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Webinar #2, Fall Semester 2016:

Transform Intercultural Experience into Intercultural Learning: Combine International and Study Abroad Students in a Global Virtual Classroom to Develop Intercultural Competence

Tuesday October 11, 2016, 1:00 – 2:00 pm Eastern time

Presenter: Kris Lou, Willamette University



Kris Lou, Ph.D., has taught an innovative course for study abroad students that involves them with new international students on the Willamette University campus in Oregon. The origin of the present course goes back to 1999 and the course has been delivered in its present form since 2004. The course integrates international students on the Willamette campus with study abroad students in varying locations around the world. All are new to their host cultures and all are doing the same intercultural learning

assignments, but in different cultural contexts. These two unique features give the course its powerful impact. A third significant feature is the pre- and post-assessment of the students' intercultural orientation. This enables targeted feedback tailored to the individual student's learning curve.

Learning Outcomes: Participants in this webinar will be able to:

- Identify necessary steps for developing and implementing a course of this type
- Recognize how the course is delivered, including the various logistical obstacles framing its delivery
- Understand why the course design is uniquely effective in achieving its learning outcomes, including the theory underlying this approach to intercultural learning.
- Recognize how quantitative and qualitative assessment are equally important and mutually reinforcing.
- Understand the effectiveness of facilitated intercultural learning and how and why students learn better when they engage in helping others learn.

About the presenter:

Dr. Kris Hemming Lou is Director of International Education and Associate Professor of International Studies at Willamette University since 2003. He earned his PhD in International Relations at the University of Oregon in 1992. He presents frequently on issues of Intercultural Learning Abroad and has taught in the US, Austria, and Japan. Dr. Lou is a co-editor of *Student Learning Abroad* and CEO of Hemming & Weber Consulting, LLC, which provides intercultural consulting services to educational institutions.