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TESOL 2019 International Convention Keynote Speakers Announced

Alexandria, VA (20 December 2018) – TESOL International Association, the trusted global authority for knowledge and expertise in English language teaching, is excited to announce the four keynote speakers who will present at the [TESOL 2019 International Convention and English Language Expo](#) in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 12-15 March 2019.

Opening the 53rd annual convention on 12 March 2019 is anthropologist and linguist K. David Harrison. Sponsored by [National Geographic Learning](#), Harrison’s “Endangered Languages” will provide insight into the nearly one-half of the world’s languages that are in danger of going extinct by the end of the century, the global consequences of their disappearance, and efforts to save them through technology and activism.

On the morning of 13 March, TESOL President Luciana C. de Oliveira, will deliver the Presidential Keynote, “Developing Expertise in TESOL: Local-Global Considerations.” De Oliveira will explore the skills English teachers need to teach English as a global language while considering local dynamics and necessities.

Also just announced by TESOL is the James E. Alatis Plenary taking place on 14 March, which will be delivered by Anneliese A. Singh, associate dean of diversity, equity, and inclusion at the [University of Georgia](#). Singh’s plenary, “Everyday Teaching, Everyday Liberation: Building the Beloved Community as Educators,” will explore how to make words like diversity, equity, and inclusion really matter in teaching and how to connect them to global liberation movements.

The final keynote of the TESOL 2019 Convention on 15 March will be delivered by Pedro Noguera, distinguished professor of education at the [Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA](#). “The Power of Language, the Language of Power: Preparing Our Students for the Uncertainties of the 21st Century” will discuss the extreme hostility and political attacks against some immigrants in Western countries, the adverse impacts such attacks have on their education and well-being, and what educators can do to promote peace and pluralism.

An in-depth look at all of the keynote speakers and presentations, [can be found on the TESOL 2019 Convention website](#). Registration is now open and details on how to register can be viewed on the [convention registration page](#).

About TESOL International Association

Founded in 1966, [TESOL International Association](http://www.tesol.org) is a professional community of educators, researchers, administrators, and students committed to advancing excellence in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide. With more than 12,000 members representing over 150 countries, TESOL fosters the exchange of ideas, research, and peer-to-peer knowledge, and provides expertise, resources, and a powerful voice on issues affecting the profession. Through professional development programs, its international conference, special interest groups, and publications, TESOL engages tens of thousands of professionals to collaborate globally and create a world of opportunity for millions of people of all ages who want to learn English. For more information, please visit www.tesol.org.

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