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Project SEED

Project SEED (Research on Social Justice, Education Equity and Diversity through the Lens of Taiwan’s National Civic Literacy and Efficacy Initiative) is a multicultural collaborative effort focused on generating knowledge on the development of civic knowledge/skills, attitude toward civic literacy and efficacy in Taiwan for research and development of civic engagement in language, social science and science learning.

Arriving Taiwan

We departed the United States on November 8. Upon arriving in Taipei, we took the high speed train from Taipei to Kaohsiung (NSYSU).

NSYSU Campus

After settling down and getting acclimated, we took a campus tour at NSYSU and went over the schedule for the next 6 weeks.

School Visit (Field Research-Kaohsiung)

Our first field research was on November 16 at Kaohsiung Municipal San Min Junior High School. We observed a science classroom, conducted interviews with the principal and directors. We also conducted two focus group interviews: one group consisted of 5 teachers and the second group consisted of 12 students.

View from NSYSU campus. From left to right: Drs. Crystal Wang, Isti Sanga, Todd Reeves, Laura Johnson, Tom Smith, Wei-Chen Hung, and Huann-shyang Lin.
2022 International Conference on General Education, Teaching Practice Research and STEAM Education

The international conference was held on November 18-19 at Tamkang University. The theme of this International Conference was Transnational Seminar on STEAM Education Research. Dr. Wei-Chen Hung delivered the keynote. Dr. Tom Smith, Laura Johnson, Todd Reeves, and Isti Sanga presented and participated in the forum on STEAM education.

School Visit (Field Research-National Kinmen Senior High School)

Our second field research was on November 21st at National Kinmen Senior High School. We conducted a focus group interview with 3 teachers.

Recordings

- Keynote by Dr. Wei-Chen Hung
- Presentations by Drs. Tom Smith, Laura Johnson, Todd Reeves, and Isti Sanga

Note: Presentations with title slides will be posted later.

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Cultural Tour (Kinmen Island)

On November 20th, we traveled from Kaohsiung to Kinmen. On our way to our lodging (Grace Homestay), we passed by the Kinmen Bridge. The bridge was completed last month. The Kinmen Bridge is Taiwan’s longest cross-sea bridge (5.4 km) and connects the Kinmen and Lieyu islands.

On November 21st, before our field visit to the high schools, we visited the Zhaishan (or Jhaishan) Tunnels. The tunnels, built in 1963, were used to protect ships during the Chinese Civil War.

On November 22nd, on our way back to Kaohsuing, we visited the historic Mofan Street. Mofan Street is a street with a lot of historical significance. Mò fàn in Mandarin means model; the buildings on this street model historical buildings influenced by Western, Fujian, and Japanese architecture.

School Visit (Field Research-National Kinmen Agricultural and Vocational High School)

Our third field research was on November 21st at National Kinmen Agricultural and Industrial Vocational Senior High School. We met with their principal and interviewed their English teacher.