studies classrooms. Curriculum and lessons are developed for the university classroom, and the web-based design not only aids pre-service learning, but facilitates dissemination of the project and raises the visibility of Asia in teacher education beyond the institutions directly involved. This session will present the origins and web-component of the project, and share the successes and challenges of electronic collaboration.