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TESOL Announces Recipients of 2018 Award for Distinguished Research

Alexandria, VA (5 March 2018) – [TESOL International Association](#) is pleased to announce that Laura Gurzynski-Weiss and Andrea Révész are co-recipients of the 2018 [TESOL Award for Distinguished Research](#). Gurzynski-Weiss and Révész are being honored for their paper “Teachers’ Perspectives on Second Language Task Difficulty: Insights From Think-Alouds and Eye Tracking,” published in the [Annual Review of Applied Linguistics](#). They will be recognized at the opening keynote session of the [2018 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo](#), 27–30 March in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Laura Gurzynski-Weiss is an associate professor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at [Indiana University](#). She investigates interaction and task-based classroom-instructed second language acquisition, feedback provision and perception, instructor cognition, research methodology, and the role of individual differences.

Andrea Révész is an associate professor in applied linguistics at the [Institute of Education](#), University College London. Her research interests include instructed second language acquisition, and in particular, the roles of tasks, interaction, and individual differences in second language learning.

Both award recipients will present a session at the convention titled “What Makes a Task Difficult: Teacher and Researcher Perspectives,” which will take place on Wednesday, 28 March, 10:30 am–11:15 am in Room N135, McCormick Place, North Building. Their session, which is based on their winning paper, will synthesize results from teacher-oriented research on task difficulty and compare the insights emerging with existing task frameworks.

Recipients of the TESOL Award for Distinguished Research receive US\$1,000; a free one-year membership in TESOL International Association; a one-year subscription to [TESOL Quarterly](#); and registration, travel, and accommodations for the TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo.

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