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Project Summary

First and foremost I want to express my gratitude for all individuals involved in the Japan Study Institute agenda and planning. It was intense work and long days but the learning was invaluable and ignited a new passion as well generated several venues for further research and collaboration.

My particular project will focus on the revision of a current assignment in my graduate level course on Autism. Currently, students select a book on autism and conduct weekly book club meetings with a final presentation. The revisions will focus on expanding the assignment to a more globally inclusive and culturally responsive book choice. I also plan to incorporate a comparative study of countries and autism within the parameters of the course. In addition to the course revisions, I also hope to add to my Honors Film course (Disabilities and Film), Introduction to Inclusive Education course, which currently has a film component, as well as to expand on my sabbatical proposal.

Respectfully submitted,
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