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Welcome to the APSI for Human Geography!

I am excited to be your mentor through the fast paced journey we will take June 27 – July 1 at Western Kentucky University. My commitment to each of you is that when you leave this Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI), you will feel empowered to teach Human Geography at a rigorous level- whether you are a nteacher new to the content, or an esteemed veteran.

A little about your mentor: I have taught AP Human Geography at J.M. Atherton High School (Louisville, Ky.) for the past eight years. During that time, I have also served and currently serve as a reader for APHG, and a consultant for the College Board. I am married, and have two adult children.

About the Institute: we will review the “systematic study of patterns and process that shape human understanding, use and alteration of Earth’s surface”. During our five jam-packed days of sharing, we will learn about resources from the College Board as well as others, the Course Audit, textbook selection, appropriate sequencing, timeframes, as well as reading and writing necessary to prepare students for success in AP courses and beyond. The full agenda will be provided to you at the beginning of the Institute.

In order to prepare for the APSI sessions, please bring the following with you:

- Any and all questions you have about content, assignments or teaching strategies for this course;
- If you have taught APHG (even one year!), please be ready to share what works, or what doesn’t work;
- Samples of student work to share.
- Your current APHG textbook IF you are teaching the course currently.

Please have reviewed/read:

- AP Human Geography Course Description. It can be found at: apcentral.collegeboard.com. This site will provide you current information about the AP course and exam.

If you have questions that cannot wait until June 21, feel free to e-mail me at either of the addresses above. I will respond to you as soon as I am able.

I look forward to our short time together!

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