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Alexandria, Va (February 6, 2022) – Longtime TESOL International Association member and Past President Dudley Reynolds has been named the recipient of the 2023 James E. Alatis Award for Service to TESOL. Reynolds currently serves as senior associate dean for education at the Carnegie Mellon University campus in Qatar. From 2016 to 2017, he served as the 51st president of TESOL International Association.

In making the announcement, TESOL President Joyce Kling stated, “for decades, Dudley Reynolds has personified service to TESOL. From article reviewer and conference discussion group leader to TESOL president, Dudley’s commitment to this association has been unwavering.”

Reynolds’s numerous roles with TESOL International Association have included member on the board of directors, finance committee chair; cochair of the research agenda task force; and membership on the nominating, finance, development, and board operations committees.

After learning of the announcement, Reynolds reflected on his years of involvement with the association. “TESOL has given me a professional home for over 30 years. To be honored in this way by people I consider family is truly humbling,” he said. “Knowing that service to TESOL is also service to an international community of language learners makes it even more special. My heartfelt thanks to the colleagues who nominated and supported me for this award and to the TESOL membership as a whole, who set such incredible examples of service to communities around the world.”

Prior to taking on the role of senior associate dean for education at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar in 2021, Reynolds had spent 11 years as a teaching professor of English at that same campus. Before that, he worked in the Department of English at the University of Houston (1997–2007) and Georgia State University (1997). His main research interests involve the teaching and assessment of writing skills in second language contexts.

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He has published five books, 16 refereed journal articles, 18 chapters in books, and six chapters in refereed conference proceedings. According to Google Scholar, his work has been cited by 1,636 publications.

Reynolds received his BA in English from Davidson College (magna cum laude with honors) in 1986, where he participated in the Study Abroad Program in Madrid, Spain in 1984. He completed his MA in applied linguistics from Indiana University, where he also completed his doctorate. For his PhD in linguistics, Reynolds's major field of study was second language acquisition, and his minor was language education.

To receive the James E. Alatis Award for Service to TESOL, recipients must show genuine and long-lasting support of TESOL International Association, exemplary professionalism and representation of TESOL values, and commitment to the mission of TESOL and to the field.

The [James E. Alatis Award for Service to TESOL](#) was established in 1987 to honor James E. Alatis for his 21 years of devoted service as TESOL's first executive director. Alatis was a charter member of TESOL International Association and dean emeritus of the School of Languages and Linguistics at Georgetown University. For more information about the Alatis Award and its past winners, [visit here](#).

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