All the details you need regarding the fall TexTESOL State Conference

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Fall 2016 Back to School Newsletter

Dear TexTESOL III Family -

Autumn is upon us, public schools and colleges are in full swing, the state conference is around the corner, and because it is no longer 100 in the shade around central Texas and autumn is my favorite (and maybe yours too), I keep thinking of that Emily Bronte poem, "***Fall, leaves, fall***":

Fall, leaves fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.

Blossom where the rose should grow,
I shall sing when the night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.

The TexTESOL state conference is in Austin this year, and it is our hope at TexTESOL III that we will have a large group of teachers, graduate and undergraduate students, and volunteers attending from our region. As many of you know, TexTESOL III hosts the state conference on a rotating basis. We have not hosted the conference in Austin since 2011. This year, the conference will have over 60 sessions with two fantastic keynote speakers: Andy Curtis, Past President of TESOL, and Jeanne Lambert, author and faculty of writing and EAP at the New School. If you have not registered, visit www.textesol3.org to read about the speakers and register to attend.

I hope your academic year, your school year, your semester, your teaching term has started off with energy and enthusiasm. I hope also that when you join us at the state conference, you leave further revitalized and committed to the best teaching and learning interactions you can have with your peers but also with those you can have with students to support their success.

Sincerely,

Linda Munoz

Back to School Mindfullness

-Cameron Allen

For those of us teaching adult English learners, it is likely accurate to say that many of our participants are parents of school-aged children. Those who aren't parents are often grandparents, uncles, sisters or brothers of children who are enrolled in school. Isolated as we sometimes are from the world outside, we may forget to engage in

We all bring to our work our unique perspectives and experiences in schools either as children or as parents, schools which were built to understand and respect the life circumstances, the languages, and the customs of a dominant culture (to which a good number of us belong). Let this be a reminder that the adults in our classes, and the children that they're raising, might not have positive feelings about the beginning of the school year, simply because schools (among many institutions) were not created to uplift and celebrate their identities and their knowledge.

Let us create forums in which those feelings can be shared and perspectives respected. Let us serve as advocates and guides for our adult learners and their families navigating and negotiating very difficult spaces with - sometimes - very real consequences, both in the short and long term.

Keynote Speaker Andy Curtis

The first of our two distinguished guests is Dr. Andy Curtis. Dr. Curtis will be delivering a lecture entitled "Exploring Meaningful Innovation", exploring what we mean by the term 'innovation', and how to bring about positive change and successful innovation.

Andy Curtis is the past president of TESOL International Association. He received his MA in applied linguistics and language teaching, and his PhD in international education, both from the University of York in England, and he teaches MA TESOL courses online with the School of Graduate Education at Anaheim University, California. Over the years, he has written for TESOL Quarterly, TESOL Journal, TESOL Matters, and TESOL's Essential Teacher. He is based in Ontario, Canada, from where he works as a language education consultant for organizations worldwide.

Keynote Speaker Jeanne Lambert

The second keynote speaker is Jeanne Lambert. Jeanne will share with us "*How to develop professionally in the face of change",* offering an approach to harness the growth potential that comes with change. She will describe major changes in ESL in higher education and how she found ways to make them work in the classroom while growing professionally.

Jeanne Lambert has worked as an ESL teacher, program manager, faculty developer and materials writer for over 20 years. She specializes in academic writing and English for Academic Purposes. She currently teaches at The New School in New York

Language Program (ALP) and at the City University of New York (CUNY). While at Columbia University, she taught graduate students in the School of International and Public Affairs and participated in the ALP's accreditation process with an emphasis on program-wide reading and writing assessments. At CUNY, she taught in and led college transition programs and co-designed a faculty development program to help high school ESL teachers align their reading and writing curricula with college standards. She has authored and edited a range of ESL educational materials, including a writing guide for the Department of Peacekeeping at the United Nations. She is currently the series editor and author of *Final Draft*, published by Cambridge University Press.

Links to the fall state conference

Register Now

(one and two day rates available, both include TexTESOL3 membership)

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Hotel

(special rates available until October 13th)

Conference at a glance

Pre-conference workshops and site visits

TexTESOL is an All Volunteer Organization!

support the TexTESOL 2016 Conference Staff.

Volunteer opportunities will include liaisons for speakers, registering presenters, vendors, and participants, placing signage, directing participants and other opportunities as needed.

Registered conference attendees who volunteer will receive perks!

- Full-time students will receive a $50 rebate on their registration fees.
- Professionals will be awarded a voucher for free lunch in the hotel on Friday, October 28 OR a gift card.

We will be looking for Volunteers in four-hour blocks:

- Thursday, October 27 (8:00 am- 12:00 pm & 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm)
- Friday, October 28 (7:00 am – 11:00 am; 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; 1:00 pm – 5 pm)
- Saturday, October 29 (7:00 am – 11:00 am; 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; 1:00 pm – 5 pm)

Pre-Conference Sessions

Thursday, October 27

Beyond Levels: Strategies for Managing Multilevel ESL Classrooms

9 AM- 4 PM ($100) *Morning and Afternoon Beverage and Refreshments and Box Lunch included*
Presenters: Dr. Glenda Rose and V. Kay Vacarro

In this session, participants review best practices for managing a multilevel ESL classroom. Participants review why knowing students' abilities, learning styles and goals is critical to a successful multilevel learning environment, and are provided with a teacher's toolbox full of flexible strategies and activities that work with multi-level students. The importance of using a range of assessments to evaluate progress is also discussed. Participants learn how to create a "large group" multi-level lesson plan using the WIPPEAR model (Warm-up, Introduction, Present, Practice, Evaluate, Apply, Reflect). In particular, the use of classroom "centers" is demonstrated and time is provided to discuss how the centers might be adapted to the session participants' individual teaching contexts.

An Awesome Trio of Tech Tools: *Remind, SeeSaw and Kahoot!*

1 PM – 4 PM ($50) *Afternoon Beverage and Refreshments Included*
Presenter: Denise Guckert-von Ehren

Make technology work for you, the busy but dedicated ESL Instructor. In this session, participants will have hands-on experiences using three free and amazing online technology tools. Remind is a tool to safely communicate with your students. Kahoot is a wonderful way to "play" your way to student pre-assessment, post-assessment, or a discovery learning process. SeeSaw is an amazingly powerful tool that allows your students to easily upload work to a multi-media digital portfolio and classroom blog. NONE of these tools require students to create usernames and passwords. Rather, they either enter a pin number, text in a code, or scan a QR code to easily enter your cool technology classroom space.

Austin ESL Educational Site Visits

1 PM – 6 PM ($100) *Happy Hour Appetizers Included after Site Visits Conclude*
Tour Guide: Cameron Allen

Educational site visits offer conference registrants the opportunity to visit Austin area programs which are as unique and varied as the students they serve. On the afternoon of Thursday, October 27, 2016, join a group of professional colleagues in exploring classrooms and meeting innovative faculty working at exciting programs for ESL students at two Austin not for profit organizations (Manos de Cristo and the Goodwill Excel Center) and an area community college (Austin Community College). Following the site visits, end the afternoon exchanging ideas with

ELL Numbers Fall in 2016

US ELT providers reporting enrolment declines this year

"Intensive English Programmes in the US are reporting significant enrolment declines this year, particularly in the wake of cutbacks to the Saudi scholarship programme and challenging market conditions in other important source markets such as Brazil"

Read the article by the ICEF Monitor

Saudi Enrollment Declines

"Colleges have come to count on tuition from large numbers of Saudi Arabian students. After years of rapid growth, enrollments are declining on many campuses, in some cases precipitously."

Read the article by Elizabeth Redden

Top 10 Reasons to Join TexTESOL III

10 Outreach: The TexTESOL III website is your resource to TESOL issues in Central Texas. It is continually updated to provide visitors with the most current information, including announcements about local events and professional conferences.

9 Opportunities for publication: Eligibility to be published in theTexTESOL III Journal.

8 Opportunities to get involved: Whether you would like to present or volunteer at a conference, write for the newsletter, or serve on the TexTESOL III board, there are many ways you can share your expertise and learn from other professionals in your field. Your TexTESOL III board would love for you to share your opinions, professional plans, and needs. Be vocal

7 Representation: By joining TexTESOL III, you will be a part of an organization that represents you at the state, national, and international levels. Your membership is an investment in your profession.

6 Networking: TexTESOL III events are the place to meet professionals from your field. Get together and share ideas during our conferences, workshops, mixers, and other educational events.

5 Online newsletter: Receive up-to-date news, views, opportunities in the TexTESOL III Newsletter, delivered to your e-mailbox and available through the members-only page.

4 Professional development: TexTESOL III is committed to creating ongoing professional development opportunities for our members. Stay up to date by reading our newsletters and website, attending our workshops and conferences, and learning about other opportunities to share and increase your knowledge.

3 Access to members-only page on website: Register with your email address and password to access the member's only page with discounts to professional resources such as ESL-Library.com and Language magazine.

2 Awards: TexTESOL III honors one member annually as TexTESOLer of the Year to reward his/her service to TexTESOL III and the Central Texas educational community. TexTESOL III also presents an annual Best of the Best award for the regional conference presenter who receives the highest positive feedback from attendees. The recipients of these awards receive full funding for registration to attend the state conference, where the award is presented.

1 Scholarships: TexTESOLIII awards hundreds of dollars in scholarships for professional development at conferences to member students, professionals, and board members.

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