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Project Summary

In the Spring semester of 2014, I will be teaching Social Psychology at Lincoln University in a way that I have never done before.  My intention is to include material I have learned during the Japan Studies Institute about Japanese cultural practices, values, and aesthetics.  In addition, my exposure to these things during the JSI has motivated me to begin doing research in Japanese psychology journals so that I can compare the results of studies conducted on American participants and Japanese participants.  Currently I have identified the following areas of Social Psychology that contain studies relevant to my task: collectivism versus individualism, social attributions, social loafing, prosocial behavior, self-enhancement motivation, and public/private views of the self.  Although many of these terms are quite technical and specific to the field of Social Psychology, they appear in every textbook that I have used in my teaching of this class.  I am excited to discover more studies in additional areas that will allow me to discuss comparative study results.  Additionally, I plan to ask my students to research similar studies and to provide in-class presentations on their findings.