

## **Lesson Study Research Group of Teachers College, Columbia University**

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### **What is the Lesson Study Research Group?**

<http://www.tc.columbia.edu/lessonstudy/>

The Lesson Study Research Group (LSRG) is housed at Teachers College, Columbia University, and is directed by Professor Clea Fernandez. The LSRG is working to contribute to a better understanding of lesson study in the United States. The activities of the LSRG include:

- sharing information about how lesson study is conducted in Japan;
- exploring how lesson study can be adapted for the U.S. educational context;
- developing tools and materials for supporting lesson study practice in the U.S.;
- gathering information about the impact of lesson study on teachers, students, schools, and the U.S. education system.

The LSRG also maintains a national clearinghouse of lesson study resources at our website. This website includes basic information about lesson study, relevant resources for conducting lesson study (such as readings, presentations, videos, tools, and work samples), and networking databases. Most of the resources listed on the website can be directly downloaded or requested from the website, and most of the individuals/ groups/ organizations listed in our databases can be directly contacted through the website.

### **Would you like to communicate with others who are interested in lesson study?**

<http://www.tc.columbia.edu/lessonstudy/listserv.html>

If you would like to exchange information with other individuals in the lesson study community, please join the Lesson Study Listserv, which connects subscribed members to 800+ individuals who are interested or engaged in lesson study. This listserv can be used to make announcements about lesson study events, exchange resources, post questions, raise issues, and share insights or advice about lesson study and related topics.

### **Would you like to network with other LSRG study groups?**

<http://www.tc.columbia.edu/lessonstudy/lsgroups.html>

The Lesson Study Research Group maintains a national database of lesson study groups for networking and survey purposes (and to help answer relevant systemic and policy questions about lesson study). Basic information about these groups (such as location, content area, grade levels, number of participants, etc.) is available on our website. You can sort through this information to find lesson study groups which are local to your area, match your content interests, and have similar structures, needs, and concerns. \*If you are a member of a lesson study group or know of one, please download a questionnaire and have the appropriate person from the lesson study group return it to us so we can add the group to our database.

### **Would you like to gather advice or obtain support for your lesson study work?**

<http://www.tc.columbia.edu/lessonstudy/networking.html>

The Lesson Study Research Group also maintains a number of databases that list individuals, groups, or organizations which may be able to advise you and/or support the work of your lesson study group. These databases include: other groups conducting lesson study, researchers investigating lesson study, organizations that offer consulting services, and principals/ administrators who support or participate in lesson study. We also maintain a list of lesson-study related events that may be of interest to you.

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