2019 TESOL International Convention to Bring Thousands of English Language Educators to Atlanta

Alexandria, VA (6 March 2019) – From 13-15 March, more than 5,000 educators from over 110 countries will descend on Atlanta, Georgia, USA, for the 2019 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo. The world’s largest event of its kind, the annual convention is organized by TESOL International Association, the professional association for more than 10,000 teachers of English to speakers of other languages.

Kicking off the convention is an opening keynote featuring anthropologist and linguist K. David Harrison, who will shed light on how indigenous speakers and linguists are working to sustain endangered languages through the use of technology and digital advocacy in “Endangered Languages.” The other keynote speakers include TESOL President Luciana C. de Oliveira, who will discuss the expertise English teachers need to develop in order to teach English as a global language, while considering the diverse forms and uses of English as defined by local dynamics in “Developing Expertise in TESOL: Local-Global Considerations;” Anneliese A. Singh, a leader in identifying opportunities for empowerment and liberation for all students and educators, who will present “Everyday Teaching, Everyday Liberation: Building the Beloved Community as Educators;” and Pedro Noguera, who will lead the Friday keynote titled “The Power of Language, the Language of Power: Preparing Our Students for the Uncertainties of the 21st Century” that examines the ways in which immigrant students and English language learners are being affected by the current political climate, and what educators can do to promote peace and pluralism.

Attendees will have access to over 1,000 educational sessions presented by experts on a broad variety of topics, including language testing and assessment, immigration policy, technology in language learning, bilingual education, and standards. The programs will provide valuable opportunities to build new understandings and networks across various contexts.

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Convention highlights include

- 2019 TESOL Teacher of the Year Award presented by National Geographic Learning to Tünde Csepelyi, Sparks High School, Nevada, USA.
- Electronic Village and Technology Showcase, a special venue to explore technological resources for language teaching and learning in the classroom and online.
- Installation of Deborah Healey, University of Oregon, Portland, Oregon, USA as 2019–2020 president of TESOL International Association.
- PreK–12 Day, an interactive education program for primary and secondary mainstream and ESL teachers and administrators.
- Three sessions related to the best-selling series The 6 Principles for Exemplary Teaching of English Learners®.
- Closing celebration at the world-famous Georgia Aquarium.

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Visit the 2019 TESOL convention website for complete information.

About TESOL International Association

TESOL International Association is the trusted global authority for knowledge and expertise in English language teaching. A professional community of more than 10,000 educators representing over 150 countries, TESOL fosters the exchange of ideas to advance the expertise of those teaching English while supporting equity, diversity, and multilingualism. For over 50 years, TESOL has strived to advance its mission with programs, publications, and services to expand its global presence and connectivity throughout the field, share its knowledge and expertise, and amplify its voice through advocacy. For more information, please visit www.tesol.org.

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