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TESOL Names Sarah Sahr as Association's First Head of Education and Events

Alexandria, Va. (Oct. 1, 2022) – TESOL International Association (TESOL) has named Sarah Sahr as the association's first-ever Head of Education and Events. Sahr previously served as TESOL's Director of Professional Learning & Research (2013–18) and as an education programs manager from 2010–13. She comes to the position from Amideast/Tunisia, where she was Director of English Language Programs.

In making the announcement, TESOL Executive Director Amber Crowell Kelleher said, "Sarah will lead our efforts to develop and execute a vision for next-generation growth and innovation for TESOL's portfolio of education, events, and publications—securing the association's role as the trusted global authority for knowledge and expertise in English language teaching."

As a member of the executive team, the Head of Education and Events will play a key role in expanding the association's funding sources and optimizing product development, providing overall leadership and management of high-quality, multimodal offerings in an omnichannel approach to best serve the needs of TESOL members.

"As both a longtime TESOL member and a past member of the staff, I am thrilled to reconnect with colleagues in this new professional capacity. I look forward to serving the TESOL community through innovative and inclusive programs, publications, and events that benefit our members and elevate their professional standing worldwide."

Sahr holds a doctorate in education administration and policy from The George Washington University. Her research interests include online communities of practice/professional learning networks, teacher self-efficacy, combating teacher isolation, coteaching practices, and translanguaging. She has designed and presented English language professional learning opportunities in nearly two dozen global settings.

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In addition to her previous work with TESOL and Amideast/Tunisia, Sahr's career includes extensive experience as a teacher and administrator in various international settings, most notably as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia, a traveling school teacher/administrator with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus, and an English language specialist with the U.S. Department of State. She is a certified ashtanga yoga instructor, an avid reader, and a novice runner. Currently, she resides in Tunisia with her husband and cat.

About TESOL International Association

TESOL International Association is the trusted global community for knowledge and expertise in English language teaching. TESOL advances the professional expertise in English language teaching to speakers of other languages in multilingual contexts worldwide through professional learning, research, standards, and advocacy. In principle and in practice, TESOL values professionalism, respect, integrity, and lifelong learning and seeks diverse and inclusive participation within the field of English language teaching. TESOL promotes equitable representation, engagement, and broad access to professional opportunities for all and works to eliminate any kind of discrimination. TESOL is a professional community of more than 13,000 English language professionals representing more than 150 countries. For more information, please visit www.tesol.org.

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