

The LLL SIG Newsletter

Coordinator's Message

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I live in Machida city in Tokyo and often attend Yokohama chapter meetings. The workshop held on January 19, 2013 was very interesting.

It was presented by Garold Murray of Okayama University. The title was "Enhancing Students' Motivation: Imagining an L2 Self."

He quoted from Bruner's *Making Stories* as follows.

"We constantly construct and reconstruct ourselves to meet the needs of the situations we encounter, and we do so with the guidance of our memories of the past and our hopes and fears for the future."

I think this is nothing but lifelong learning.

One of Mr. Murray's suggested activities is to ask students to write a personal essay in which they tell the story of their life as an English learner. This suggested activity motivated me to write my article in this newsletter.

His other suggested activity is to ask students to write an essay in which they describe their future-possible self and the life he or she will have between the time they graduate from university until they are 92(?). Therefore, I have a plan to write an article "How I have studied English since I graduated college" in the next newsletter.