New From TESOL Press: Language Teaching Insights From Other Fields


This new release explores what lessons can be learned from experts in other fields, and how they can generate new ways of thinking about English language teaching and the classroom in general.

“We have known for a long time that learning and motivational processes are similar in many fields,” said Tim Murphey, professor of second language acquisition, communication psychology, and teacher development researcher at Kanda University of International Studies, “but rarely have we had these processes so vividly displayed, as in this book, through working teachers’ parallel passions.”

*Language Teaching Insights From Other Fields* provides language teachers with a living library of their colleagues’ knowledge and experience, for example, a martial arts master effective at maintaining an orderly, productive classroom; a restaurant reviewer using her skill to critique student essays; and a public speaker making lessons memorable and exciting.

“It stimulated me to think, and it inspired me to do,” noted Brian Tomlinson, visiting professor at Leeds Metropolitan University and professor of TESOL at Anaheim University.

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Taken with the existing professional knowledge in the field of language teaching, these insights are excellent complements to all the context-specific solutions that language teachers learn in response to their particular challenges. They also hint at useful directions for future exploration and research.

John F. Fanselow, Professor Emeritus at Columbia University Teachers College, described each chapter as “fascinating, inspiring, refreshing, and intellectually stimulating.” He went on to say, “I would select it for an ESOL methods course.”

At its heart, Language Insights From Other Fields encourages teachers to draw from a variety of different experiences and fields to better develop and enrich their skills in the classroom.

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