INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES FOR TEACHING CROSS-CULTURAL ISSUES IN PSYCHOLOGY

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Overview

This resource* includes lists of books, articles, journals, and Internet resources for teaching cross-cultural psychology and for expanding course coverage of cross-cultural issues. (Note: This resource does not include material for teaching issues related to ethnic diversity within the United States. A good resource for information on ethnic and other diversity issues is Expanding the Psychology Curriculum: An Annotated Bibliography on Multi-Cultural Psychology (1994), which is also available from OTRP.)

* See the companion resource Activities and Videos for Teaching Cross-Cultural Issues in Psychology, which can be downloaded from OTRP-Online or purchased from OTRP on floppy disk for adapting to individual classrooms.

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This section includes an extensive bibliography of books and journal articles for increasing course content related to issues in cross-cultural psychology. The bibliography is organized as follows: articles addressing strategies for incorporating a cross-cultural perspective in the curriculum, handbooks and general reference texts, texts for a stand-alone course in cross-cultural psychology, supplemental and activity texts, and resource books and articles for specific topic areas and cultures.

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This section provides an annotated list of resources for teaching about potential difficulties related to cross-cultural interactions and travel (e.g., communication, customs). These books are excellent resources for developing activities to sensitize students to cultural differences. Some activities developed from these resources are included in the companion resource, "Activities and Videos for Teaching Cross-Cultural Issues in Psychology."

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This section provides an annotated list of web sites related to cross-cultural psychology.

PUBLISHED RESOURCES

I. General Books and Articles
Selected Articles on Incorporating Cross-Cultural Issues in the Psychology Curriculum


Handbooks and General Reference Texts


Handbooks and General Reference Texts (cont.)


**Textbooks Suitable for Courses in Cross-Cultural Psychology**


**Supplementary Texts and Teaching Activity Resources**


**Selected Resource Books and Articles (Organized by Area/Topic)**

**Abnormal, Personality, Clinical & Counseling**


Pergamon.


**Cognition and Emotion**


**Cross-Cultural Interaction (e.g., communication, mores, etc.)**


**Cross-Cultural Interaction (cont.)**


**Developmental Psychology**


**Research Methods from a Cross-Cultural Perspective**


**Social Psychology**


**Social Psychology (cont.)**


**Selected Resource Books on Specific Cultures**


II. Selected Journals That Focus on Cross-Cultural Research

NOTE: Although many other journals will occasionally publish research that addresses cross-cultural issues, the journals listed below focus primarily on cross-cultural issues in psychology.

Behavioral Science Review
Culture & Psychology
Cross-Cultural Psychology (was titled Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology through 1993 volume)
Cross-Cultural Research
Ethos
International Journal of Intercultural Relations
International Journal of Psychology
Journal of Comparative Family Studies
Journal of Ethnic Studies
Journal of Latin American Studies
Journal of Social Psychology
Latin American Perspectives
Modern Asian Studies
World Psychology

III. Resources for Preparing for Cross-Cultural Travel


Cushner and Brislin’s book contains 100 critical incidents, each with discussion and possible explanations. The incidents are arranged around 8 general situations (e.g., host customs, settling in, tourist, work) and 18 themes (e.g., disconfirmed expectancies, time and space, values, etc.). Each theme also has an accompanying essay. The intent of the authors is to help cross-cultural travelers: (1) avoid stereotypical thinking, (2) be willing to seek more information, and (3) be dissatisfied with obvious explanations of incidents.


Although geared more to the business traveler, this book is a great general resource for cross-cultural teaching. It includes discussions of what to do and not to do in the areas of protocol, customs, etiquette, nonverbal behavior, gift giving and receiving, and jargon and idioms used by Americans that can be baffling to people of other cultures. Axtell has also published several other “Do's and Taboos” books through Wiley on specific topics related to cross-cultural interactions (e.g., Do’s and Taboos Around the World for Women in Business, Do’s and Taboos of Humor Around the World, Do’s and Taboos of Hosting International Visitors, Do’s and Taboos of Using English Around the World, and Gestures: The Do’s and Taboos of Body Language Around the World).


Although similar to Axtell (1993), Dresser has a much broader scope and includes topics such as child-rearing practices, clothing, the meaning of colors, what and how to eat, superstitions, and a discussion of rules and practices associated with holidays and worship. Dresser also tends to focus on issues that arise with respect to the increasing diversity of cultures in the U.S.
INTERNET RESOURCES

I. ListServe Discussion Groups

C-PSYCH: Cross-Cultural Psychology Discussion List
(a cross-cultural psychology discussion list that often focuses on teaching issues)

To subscribe, send e-mail to listserv@maelstrom.stjohns.edu with the body of the message stating “SUB C-PSYCH Yourname” (omitting quotes).

TRANSCULTURAL-PSYCHOLOGY
(Sunkyo Kwon monitors this cross-cultural psychology discussion forum at Humboldt University in Berlin. This discussion list is very active and issues raised include both teaching and research.)

To subscribe, send e-mail to listserv@vm1.nodak.edu with the body of the message stating “SUBSCRIBE TRANSCULTURAL-PSYCHOLOGY Yourname” (omitting quotes).

II. Selected WWW Sites

Canadian Psychological Association: http://www.cpa.ca/
(This home page for the Canadian Psychological Association contains some good cross-cultural links.)

Coombsweb: http://coombs.anu.edu.au/
(This is a site maintained by the Australian National University and contains a wide selection of materials in the humanities and social sciences, particularly focusing on Asian-Pacific studies.)

Cross-Cultural Breastfeeding References: http://www.prairienet.org/community/health/laleche/detbooks.html
(This page, maintained by Dr. Katherine Dettwyler of the Department of Anthropology at Texas A & M University, contains a bibliography of publications by anthropologists relating to cultural variations in child rearing, especially breastfeeding practices.)

(This is an electronic journal with some articles relating to cross-cultural issues.)

(This page is maintained by World Café Productions and has extensive links to sites in countries throughout the world. In addition, it has a useful list of traits of cultures that can be used to help students begin to understand the concept of culture and how it relates to human behavior.)
The Human Languages Page:  http://www.june29.com/HLP/
(This site provides over 1,800 links and resources on just about any language in the world.  Resource topics include languages and literature, multilingual resources, linguistics resources, links to online language tutorial and translation services, and links to related college departmental pages.)

Index of Native American Resources on the Internet:  http://hanksville.phast.umass.edu/misc/NAresources.html
(This site provides links to information and home pages for a wide variety of Native American tribes.  Links include cultural, educational, musical, video, and aboriginal resources.)

Intercultural Communication  
http://www.americancomm.org/~aca/studies/intercultural.html
(This page, maintained by the American Communication Association, provides a list of links to a wide variety of sites addressing cross-cultural issues.  Links include sites addressing Aboriginal studies, Asian studies, several sites on cross-cultural communication, a culture tolerance and acceptance activity on the web, sites on folklore and music, Middle Eastern studies, religion, and Tibetan studies.)

II. Selected WWW Sites (cont.)

Intercultural EMail Classroom Connections:  http://www.stolaf.edu/network/iecc/
(This site, sponsored by St. Olaf College, provides mailing lists to help link teachers and their classes to their counterparts in other countries for pen pal and project exchanges.)

International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP)  
http://www.fit.edu/CampusLife/clubs-org/iaccp/
(This is the home page for the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology; it contains lots of good information and links.)

Japan Information Network:  http://www.jinjapan.org/index.html
(This is a general site run by the Japan Information Network that provides links to sites throughout Japan.  Links include statistics about Japanese life and lifestyles (e.g., census information, crime, women, leisure activities), current trends, and general information about cities and regions.)

Nijmegen Cultural Psychology Group:  http://www.socsci.kun.nl/psy/cultuur/
(This is the home page for the Cultural Psychology Group at Nijmegen University, the Netherlands.  It contains lots of interesting information on the research and history of the group as well as interesting links to other resources related to cultural psychology.)

Psychology Organizations on the Web:  http://psych.hanover.edu/Krantz/psy.html
(This is a good page with links to a lot of different international psychology organizations.)

Resources for Colleges and Universities in International Exchange  
http://www.usc.edu/dept/overseas/links.html
(This site contains a large number of links to information and resources related to international exchange programs among colleges and universities.)

Society for Cross-Cultural Research:  http://www.fit.edu/CampusLife/clubs-org/scrr
(The home page of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research (SCCR), this site provides information about society membership, subscriptions to its journal (Cross-Cultural Research), its meetings, and links to other cross-cultural resources on the web.)

Teaching Cross-Cultural Methods to Undergraduates (a CAM article)  
http://www.lawrence.edu/~bradleyc/hraf.html
(This site contains an article by Candice Bradley of Lawrence University discussing the importance of teaching cross-cultural methods to undergraduates.  It also has several suggestions for student projects.)

The Virtual Faculty:  http://www.massey.ac.nz/~ALock/virtual
(The Virtual Faculty home page is maintained by a number of faculty from around the world who share common interests, one of which is cross-cultural studies.  There are links to a number of full-text articles and projects related to cross-cultural psychology.)

The Web of Culture:  http://www.webofculture.com
(Originally developed as a project for a graduate course in cross-cultural communication, this page has extensive links to sites that address topics such as languages, religion, foreign embassies and consulates, and
cuisine. It also includes a page devoted to cross-cultural comparisons of the use and interpretation of
gestures based upon the work of Roger Axtell.)

WWW Servers in Japan:  http://www.ntt.co.jp
(This page gives you links to just about anything you can imagine in Japan.)