

# Instructional Collaborations in Diverse Cultural and Multilingual Contexts

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## Panel Structure

All panelists will give short presentations and then we will have a guided Q&A and conversation.

After the recording, we will have a live Q&A.

Throughout the recording, please feel free to use the chat and panelists will respond.





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## People as Sources of Information and Research Support in a Diverse Cultural and Multilingual Context

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## For a well-rounded LACS research project you need a variety of resources on....

- Various languages
- Authored by different voices
- Generated not only in the USA but in the countries in which your research is focused on




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**But HOW can we incorporate the concept of “People as Sources of Information and Research Support” within a diverse context?**



An overhead view of three students sitting around a table. They are looking at various documents and a laptop. One student is pointing at a document titled 'The Human Costs of the Colombian Conflict' which features several bar charts. Another document titled 'The Brief' is also visible. A yellow circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

Classmates

Alumni of  
the course

Graduate  
students

People as Sources of Information  
Multiple Layers of Research Support



Evaluating Diverse Sources of Information published in various countries, a variety of languages and voices





“I never felt alone during my research”





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## **The Human Factor**

Sharing Sources of Information

Facilitating Research Support





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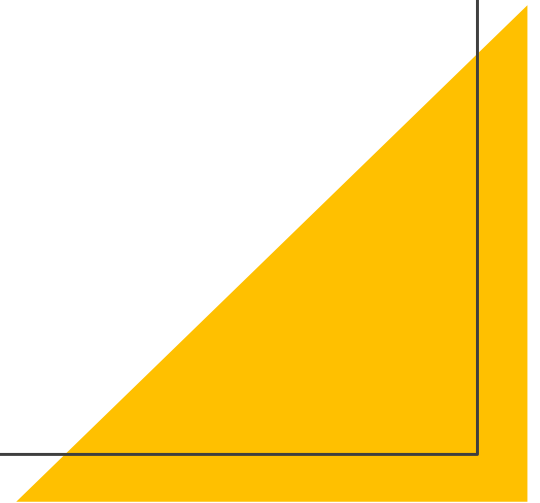
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## Teaching information literacy with Global South Sources

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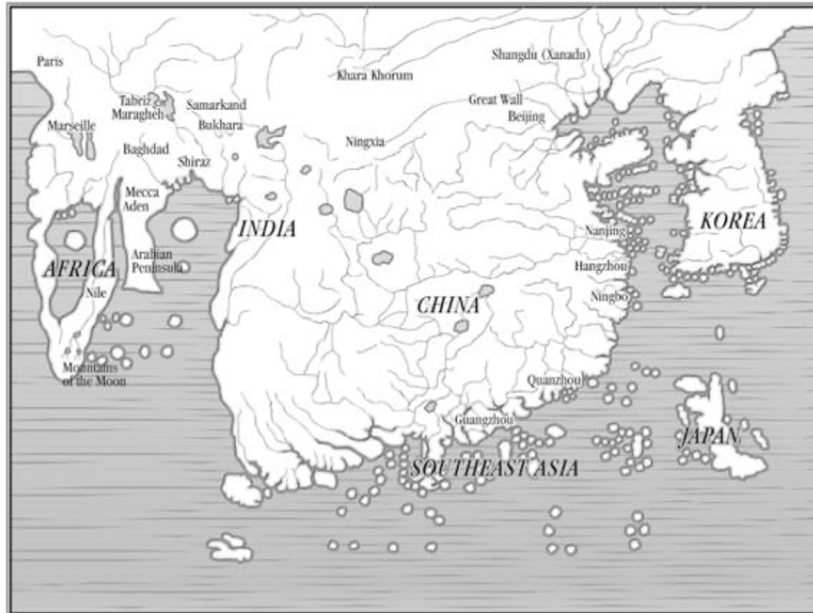
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por qué esto es importante/ why this matters

**Distance has become less a question of geographical distance and more a question of perspective.**

**Kangnido World Map (1402)**



“Despite the illusion of universal proximity, there are yet ways of being remote and distant in our day...  
...So, even now, not every place is equally connected and distance is, undeniably, relative and flexible. ...”

Sylvia Sellers-García, *Distance and Documents at the Spanish Empire's Periphery*

por qué esto es importante/ why this matters

## REPRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE Thompson Reuters' Web of Science



[Figure 1: Indexed articles in the Web of Science database produced by authors in the Global North clustered by subject. Reprinted from SCImago, (n.d.). SJR — SCImago Journal & Country Rank -Shape of Science[Portal]. Retrieved August 15, 2020, from <http://www.scimagojr.com>.]



[Figure 2: Indexed articles in Web of Science database produced by authors in the Global South clustered by subject. Reprinted from SCImago, (n.d.). SJR — SCImago Journal & Country Rank -Shape of Science[Portal]. Retrieved August 15, 2020, from <http://www.scimagojr.com>.]



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# Course

SP11: NEWS OF A SOCIETY (32137)



## International Studies 4850

Understanding the Global Information Society



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*"I still use the knowledge I've gained from that course as it was one of the sparks that lit the flame for my passion of wanting to do international work. I have been more motivated than ever over the years to pursue my passion for knowledge, language, cultures and technology."*

-Student Testimonial

**Description:** This course invites students to think critically about the global networks that are shaping the new knowledge creation & sharing processes. To monitor news, investigate web resources & gather information for assignments, report & case study analysis.

Credit Hours: 3.0

INFORMATION LITERACY

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

# Instructional Pedagogy

# Information Network : Redesign for global inclusion

## APPLIED SCAFFOLDING

Modeled iterative scholarship

Students incorporated instructor feedback

Search strategies and source evaluation practiced 3X

## SOURCE CRITERIA

Viewpoint diversity

Unpacking source authority

Reflect on the search process + how/when to consult a source

## FROM PAPER TO BLOG

Motivated students

Addressed knowledge equity

New publishing platform taught to students

# Assessment

## Information Literacy

“...the set of integrated abilities encompassing the reflective discovery of information, the understanding of how information is produced and valued, and the use of information in creating new knowledge and participating ethically in communities of learning”  
 -(ACRL, 2015).

## GCED is based on the three domains of learning

- **Cognitive:** knowledge and thinking skills necessary to better understand the world and its complexities.
- **Socio-emotional:** values, attitudes and social skills that enable learners to develop affectively, psychosocially, and physically and to enable them to live together with others respectfully and peacefully.
- **Behavioral:** conduct, performance, practical application and engagement.

| Element          | Assignment Element Evaluation at Excellent  | ACRL Information Literacy Disposition                    | UNESCO Global Citizenship Element(s)  |
|------------------|---|--|---|
| Source Relevance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic description (e.g. author/ organization behind the source, format type)</li> <li>• Access point</li> <li>• Source currency</li> <li>• Country of origin and language</li> <li>• Type of information</li> <li>• Source perspective</li> <li>• Strengths/Weaknesses</li> <li>• Why it was selected</li> </ul> | Information Creation as Process<br>Information has Value | Learners acquire knowledge and understanding of local, national and global issues and the interconnectedness and interdependence of different countries and populations |

## Closing thoughts...

The Information Network assignment sought to **decenter student's learning environment** by having them **prioritize global voices and perspectives** as their main source of information





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## Mapping Latinx at UO



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# Community & Collaboration

## Community & Needs

- UO Dreamers Working Group's Community Engagement Committee
  - Local Eugene-Springfield community members
- Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art (JSMA)
  - Events for local Latinx communities, need a parking and transportation map
- Raza Unida Youth Conference (RUYC)
  - Annual conference with Latinx youth & parents
- World Athletics Championships in 2022
  - International Visitors to Eugene & UO

## UO Partners

- Spanish Heritage Language Program (SHLP) Students
- SHLP Instructor Heather Quarles and Program Director Sergio Loza
- Campus GIS & Mapping Office, Brook Eastman & Ken Kato
- Cartographic and Spatial Data Librarian Kathy Stroud
- Data Management & Reproducibility Librarian Gabriele Hayden





# Librarian Involvement

Panopto Span 228 > Hola Alumnxs (SPAN 228)

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|   |      |
|---|------|
| Hola alumnxs.   | 0:00 |
| Me llamo Bronwen Maxson. Soy la Undergraduate Engagement Librarian                                    |      |
| y la bibliotecaria temática del español, portugués y estudios latinoamericanos de la UO.              | 0:05 |
| Conoci a muchos de uds. en el trimestre pasado en   | 0:10 |
| el curso de 218 con Kelly León Howarth.   | 0:15 |
| Como saben, soy de Colorado y aprendí español en la escuela,  | 0:21 |
| durante mis estudios en España, y también en mi trabajo en Colorado.                                  | 0:26 |
| Quería informarles un poquito sobre el origen del proyecto de traducir el mapa del campus al español. | 0:31 |
| Fue una idea que surgió de un comité del Dreamers Working Group.                                      | 0:37 |
| El comité se llama Community Engagement Committee y   | 0:42 |
| trabajamos con colegas de organizaciones de las comunidades de Eugene y del condado Lane              | 0:47 |
| con el propósito de facilitar oportunidades de intercambio entre el campus                            | 0:53 |
| y la comunidad latina local. Algunos miembros del grupo   | 0:58 |
| notaron la falta de una mapa en español de desde allí,  | 1:03 |
| empezamos a hablar con la oficina de GIS del campus.  | 1:09 |
| El acrónimo GIS significa geographic information system en inglés.                                    | 1:14 |

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- Short introductory video for students
- Embedded in 2 sections of SPAN 228 course in Canvas (our LMS)
- Project aligns with personal, professional, university, and UO Libraries values







# Spring 2020 and SHL Program

When Spring quarter at UO began, we were already working from home and had unique needs:

- Asynchronous workflow
- Low burden on students
  - Each student had approx. 18 terms to translate
- connections to local community and family
- Benefit for campus and wider community

Spanish Heritage Language Program ([shl.uoregon.edu](http://shl.uoregon.edu))

- Alignment with heritage language and program pedagogy
- Alignment with course and instructor goals
- Personal connection for students to both campus and the local community



| Order of terms | Type          | TextString                      | Student 8 Translation                   | Student 8 Rating | Student 8 Doubts                     |
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| 146            | Building Name | Oregon                          | Óregon                                  | 1                | no doubts                            |
| 147            | Building Name | Oregon Law Clinic               | clínica legal de Óregon                 | 2                | maybe forgot an accent               |
| 148            | Building Name | Outdoor Program Barn            | Granero de la programa aire libre       | 2                | No sabia el palabra para Barn        |
| 149            | Building Name | Outdoor Tennis Courts           | la cancha de tenis de aire libre        | 2                | soudns wierd to me                   |
| 150            | Building Name | Pacific                         | pacífico                                | 2                | no doubts                            |
| 151            | Building Name | Parking Garage                  | el garaje                               | 2                | no se si debe de ser 1 o 2 palabras  |
| 152            | Building Name | PeaceHealth North               | salude de la paz norte                  | 2                | doesnt sound right                   |
| 153            | Building Name | PeaceHealth University District | salude de la paz distrito universitario | 3                | does not sound right to me           |



**This map:**  
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**Info about the map from Campus GIS & Mapping:**  
<https://safety.uoregon.edu/campus-map>

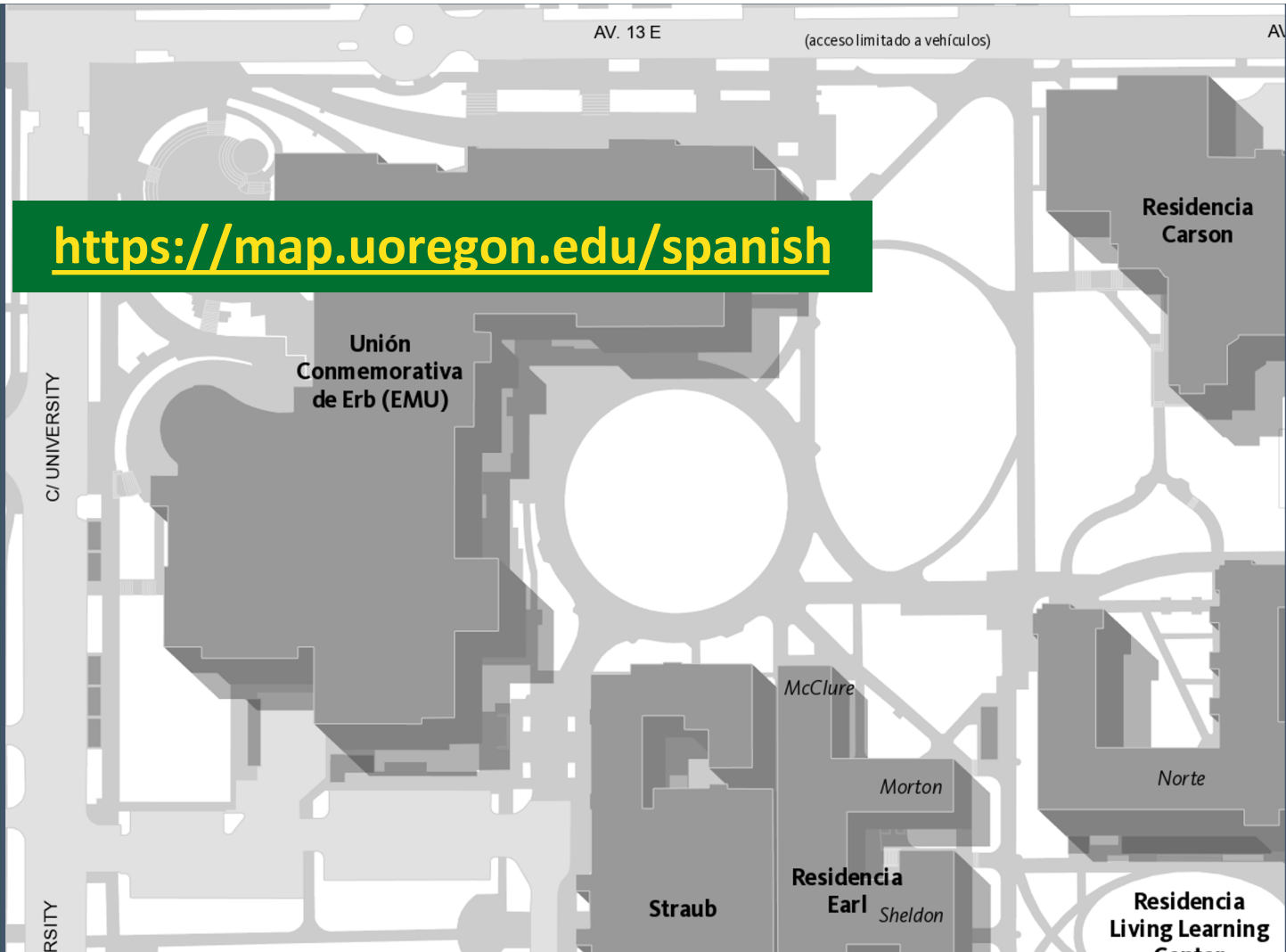
**MAPAS DE LA UO**

MAPAS DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE OREGON created by University of Oregon Spanish Heritage Language Program (SHLUO) Spanish 228 students including Karla Díaz-Miranda, Royce Flores, Tito Flores, Gisselle Garay, Edwin Gutierrez, Anthony Hanson, Ricardo Mendoza, Amanda Murphy, Kevin Neri, Roxanne Orta and UO Librarian Bronwen Maxson with SHL Faculty Heather Quarles. Acknowledgments: UO Dreamers Working Group (DWG) Community Engagement Subcommittee for starting the conversation, UO Libraries and SHLUO for supporting faculty in community engagement and student research projects that think outside the box, the Campus GIS and Mapping Program for sharing data that helped get the project started and translating our data into a publishable map. Details about the Creative Commons License click here.

**Otros Campuses:**

- Portland
- OIMB
- Campus Principal

<https://map.uoregon.edu/spanish>





# Critical Language Awareness

“Students learn to critically examine the social reality that not all linguistic varieties and languages receive the same social value. [...] Moreover, national monoglossic ideologies socially exclude, disparage, and marginalize minority languages by pressuring communities toward English monolingualism (Fuller, 2013).

Bilingual speakers in the United States use a Spanish variety which includes linguistic features that are common in bilingual contact areas: **semantic extensions, calques, false cognates, borrowings, code-switching, and regionalisms** (see Beaudrie et al., 2014; Escobar & Potowski, 2015; Lipski, 2008).

Ultimately, this [**critical language awareness**] approach promotes equity both inside and outside the classroom, and fosters students’ agency in making their own linguistic choices (Leeman, 2014).”

~ Beaudrie, S., Amezcua, A., & Loza, S. (2020) (*line breaks added for readability*)







# Student Responses

## Responses During the Spring Term Project (paraphrased)

- I asked my parents who immigrated to the US how they would navigate to places like a new job
- I looked at a map of both my parent's home cities in Mexico
- My family is from Puerto Rico and this is for the local community, many of whom have ties to Mexico, so that affects how I translate the terms
- Should we be paid for this work?

## Responses After the Term

- “With these translations, I feel many in the Latinx community will feel more accepted at the UO, and they will know that their children are attending a school that is inclusive.” - Anthony Hansen, *Around the O* interview
- “We were all from different backgrounds, so some of us might have been first-generation, some of us might have been born here, some of us may be born in Guatemala or Mexico or Puerto Rico,” Diaz said. “And I thought it was just cool to share our different languages, the way we say different things.” - Karla Diaz, *Daily Emerald* interview
- [Video response from UO student, Jessy B.](#)



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QUESTIONS?  
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