

Top Global University Project

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Institute for Professional Excellence in Global Learning Kickoff Workshop

Last academic year APU was adopted into the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's "Top Global University Project." Under the goal of "Global Learning: Aiming for a New Horizon in University Education," APU is advancing a variety of initiatives. The "Institute for Professional Excellence in Global Learning" is one of the pillars in the Project concept and is being established for the purpose of promoting Global Learning, both in theory and in practice. This institute will not only partner with educational institutions abroad and take on the role of training faculty and staff from APU and other universities, it will also utilize the educational experience found in APU's multicultural environment. Aiming to become the hub for global faculty/staff development in the Asia Pacific region, including Japan, we plan to widely disseminate the Institute's outcomes for the further benefit of all. We are holding this kickoff special lecture and workshop to inaugurate the Institute and broadcast its goals.

*** Admission Free / Language: English (no interpretation)**

Part 1 Friday, December 18, 2015 14:00-18:00 (Doors open at 13:30)

Workshop Topic

The 3 Keys to Interactive Learning: Metacognition, Mindset and Motivation

University students in the 21st century are diverse in their academic skills, study methods and motivations. While students have an interest in their grades, we also hear faculty lamenting that students do not make an effort. In this session we will not only improve student learning through demonstrating the importance of students acquiring simple and effective learning strategies found in cognitive science, through hands on learning we will also study strategies for transforming student learning behavior.

Presenter Dr. Sandra McGuire

(Assistant Vice Chancellor & Professor of Chemistry, Director Emerita, Center for Academic Success, Louisiana State University)

Location Multipurpose Hall, 2F, Building EII (Student Union), Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Part 2 Saturday, December 19, 2015 13:00-17:30 (Doors open at 12:30)
Sunday, December 20, 2015 9:30-13:00 (Doors open at 9:00)

Workshop Topic

Communicating Effectively with Students from Diverse Backgrounds

While studying three models for working with students having diverse backgrounds – "International Communication Style", "Cultural Adaptation Process" and "Active Listening" – participants aim to develop their practical skills through case studies and role playing.

Presenter Dr. Kay Thomas (International Education Consultant and Coach, Former Director, International Student & Scholar Services, University of Minnesota)

Tatsuya Hirai (Assistant Professor, Education Development and Learning Support Center, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University)

Satoru Yamashita (Clinical Psychologist, Counseling Room Counselor, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University)

Location Multipurpose Hall, 2F, Building EII (Student Union), Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University



Lecturer Profiles



Dr. Sandra McGuire

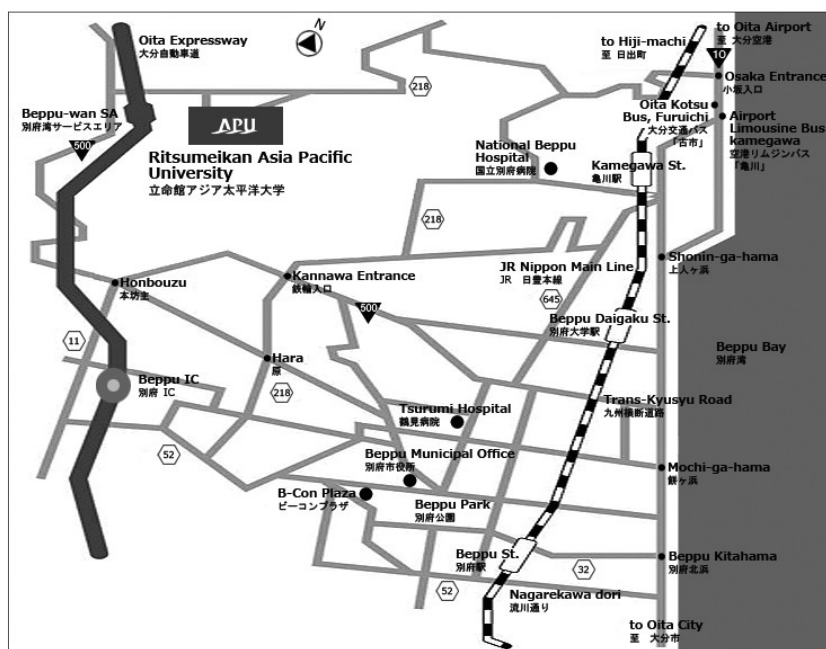
Dr. Sandra Yancy McGuire has been teaching and mentoring college students for over forty years. She is an elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the American Chemical Society (ACS), and the Council of Learning Assistance and Developmental Education Associations (CLADEA). In 2014 she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemist and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE). In 2010, she became one of only seven individuals in the Nation to have achieved Level Four Lifetime Learning Center Leadership Certification through the National College Learning Center Association (NCLCA). In 2007, she was recognized for excellence in mentoring with a Presidential Award presented in a White House Oval Office Ceremony.



Dr. Kay Thomas

Dr. Kay A. Thomas, PhD, is an International Education Consultant and Coach and the retired director of the International Student and Scholar Services Office at the University of Minnesota. She holds a PhD in Educational Psychology (Counseling and Student Personnel Psychology program) from the University of Minnesota. She taught Cross-cultural Counseling, and numerous other courses in the Educational Psychology program for 35 years. She has been an active member of NAFSA, previously holding numerous leadership positions at the regional and national level, including serving as NAFSA's national president in 2000-2001. Dr. Thomas had a Fulbright to Japan in 1987 and to Korea in 1997.

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How to Get to APU

From JR Beppu Station

From the East Exit: Take any Oita Kotsu bus showing its destination as "Ritsumeikan APU" and get off at the destination. (35 min)

From the West Exit: Take any Kamenoi bus showing its destination as "Ritsumeikan APU" and get off at the destination. (35 min)

From Oita Airport

Take the airport limousine bus "Airliner" to the Furuichi bus stop in Kamegawa. (30 min)

⇒Transfer to the Furuichi bus stop across the road and take any Oita Kotsu bus showing its destination as "Ritsumeikan APU"; get off at the destination. (15 min)

From JR Hakata Station / Fukuoka Airport

Take the "Toyonokuni" highway bus to the Beppu-wan Service Area / APU stop. (140 min from Hakata Bus Terminal; 100 min from the Fukuoka Airport International Terminal)

*Times given in () indicate the time

How to Register

Please send the following information to the email address provided below.

1) Name 2) Affiliation 3) Email address 4) If you will only be participating in some of the activities, indicate which ones you will attend.

Email address for registering: apusgu@apu.ac.jp

Registration deadline: Monday, December 14, 2015

*Registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served space-available basis. Once all spaces are filled, no further registrations will be accepted.

Capacity: 30 participants

Inquiries

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