Specialized TESOL Methodology: CALL

Dates: 2016 3/5 (Sat. 15:00-20:00)

                  2016 3/6 (Sun. 10:00-17:00)

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Course Description:

Although I have a long background in CALL, having created several CALL Centers and Language Learning Labs in the late 80s and early 90s, even publishing a book called "New Perspectives on CALL for Second Language Classrooms", I am actually not a big fan of traditional approaches to CALL as the learning curve to get teachers and students comfortable with the required high end hardware and software used does not fit with my focus on developing and using language learning applications and tools that are intuitive, easy to use and that make use of every day technologies such as cell phones and PCs with browsers. This course will thus focus instead on introducing software tools and ideas that can easily be implemented in the Japanese EFL classroom. As a 2nd language vocabulary acquisition specialist I will also introduce some of the free and open source teaching and learning tools that I have developed.

Pre-course assignment:

Read the introduction to the Stanley book before class

Between-classes assignment:

Prepare to demonstrate to the class, one online language learning activity from the Stanley book

Course Book:

Stanley, G. (2013). *Language Learning with Technology: Ideas for Integrating Technology in the Classroom*. Cambridge University Press.

Assessment:

As a pass-fail class, assessment will be based on your on-time attendance to both classes, completion of the between-class assignment and your active participation. It is my expectation that every student will pass this class.

Bio Data:

Dr. Charles Browne, is Professor of Applied Linguistics and head of the EFL teacher training program at Meiji Gakuin University in Japan, and a well-known expert on English education in Asia with 30 years experience at all levels of the English education system in Japan. He is a specialist in online language learning as well as second language vocabulary acquisition, creating several well-known words lists including the New General Service List (www.newgeneralservicelist.org) and the New Academic Word List (www.newacademicwordlist.org) He has written dozens of research articles and books, including a monthly column for the number one English education journal in Japan (Eigo Kyoiku) and "New Perspectives on CALL for the Second Language Classroom" (2004, 2013, Lawrence Earlbaum). He was the first National Chairman of the JET Program, worked for the Japanese Ministry of Education as a teacher-training specialist and on the national textbook committee, and has led language learning product development for such software companies as English Central (www.englishcentral.com), GoFluent (www.gofluent.com), Cooori (www.cooori.com) and Lexxica (www.lexxica.com).