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2020 CONFERENCE PROGRAM



ATESL 2020 **ONLINE**

Seeds of Possibility:

Curiosity, Drive, and Innovation

OCTOBER 16-17, 2020

ATESL'S ANNUAL 41ST CONFERENCE

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A Message from ATESL President

ATESL would like to welcome you all to our first virtual conference. While 2020 was a year of great change, it was also a testament of the commitment to curiosity, drive and innovation of both ATESL and the teachers we serve. Despite a worldwide pandemic, ATESL managed to coordinate what we hope will be one of our most successful conferences to date. Additionally, we continued professional development activities not only in Alberta but Canada-wide, and this reflects our members' collective commitment to our field. We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our keynotes, featured speakers, presenters, planners, and volunteers who have taken part in the conference planning, regional activities, and committee meetings throughout the year. We would also like to thank our sponsors: NorQuest College, CCIS, Columbia College, Trinity Western College, British Council - IELTS, Catholic Social Services and Remax for their generous support during these very uncertain times. While we hope your curiosity brings you to many sessions at the conference, we also hope that you take some time to catch up with current and past colleagues to reflect on the past year. Thank you all for coming, I look forward to seeing you all in the near future.

Lori Kennedy
ATESL President





A Message from 2020's Conference Project Mangers

We are extremely happy to present this unique two-day event this year. We are very proud to represent an organization that always, no matter the circumstances, wants to continue doing what is best for its members. In this particular time, ATESL decided to continue supporting its members to grow professionally. Welcome everyone to the first ATESL E-Conference.

Our theme for the 2020 conference “Seeds of Possibility: Curiosity, Drive, and Innovation” aims to inspire and cultivate curiosity, ignite drive, and explore innovative approaches in ESL. We would like to take this opportunity and thank everyone involved with organizing this event. Thank you for helping prepare the soil to plant the seeds. This conference would have never been possible without your unconditional support.

We also want to express our gratitude to all the presenters who appreciate the act of sharing and spreading knowledge. Professionals like you make outstanding changes in our field.

We hope you enjoy this conference. We have planned every single detail for you to have a delightful experience. Weeks ago we started to have a virtual connection with the all the attendees to this event. We encourage you to continue using this tool to communicate and be part of many virtual interactions. We both hope you take with you many seeds to blossom in your classrooms.

Indira Cevallos & Gabriela Jessome

2020 ATESL Conference Project Managers



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EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, October 16th.

8:30 AM

Mindfulness moment

Aspen Room ATESL Conference 2020

9:00 AM

Normalising LGBTQIA2 in ELT is the seed. We also need the water.

Speaker: Tyson Seburn

Keynote Address

Wild Rose Room ATESL Conference 2020

10:30 AM

Make it or Break It in Online Learning

Speakers: Tetiana Kopotilova, Janet Kwong, Elina Stop
Presentation

Aspen Room ATESL Conference 2020

Web Safe: Newcomer tools to counter digital disinformation

Speaker: Justine Light

Presentation

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LINC Works - Literacy Learners Reaching and Succeeding in the Workforce

Speakers: Kim Chaba-Armstrong, Debbie Severinse, Tyla Olsen

Presentation

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Self-regulated Learning Strategies for LINC Literacy Learners

Speakers: Tara Penner, Kent Lee, Marilyn Abbott

Paper

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The Road to Reconciliation: Indigenous Voices in the Classroom

Speaker: Suzanne Clavelle

Featured Speaker

Wild Rose Room ATESL Conference 2020

From RWT to SBA - How to Incorporate the CLB

Speakers: Alice Zhao, Mavis Mie, Michael Liu, Daniel Ling

Panel

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Self-Assessment VS Self-Reflection: Tips for CLB and Literacy Teachers

Speakers: Amanda Pike, Eman Ghanem

Workshop

White Spruce Room ATESL Conference 2020



Tips and Tricks to Set up and Use Google Classroom and Google Forms

Speakers: Shabana K. Shahzad

Workshop

Raspberry Room ATESL Conference 2020

11:20 AM

Reflections on Teaching LINC PBLA in a Blended Learning Format

Speakers: Sean McCausland

Presentation

Aspen Room ATESL Conference 2020

Canadian Immigration: Understanding the Journey to Canada

Speakers: Desiree Pomerleau

Presentation

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Smart Tips Videos for Newcomers to Alberta

Speaker: Rebecca Scheiris

Publisher/Exhibitor Session

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Exploring the use of the Milestones Test as a LINC Exit Credential

Speakers: Krista Wahsh-Murray, Rana Ashkar

Workshop

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Transitioning PBLA Portfolios into e-Portfolios: A Guide Using Google Classroom

Speakers: Jana Ciobanu, Kerry Howard, Irina Copil, Donna Clarke

Presentation

Wild Rose Room ATESL Conference 2020

12:00 PM

Exhibitor Hour

12:05 PM

Lunch

1:10 PM

Announcements and Keynote address: Literacy and multilingualism with Africa Diaspora Youth: Intersections of Race, Culture, and Language.

Speaker: Martha Bigelow

Keynote Address

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2:30 PM

#Memefromhome: How to incorporate Memes in Online ESL classrooms

Speakers: Han Nguyen

Workshop

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Avenue.ca: A New Web Portal and LMS for LINC Programs

Speakers: Jim Edgar

Presentation

Balsam Fir Room ATESL Conference 2020

Representation matters in our materials

Speakers: Tyson Seburn

Presentation

Blueberry Room ATESL Conference 2020

Proctor-less Remote Assessment: Impossibility or Opportunity?

Speakers: Krista Walsh-Murray, Bijana Tratnik, Mylan Nguyen

Presentation

Jack Pine Room ATESL Conference 2020

Humanistic Principles to Address the Mixed Proficiency Level Class (MLC)

Speakers: Lena Barrantes

Presentation

Saskatoon Berry Room ATESL Conference 2020



How to Ensure Validity in Distance Learning

Speakers: Rana Ashkar, Lisa Herrera, Kathy Hughes

Workshop

Tamarack Room ATESL Conference 2020

Seeds of change - Examining the landscape of language teaching and learning in the time of COVID

Speakers: Stacy Norrbom, Wendy Chambers, Suzanne Oswald, Tara Penner

Panel

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Exploring Racism in Academic Integrity Through a Circle Process

Speakers: Sheryl Boisvert, Nazanin Teymouri, Jaime Ahksistowaki, Sarah Elaine Eaton

Workshop

Raspberry Room ATESL Conference 2020

Advocacy in 2020: Cultivating the seeds of change

Speakers: Jess Legacy, Eman Ghanem, Wanda Chell, Herly Urbiztondo-Cevera, Alexandra Marshall, Wendy Ilott, Rebecca Scheiris

Panel

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3:20 PM

Blended Learning: From Theory to Practice

Speakers: Jacky Rivas, Alana Johnson

Workshop

Aspen Room ATESL Conference 2020

Learning About Somalia to Boost Investment in Somali LINC Students

Speakers: Salwa Mohamud

Presentation

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A Volunteering Theme for Literacy Students

Speakers: Donna Clarke, Jeremy Wilson

Presentation

Blueberry Room ATESL Conference 2020

PBLA and Tutela Resources - From "About Me" to "Assessment Tools"

Speakers: Diane Ramanathan, Kathy Hughes

Presentation

Jack Pine Room ATESL Conference 2020

Student Generated Projects with Free Online Tools

Speakers: Johnny Allan

Presentation

Saskatoon Berry Room ATESL Conference 2020



Technology, social media and IELTS preparation: International students' language socialization

Speakers: Tian Lei, M. Gregory Tweedie

Paper

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4:00 PM

Exhibitor Hour

4:15 PM

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Saturday, October 17th.

8:00 AM

Qigong

Speaker: Carolynne Melnyk

Mindfulness Moment

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8:45 AM

Welcome and Keynote Address: Planting seeds and nurturing growth: Creating a digital exosystem for ELT

Speaker: Bonnie Nicholas

Keynote Address

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10:30 AM

Skills for Work: Gamification of Resources for Language Learning

Speakers: Sue Oguchi, Cindy Messaros

Workshop

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WhatsApp for Pre-Benchmark EAL Learners

Speakers: Julie MacDonald, Denise Herman

Presentation

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Applied research methodologies and language learnig: Engaging instructors and learners

Speakers: Laurent Wall

Paper

Blueberry Room ATESL Conference 2020

From Lurking to Learning: Building Rapport and Student Engagement Online

Speakers: Sofia Elgueta, Lisa Matthew

Presentation

Jack Pine Room ATESL Conference 2020

Language Education Post-COVID 19 Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities

Speakers: Kashif Raza, Dr. Catherine Chua

Presentation

Raspberry Room ATESL Conference 2020

Dyslexia and the EAL Classroom: How to Recognize and Accommodate

Speakers: Jessica Leslie

Workshop

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2SLGBTQ+ Inclusion in the ESL Classroom

Speakers: Alexandra Marshall

Workshop

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Planting Digital/Computer and Information Literacy Seeds

Speakers: Naomi Robins

Workshop

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11:20 AM

Make a Blog! Easy tips to Engage Students Online

Speakers: Denise Lo

Presentation

Aspen Room ATESL Conference 2020

Independent Online ESL Learning Through Content-Based Instruction

Speakers: Kent Lee, Marilyn Abbott

Paper

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Cracking the Code

Speakers: Elsie Johnson

Presentation

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Tools to Drive Language Learning and Digital Skills

Speakers: Bonnie Nicholas

Presentation

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12:00 PM

Exhibitor Hour

12:05 PM

Lunch

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Announcements

1:00 PM

Interactive Online Learning

Speakers: Nura Mohamed, Fadia Thraya

Presentation

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Lights, camera...+ other considerations to bring your videos into ACTION!

Speakers: Sofia Elgueta, Zuzana Buchanan

Presentation

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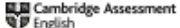


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Mindful Instruction

Speakers: Debbie Severinsen

Workshop

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Let's Get Wired! Enhancing Student Engagement in Online Classes

Speakers: Pia Calpito

Presentation

Jack Pine Room ATESL Conference 2020

Our Beautiful Family: A Study of Bilingual Books and Linguistic Identity

Speakers: Allison Bajt

Paper

Raspberry Room ATESL Conference 2020

Handwriting Woes: Recognizing and Accommodating Alternately-Abled Students

Speakers: Eliza Garland-Quinn

Presentation

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EduLINC & Avenue: The response to the Pandemic

Speakers: Rob McBride, Jim Edgar, Matthias Sturm

Panel

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Driving PBLA in Online

Speakers: Naomi Robins

Workshop

Tamarack Room ATESL Conference 2020

Inclusive settlement and workplace success: Materials, partnerships and perceptions

Speakers: Erin Waugh, Sue Oguchi, Cindy Messaros

Workshop

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1:50 PM

Using portfolios for Assessment

Speakers: Barbara Edmondson

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Building Students' Presentation Skills for Online Contexts

Speakers: Anne Merritt

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Making PowerPoint Presentation with Your Own Voice

Speakers: Yitao Wang

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Contract Grading in EAP Classrooms

Speakers: Heather Donnelly

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Willow Room ATESL Conference 2020

Using Padlets to Enhance Virtual Teaching

Speakers: Elizabeth Abraham

[Presentation](#)

Balsam Fir Room ATESL Conference 2020



PBLA in the Digital Context: How to Build and Maintain an Eportfolio for Different PBLA Stages

Speakers: Raja Amer

Presentation

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Classroom Managment Online

Speakers: Alana Johnson , Jacky Rivas

Workshop

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2:30 PM

Exhibitor Hour

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