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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE PRACTICE

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VENUE: ACADEMIC BUILDING 1079

Experiential Learning for Community Service and Foreign Language Practice

Speaker: Warren Decker, Lecturer, MomoyamaGakuin University

* The event is also a faculty recruitment seminar for Language and Culture Center.

ABSTRACT:

In this presentation I will describe two experiential-learning programs that I have created and implemented at MomoyamaGakuin University in Japan: (1) snow shoveling in a remote mountain village in Gifu Prefecture, and (2) teaching English at an elementary school in Osaka. Although the contents and structures of these programs are completely different, both enable university students to learn concrete skills, make contributions to the community, and practice foreign languages in a meaningful context. Through these two specific examples, I hope to illustrate the importance and efficacy of experiential learning in general.

BIO:

Warren Decker is a lecturer and academic advisor at MomoyamaGakuin University. He holds an MAT in English from the University of North Carolina, and is currently enrolled in the Creative Writing MFA program at the University of Texas. He has published several articles related to language education and experiential learning.

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Hope to see you all!