TESOL 2015
International Convention & English Language Expo
25–28 March 2015 • Toronto, Canada

A Year of Professional Development in Just 4 Days!

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An international city of warmth, openness, energy, and style enriched by the fusion of traditions, passions, and ways of looking at the lives of more than 100 cultures—Toronto welcomes TESOL attendees to “build bridges” of culture, friendship, and learning at the 2015 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo.

ABOUT TESOL

Founded in 1966, TESOL International Association is a professional community of educators, researchers, administrators, and students committed to advancing excellence in English language teaching. With more than 13,000 members representing 160 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. The annual international convention, the largest gathering of ESOL professionals in the world, offers professional development opportunities to English language teachers at all levels.
SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE
METRO TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE
For exact times and a comprehensive schedule, go to www.tesolconvention.org.

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2015
♦ K–12 Dream Day
♦ Adult Ed Day
♦ Preconvention Institutes
♦ Registration open

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2015
♦ Preconvention Institutes
♦ Master’s Student Forum
♦ Doctoral Research Forum
♦ OPENING KEYNOTE: Sonia Nieto

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 2015
♦ JAMES E. ALATIS PLENARY SESSION:
  Jun Liu, Lourdes Ortega, Michael Byram
♦ Interest Section Open Meetings
♦ TESOL Town Meeting

FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2015
♦ PRESIDENTIAL KEYNOTE: Yilin Sun
♦ Interest Section Assembly
♦ TESOL Annual Business Meeting

SATURDAY, 28 MARCH 2015
♦ MORNING KEYNOTE: Jim Cummins
♦ Postconvention Institutes

THURSDAY–SATURDAY:
Take advantage of The English Language Expo and Job MarketPlace, and more than 900 concurrent sessions.
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

For full keynote session information, keynote speaker bios, and more invited speaker sessions, visit www.tesolconvention.org.

OPENING KEYNOTE

Teachers’ Roles in Crossing Borders and Building Bridges
SONIA NIETO

Dr. Sonia Nieto is professor emerita of language, literacy, and culture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She has taught students from elementary school through doctoral studies, and her research focuses on multicultural education, teacher education, and the education of Latinos, immigrants, and other students of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

JAMES E. ALATIS PLENARY SESSION

Redefining Communicative Competence and Redesigning ELT in the 21st Century
JUN LIU, LOURDES ORTEGA, MICHAEL BYRAM

Jun Liu is professor of applied linguistics and associate provost at Georgia State University. He is a past president of TESOL and a member of the TIRF Board of Trustees.

Dr. Lourdes Ortega is professor at Georgetown University. She has worked with language teachers and doctoral students since 2000 in Hawaii, Georgia, Arizona, and Washington DC.

Dr. Michael Byram is professor emeritus at Durham University, United Kingdom, and guest professor at Luxembourg University. He has been adviser to the Council of Europe Language Policy Division and is now working on guidelines for intercultural education.

PRESIDENTIAL KEYNOTE

Building Bridges: Journey to a Better Future of TESOL
YILIN SUN

Dr. Yilin Sun is president of TESOL. An English language specialist for the U.S. Department of State since 2009, Dr. Sun currently teaches at South Seattle College, and has more than 28 years as an MA-TESL teacher trainer, researcher, classroom teacher, and program leader in China, Canada, and the United States.

MORNING KEYNOTE

Evidence-Based TESOL: Teaching Through a Multilingual Lens
JIM CUMMINS

Dr. Jim Cummins is a professor emeritus in the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. His research focuses on literacy development in educational contexts characterized by linguistic diversity.
Invited Speaker Sessions
Invited speaker sessions cover a range of topics, such as international trends in ELT practices; helping multilingual writers; and race, empire, and TESOL teacher identities. These sessions are presented by experts in the field—Alastair Pennycook, Mary Romney, and Suhanthie Motha, among many.

Leadership Training
The ELT Leadership Management Certificate Program provides quality professional development and leadership training for ELT professionals in their current or future leadership, administrative, or management roles in various kinds of ELT organizations and institutions. This program is open to TESOL members and nonmembers, and consists of one required and two elective workshops.

Master’s Student Forum
The Master’s Student Forum is a 1-day miniconference that invites graduate students in TESOL teacher preparation programs to share the results of their research, teaching ideas and experiences, and the materials they have developed; and to experience the process of organizing a conference and adjudicating proposals.

Doctoral Research Forum
The Doctoral Research Forum is a 1-day miniconference run by doctoral students and TESOL faculty and professionals. The purpose of the Forum is to allow students to meet and network with other doctoral students and university faculty; share experiences, expertise, and helpful resources; and give formal presentations on dissertation work.

For more information on the forums and to register, go to www.tesolconvention.org.

English Language Expo & Job MarketPlace
With more than 120 exhibitors including publishers, software providers, and universities, you don’t want to miss is the Expo, open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Returning this year are the popular roundtable discussions, Friday dessert break, and TESOL’s Classroom of the Future pavilion. And don’t forget to be present each day for the big prize drawings.

Located in the Expo hall, the Job MarketPlace will have recruiters from more than 30 organizations. Sign up early to schedule your interviews. Visit the convention website to view the English Language Expo floor plan and see all participating exhibitors.
CROSSING EDUCATION BORDERS

Expand your personal boundaries through the latest ELT teaching techniques and technology opportunities. With more than 900 sessions, you’ll be able to take home not only teaching techniques that work, but the latest research in the field, the newest software and publications on the market, and just about anything else that supports English language educators.

K-12 Dream Day

TESOL’s K-12 Dream Day promises to provide interactive, practice-oriented sessions that focus on concrete ways to increase student engagement and achievement from preschool to high school. Sessions comprise five strands: Ensuring Equity and Enriching Opportunities to Learn, Meaningful Assessment, 21st Century Excellence, Responsive Teaching, and Rethinking Student Engagement.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Jim Cummins, an expert on using Universal Design in teaching ELs. Sessions for 2015 focus on teaching and assessment, ELL engagement, social justice, intervention, technology, leadership, and much more.

Adult Education Day

Hosted for the first time at the annual convention, Adult Ed Day offers 20 workshops on a variety of topics such as innovative teaching practices, administration and programming, funding, language standards and assessment, and ways to remove barriers to language teaching and learning.

Adult Ed Day in Toronto provides a wealth of professional development and networking opportunities, concurrent sessions in the morning and afternoon, and a keynote by Dr. Jim Cummins. The day concludes with a panel discussion on immigration policies and their implications for TESOL.

Pre- and Postconvention Institutes

Pre- and Postconvention Institutes (PCIs) offer in-depth, hands-on professional development at the TESOL convention. Topics this year include content-based instruction, computer-assisted language learning, pronunciation, writing, materials development, and much more.
Electronic Village

The Electronic Village (EV) is a great place to explore computer-based resources for language teaching and learning in the classroom and online. Highlights include the latest in multimedia learning, access to Internet-based resources for language instruction, and presentations on hardware and mobile technology devices and applications. Come and see demonstrations by teachers, CALL authors, web page designers, and curriculum specialists.

Educational Site Visits

Educational site visits take place on Wednesday before convention and offer convention registrants the opportunity to visit local schools and centers that have large numbers of English language learners enrolled. Each site is as unique and varied as its students. Learn how different programs face the challenges of teaching linguistically diverse learners.

Tea With Distinguished TESOLers

Renew your energy with a light snack and gather with a small, casual group of colleagues and a leading TESOL expert to discuss a current topic of interest ranging from educational technology to linguistic accuracy to self-publishing. Each tea topic is limited to nine attendees, so register early!

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BUILDING YOUR BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

As TESOL nears its 50th anniversary, the convention provides a great opportunity to enhance your professional networks by making new connections and new friends that will be with you long into the future.
REGISTRATION RATES AND DEADLINES

Register before 15 January 2015 and save more than US$100 off the on-site rates!

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*Groups must have 5 or more registrations, and registrations must be sent in together.

HOUSING INFORMATION

TESOL has negotiated special group rates with a number of hotels specially chosen for their proximity to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and the quality of the accommodations. The housing deadline is 13 February 2015. **ALL HOTEL RATES ARE LISTED IN CANADIAN DOLLARS (C$)**

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WAYS TO SAVE

The earlier you register, the more you save. Save more than US$100 by registering prior to 15 January 2015.

♦ Save on hotel costs with a roommate. Look for the roommate matching option when you register for the convention.
♦ Join TESOL or renew your TESOL membership for the lowest convention rates.
♦ Get a group together of five or more to save even more on registration rates.
♦ Have colleagues already attending? The second, third, and fourth person registering from your organization saves when they register by 15 January 2015.
Toronto is an intimate metropolis featuring world-class dining, shopping, creativity, architecture, and entertainment. Toronto includes a skyline featuring the CN Tower, one of the modern wonders of the world; miles of waterfront, boardwalks, and trails; distinct neighborhoods and historic districts. What do Torontonians love about Toronto? That’s a long list but topping it would be its diversity. Two transit tokens are all you’ll need to travel from one continent to another; to immerse yourself in the languages, art, cuisine, and ideas of a hundred different cultures; and to explore neighborhoods that make up this intimate metropolis.

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