

Workshop Description

3/29/07 1:15 pm Workshop Block 2

10. Adult education principles and practices: Telling stories out of school (*OAI – Salvatore Cali, Tipawan Reed & J. William McVey*) *Track: Instructor Development*

Participants will be introduced to story telling as an important method which is based on adult education principles. Story-telling uses personal experience and interaction to engage students and to enhance learning. Good stories often incorporate humor, human interest, common sense, and a lesson learned. However, the use of personal stories can cross the line into self-indulgence, distraction, or boredom. Are there specific techniques to smoothly incorporate stories and students' personal experiences into lessons? What are some methods for soliciting personal experiences from students to liven up your training? How do you know when to stop, or how can you get someone else to stop?

This is an interactive workshop that gives attendees a chance to tell stories about telling stories. We will disassemble, identify and list the intuitive skills that most teachers have for engaging students. The goal of the workshop is to create a list of at least 20 techniques to incorporate personal experiences into lesson plans, and 20 more techniques to solicit personal experiences from students.