



# LLD Alumni Newsletter for Linguistics & TESOL

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## CATESOL CONFERENCE IN SANTA CLARA (APRIL 22-25)

This year's CATESOL conference, will be held at the Santa Clara Convention Center and the Hyatt Hotel April 22-25. From the first pre-conference institutes on Thursday, through two full days of concurrent sessions on Friday and Saturday, culminating in four workshops on Sunday, an extensive range of topics and events will be offered. All information about the conference is available at [www.catesol2010.org](http://www.catesol2010.org). A sample of the sessions includes:

- Culturally responsive pedagogy; learning logs
- Teaching with Moodle, Twitter, You Tube, Google Wave, Voicethread, Wiki, Audacity, Voxpop
- Addressing the affective domain; teens working in agriculture
- Linguistic heritage essays

We are also providing free entertainment and refreshments on both Friday and Saturday nights at the Hyatt Regency. The Bay Area comedy group, Blue Blanket Improv, will perform on Friday, and there will be a cross-cultural game for participants on Saturday.

Three renowned educators have been invited as plenary speakers. The opening plenary will be held Thursday from 7 – 8:30pm and feature **Bill Bliss**. His topic is *“Teaching and Learning When Our Classrooms Became Global Communities: A Historical Perspective”*. Friday, following the President's Luncheon, **Karen Russikoff** will discuss teaching ESL abroad with her lecture *“Have Passport—Will Teach!”* Saturday's plenary, from 10:30 – 12, will feature **Guadalupe Valdés**. The title of her presentation is *“Curricularizing” language: The challenge of teaching English to immigrants and their children*.

Early-Bird registration for CATESOL members is \$175.00 before February 28. Early-Bird non-member registration is \$225.00 and includes membership. Pre-registration by March 31 is \$190.00 and \$240.00. After March 31 it increases to \$240.00 and \$290.00.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the conference should either sign up on line via the conference website: [www.catesol2010.org](http://www.catesol2010.org), or contact Volunteer Coordinator Sue Berghoff at [susanberghoff@aol.com](mailto:susanberghoff@aol.com). There is a \$25.00 rebate on conference fees for those who work 4 hours or more.

One final note, we are also on FACEBOOK this year at CATESOL 2010 Statewide Conference. So become a fan, join the site, post questions, find answers, and connect with other conference goers. Hope to see you all at the conference!  
--VALERIE KIADEH

### **LLDAA Social @ CATESOL – April 23, 5:30-7:30 (Friday)**

Join us to catch up on Friday of CATESOL. We'll be at a nearby (probably Hilton) hotel, so that even those not able to attend the conference and drop by for the social. Watch for location to be posted on the conference bulletin boards under "SJSU"  
-KAREN O'NEILL for the LLDAA

### **SJSU DEPARTMENT NEWS** *Message from the Chair*

As many of you might have heard, LLD has suffered a big loss this academic year because the administration (they are now called the AAMT which stands for 'Academic Administrative Management Team') decided in July/August that State supported funds will not be used for 'second remediation'. Thus LLD 98/99 and LLD 1/2 for repeaters (i.e. those students who do not pass LLD1/2 in Fall) were eliminated. Needless to say this has had a serious impact on the lecturers. We were pushed to develop two new classes: LLD3S for those who fail LLD1/2 in Fall, and LLD96S a course that prepares students for 100W (and allows them to waive the WST). These can only be offered in Special Session (where students have to pay \$750 extra per class). We were also told that 96S had to be developed jointly with English such that now there is a LLD96S and an English 96S. At present we do not know if this is the end of our woes because the administration is also talking of program elimination and department amalgamation, etc. If that situation arises, we hope we can count on all of you, our alumni, to write strong letters of protest. The University has also put caps on how many graduate students M.A. programs can admit. Thus, we cannot admit as many graduate students as we wish. In spite of all this, we are still surviving, and are still doing our best to deliver quality education.

-MANJARI OHALA, Dept Chair

### Summer Job Opportunity

Check out this URL <http://linguistlist.org/issues/21/21-490.html> for information on a three-months summer job opportunity in grant writing for Linguist List at Michigan State University.

**NEWS FROM STUDIES IN AMERICAN LANGUAGE @ SJSU**  
**Comments from the Director**

Although SJSU, and particularly LLD, has been impacted by many factors, SAL is a bit on the sidelines since we are not state-funded. SAL employees aren't part of the furloughs or layoffs that state employees face. Many of the LLD writing courses were eliminated [See Department News]. The new Special Session courses in LLD are being held in the SAL classroom building since Special Session cannot use university facilities.

In the meantime, though, SAL's enrollment was down a little so we had space to spare in the classrooms. Most of SAL's growth has been in the 'ESP' areas: MBA Preparation, custom programs - especially for Korean teachers of English - and Semester at SAS. Those courses are different enough from Academic and TOEFL Preparation that were restructured a bit.

Now SJSU International Gateways is the department that includes both Studies in American Language (our ATP, ACC, BPC) and International University Studies (the 'advanced' or ESP courses). Actually, nothing changed in the classes - just the way we name them. These are better descriptors of the content now and more appropriate for our very advanced (mostly European) students to enroll in 'University Studies' rather than SAL.

*-KAREN O'NEILL, Director, International Gateways Programs*

### **Intensive English Program Teaching Opportunities**

**University of North Texas** has opened an IEP at a new university in southern Turkey and seeks native English-speaker teachers. Candidates with a minimum of a bachelor's degree in TESL should contact [Eva.Bowman@unt.edu](mailto:Eva.Bowman@unt.edu). It would be an excellent opportunity for a graduate student who could take time off for the experience.

**Ohio University's** IEP has expanded and seeks qualified MA TESOL instructors. Apply directly to <https://www.ohiouniversityjobs.com/> Name and title of person to questions will be directed: Ms. Penny Forsyth, OPIE, 155 Gordy Hall, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701, Email: [forsyth@ohio.edu](mailto:forsyth@ohio.edu).

**NEWS FROM ALUMUS IN JAPAN**  
**Kristjan Bondesson**

I have just completed my first two years at Kanda and signed on for another two more to complete my short tenure here. I have presented at Thai TESOL and a national conference in Japan and sent both of those papers out for consideration of publication. I also just received two research grants to be conducted over the next two years. Overall, the research I have been doing is opening my eyes to how complex our field really is and enabling me to serve my students' learning better; I enjoy it! Moreover, the classes have been very rewarding. Students writing skills have developed, and their interest in engaging with content via English has grown, as well.

*-KRISTJAN BONDESSON*

**FAREWELL TO FORMER FACULTY MEMBERS**  
***In Memoriam – Johnson and Justus***

Edith Crowell Trager Johnson (1924-2009).



On January 19, 2009, Dr. Johnson died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 84. She taught for twenty years at SJSU, where she helped organize the original M.A. program in linguistics in 1970. She is survived by three sons from her first marriage to George Trager and by six grandchildren. In retirement, she lived in Santa Barbara with her husband, the late C. Douglas Johnson, where he taught at UCSB. A memorial booklet about her long and fascinating life can be found in the LLD Department.



Carol F. Justus (1940-2007). Carol Justus died on August 1, 2007, at the age of 67, in Austin, Texas, where she was adjunct associate professor of classics and Middle Eastern studies at the University of Texas for 13 years. Prior to that she was associate professor of linguistics at SJSU for five years and coordinator of the Linguistics Program. She is survived by her husband, Darien McWhirter.