

Welcome to NM TESOL's Spring Workshop:



Saturday, February 9th at CNM's Main Campus in Smith Brasher Hall (SB):
717 University Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

8:30-9:00 • Welcome	
SB 103	<p>Check-in for pre-registered participants, registration for walk-ins, continental breakfast, and opening remarks.</p>
9:00-9:50 • Concurrent Sessions A	
SB 102	<p>Teaching Critical Thinking Skills More Creatively</p> <p>Experience wearing a colored hat based upon Edward de Bono's "Six Thinking Hats" tool to critically analyze a problem and come up with solutions. Use this technique in your own classrooms to enliven discussions and to teach critical thinking skills more creatively.</p> <p>Amy Christensen, ESL/ESOL Faculty at CNM</p>
SB 103	<p>Facilitating ESL Conversation Groups in 2019</p> <p>The aim of this workshop is to give ESL conversation facilitators strategies to increase a sense of acceptance for our ESL students during a time of social uncertainty for immigrants. This workshop lends itself to being divided into three areas: acknowledgement, active listening, and creating a safe space.</p> <p>Miles Kulas, Katrina Crespin, and Taffy Epler, ESL Tutors at CNM</p>
10:00-10:50 • Concurrent Sessions B	
SB 102	<p>Reading Resources and Activities for Lower Levels</p> <p>Do you struggle to find appropriate materials to teach reading to lower level students? This workshop provides useful information about online and printed resources. It includes engaging and interactive strategies such as word games to warm up and review previous vocabulary, dictation, reading activities, and a self-assessment chart to encourage independent vocabulary learning and evaluation. Participants will work in small groups to create a short reading lesson plan based on a given text. Ideas presented in this workshop focus on lower level learners but can be adapted for higher levels.</p> <p>Claire Schneider, Language Matters</p>
SB 103	<p>The Color Vowel Chart Basics: A Sound Approach to Pronunciation</p> <p>The Color Vowel Chart is a pronunciation tool which enables teachers and learners to talk easily and accurately about the key sounds of English. In this workshop, we will discover how to use the Chart effectively. Participants will leave with increased phonetic awareness, as well as with photocopyable resources to use in their classes.</p> <p>Laura McIndoo, ESL Faculty at CNM</p>

11:00-11:50 • Concurrent Sessions C

SB 102	<p style="text-align: center;">Cultivating Information Literate ELLs in the University EAP Classroom: A Project-Based Approach</p> <p>This presentation will describe a four-week research project that used English medium instruction (EMI) whose focus was on cultivating information literate ELLs in the University English for Academic Purposes (EAP) classroom. The classroom instruction centered on a set of integrated information literacy (IL) tasks that was implemented when students worked in their small groups. Students' written responses from reflective journals and findings that recorded their academic English learning will be illustrated and discussed. The outcome of the presentation is to discuss the research findings of the ELLs' progress in information literacy competency, academic scholarship, and scientific literacy. The presentation format will be both informational and interactive.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Intended audience includes secondary and university instructors. Dr. Xiaofei Rao and Dr. Wenjie Wang, College of Education at NMSU</p>
SB 103	<p style="text-align: center;">The Elements of a Paragraph</p> <p>This workshop will offer tips and skills to locate elements of paragraphs such as topic sentences, major and minor details and transition words. The information should be easily transferrable to ESL writing classes, especially those unfamiliar with basic writing structures in English.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">David Williams, ESL/ESOL/IRW Faculty at CNM</p>

Thank you for your participation and support of NM TESOL!

We are so grateful to all of you who have joined NM TESOL this year. We have high hopes that you will continue to be a part of this exciting movement in New Mexico. Our mission is to promote networking and collaboration among NMTESOL members and colleagues; provide professional development opportunities for English language teachers, tutors, and administrators; and represent our teaching and learning community to policy makers and the general public. We can't do this without you!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our fabulous presenters, without whom we would not be able to provide such high caliber sessions: Taffy Epler, Miles Kulas, Katrina Crespin, Dr. Xiaofei Rao, Dr. Wenjie Wang, and David Williams. Thank you!

Keep in touch with us through our Facebook page (NM TESOL), website: nmtesol.org, and good old-fashioned email: nmtesol@gmail.org. We have several exciting plans in the works, including a larger conference in the fall. Until then, we hope you *love what you do & do what you love!*

Best,

Amy & Laura

Co-Presidents of NM TESOL

