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## TESL Canada Conference 2015 hosted by ATESL

### Welcome

Welcome to the TESL Canada National Conference 2015 hosted by ATESL in Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada. This year's theme is "Elevating Language Learning to New Heights."

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### Conference Overview

Thursday Oct 29th (Pre-conference Symposia - not included with full conference registration)

9:00AM – 4:30PM – Graduate Student Symposium (GSS)

9:00AM – 12:00PM – Symposia

12:00PM – 1:00PM – Lunch (included with GSS and Symposia registration)

1:00PM – 4:00PM – Symposia

5:30PM – 8:00PM – President's Reception (Free drop-in event – light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar)

Friday Oct 30th

6:30AM – 9:30AM – Continental Breakfast Available

7:45AM – 9:00AM – Opening Remarks and Keynote (Jane Willis)

9:15AM – 4:45PM – Regular Sessions

11:30AM – 2:30PM – Lunch Served

1:00PM – 2:00PM – Featured Speakers (Concurrent sessions)

3:00PM – 4:30PM – Snacks Available

4:45PM – Last Sessions End

5:00PM - 6:00PM - ATESL AGM

6:00PM - 7:00PM - TESL AGM

7:15PM – Gala Dinner (Heritage Hall open at 6:30PM)

Saturday Oct 31st

6:30AM – 9:30AM – Continental Breakfast Available

7:45AM – 9:00AM – Keynote (Randi Reppen)

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9:15AM – 4:45PM – Regular Sessions  
11:30AM – 2:30PM – Lunch Served  
12:55PM – 2:00PM – Keynote (Diane Larsen-Freeman)  
3:00PM – 4:30PM – Snacks Available  
5:45PM – Last Sessions End

Notes:

15 minutes between sessions  
Sessions run through breakfast, lunch, and snack breaks

Registration ends Oct 26. [Click here for the Registration Form.](#)

The current list of presentations is available at <http://teslcanadapresentations.com/>

Please read the [latest conference update](#) from our Co-Chairs Chris Wharton and Glen Cochrane.

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The conference will take place at Chateau Lake Louise in Lake Louise from October 29-31. The Chateau Lake Louise is fully booked for those days by TESL Canada Conference. Be sure to book your room after your register.

Keep up with the latest conference information via the [Conference Facebook page](#) and through our [Twitter account](#).

Visit [Tutela.ca](http://Tutela.ca) and look for our [TESL Canada 2015 Conference](#) group to discuss the conference and connect with others for ride-share and meet-up opportunities.

We are thrilled to announce the Gala Dinner on October 30 will be hosted by CBC's Donna McElligott! Join us for the gala dinner through our registration system.



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[Click here for the full conference program](#)

[Click here for full Symposium Schedule and Presenter Biographies](#)

On Thursday, October 29 at the Chateau Lake Louise, TESL Canada will host the Graduate Symposium.

The Graduate Symposium will include:

- An opening address from Hetty Roessingh
- A full day of presentations from and for graduate students
- Poster sessions
- Lunch

All Graduate Symposium attendees and presenters are invited to the Thursday evening President's Reception to network and mingle with colleagues from across Canada.

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Registration is now closed.

*Please note, the last day for conference refunds was October 15, 2015.*

*Chateau Lake Louise is sold out for Thursday October 29 and Friday October. [Please click here for other accommodation options.](#)*

Thursday, Oct 29 - Symposium (separate fees per session) and Graduate Symposium (separate registration fee)

Friday, Oct 30 - Keynotes, Featured Speakers, and Regular Sessions

Saturday, Oct 31 - Keynotes, Featured Speakers, and Regular Sessions

Member full-registration - \$310

Non-Member full registration - \$350

Registration includes breakfast and lunch on both days.

Friday Gala ticket - \$90

Thursday Symposium - \$65 per session (morning and afternoon sessions)

Thursday Graduate Symposium - \$45 (all day event)

Thursday Symposium registration includes lunch.

To book transportation from the Calgary International Airport, there are several options. Click [here](#) to go to the Brewster Airport Express website or call 1.800.760.6934. Brewster is offering a 20% discount for attendees - use the promo code: TESL2015

Budget Car Rentals are offering conference attendees a discounted rate. [Please see this pdf for details.](#)

Be sure to budget for things like parking (\$15 per day-if you are staying at the Chateau) and [Park entry fees](#).

For questions please contact [lakelouise2015@atesl.ca](mailto:lakelouise2015@atesl.ca)

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### Venue

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Canadian Resources for ESL - [www.eslresources.com](http://www.eslresources.com)

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Communication4Integration - [www.communication4integration.ca](http://www.communication4integration.ca)

Corpus Academics - [www.corpusacademics.com](http://www.corpusacademics.com)

English Central - [www.englishcentral.net](http://www.englishcentral.net)

ESL Library. Great teachers need great content! - <https://www.esllibrary.com>

ETS Canada presenting TOEFL Junior - <http://www.etscanada.ca/toefl/toefljunior>

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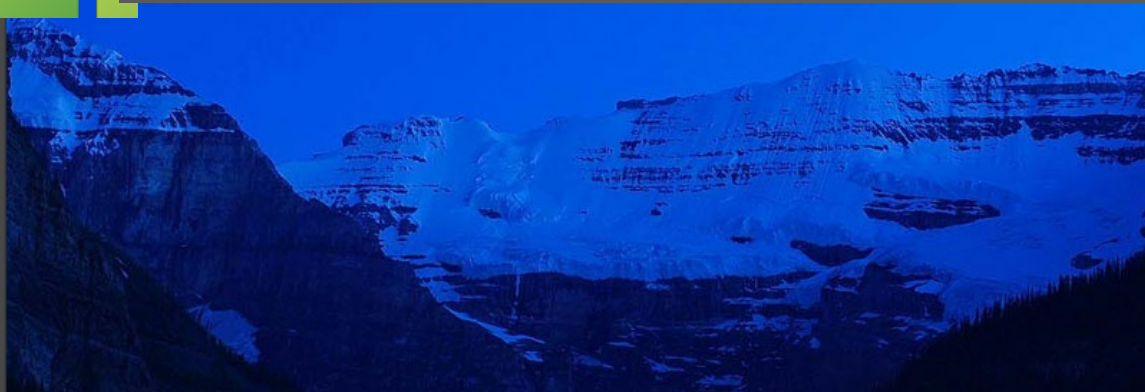


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### Keynotes and Featured Speakers

We are thrilled to have three amazing keynote speakers and three fantastic featured speakers this year for TESL Canada 2015 Conference. Click each name to read more.

#### Keynote Speakers

**Diane Larsen Freeman** is Professor Emerita of Education, Professor Emerita of Linguistics, and Research Scientist Emerita at the English Language Institute, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is also a Distinguished Senior Faculty Fellow at the Graduate SIT Institute in Brattleboro, Vermont and a Visiting Senior Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. Her most recent books are *Complex Systems and Applied Linguistics* (2008, with L. Cameron), winner of the Kenneth Mildenberger Book Prize, the third edition of *Techniques and Principles* (2011, with M. Anderson), and the third edition of *The Grammar Book, an ESL/EFL Teacher's Course* (2015, with M. Celce-Murcia).

**Jane Willis** worked extensively overseas as a language teacher and trainer. She later joined Aston University, tutoring on their Masters in TESOL programmes. Now semi-retired, she lives in the English Lake District and works as an ELT consultant, runs workshops for FLteachers and teaches Tai Chi. Her prize-winning books include *English for Primary Teachers* (with Mary Slattery) and *Teachers Exploring Tasks in English Language Teaching* (with Corony Edwards). *Doing Task-based Teaching* (OUP) was co-authored with her late husband, Dave Willis, whose final work she has just completed and published as *Winning the Grammar Wars: what grammar really is and how we use it*.

**Randi Reppen** is Professor of Applied Linguistics and TESL at Northern Arizona University where she teaches in the MA TESL and Applied Linguistics Ph.D. programs. She has extensive ESL and teacher training experience, including 11 years directing NAU's Intensive English program. Randi's main interests are the use of corpus research to inform language teaching and for developing better language teaching materials. Recent publications include *Using corpora in the Language Classroom, Grammar and Beyond*, and the *Cambridge Handbook of English Corpus Linguistics* (co-edited with Doug Biber). In her spare time, Randi enjoys outdoor activities, especially, biking, Nordic skiing and tennis.

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## Featured Speakers

**Crayton Walker** is a lecturer working in the Department of English Language and Applied Linguistics. Crayton works mainly with the postgraduate students who are following our on-campus and distance programmes. His main areas of expertise are associated with corpus linguistics and language teaching.

**Douglas Biber** is currently Regents' Professor in the Applied Linguistics Program (English Department) at Northern Arizona University. He received his Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Southern California in 1984, and was awarded an Honorary Ph.D. from the University of Uppsala in 2000. His studies have addressed a wide range of issues in corpus linguistics, English grammar, and register variation (in English and cross-linguistic; synchronic and diachronic).

**Stephen Downes** works for the National Research Council of Canada where he has served as a Senior Researcher, based in Moncton, New Brunswick, since 2001. Affiliated with the Learning and Collaborative Technologies Group, Institute for Information Technology, Downes specializes in the fields of online learning, new media, pedagogy and philosophy.



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