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Three Rivers TESOL 2015 Fall Conference

The Silver Lining: Celebrating Teachers' Achievements

Saturday, November 7, 2015 • 8:30am - 4:00pm

University of Pittsburgh English Language Institute



It is time to register for the Three Rivers TESOL 2015 Fall Conference! We are very excited about the many great presentations that will be given, as well as the networking opportunities available to everyone.

In order to register for the Conference, you must first become a member of 3RT. If your institution is an Institutional Member of 3RT, please do

not sign up for membership or register for the Conference on your own. The contact person at your institution will complete your registration on your behalf.

If your institution is not an Institutional Member, however, you can sign up for 3RT membership at <http://tinyurl.com/3RTMemberReg>. After your membership has been

approved (or if you are already a member of 3RT) you can register for the Conference at

<http://tinyurl.com/3RTConference15>.

Please follow the registration instructions on the page. Register by 11:59pm on November 3 to take advantage of the discounted rate. After that time, the registration fee is \$50, regardless of membership.

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Three Rivers TESOL
2015 Fall Conference
Reception

November 6, 2015

6:00-8:00pm

The University Club at the
University of Pittsburgh
123 University Place



In addition to the Saturday Conference, 3RT is hosting a networking reception.

Come and connect with former colleagues and make new friends!

Network with other area ESL professionals!

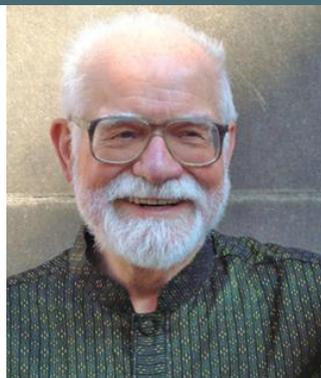
Relax and have fun!

Light refreshments will be served.

A cash bar will be available.

This event is not included in the Conference registration fee. You can register for the reception separately at <http://tinyurl.com/3RTReception2015>.

Register by 11:59pm on October 29 to take advantage of the \$5 registration fee. After that time, the registration fee is \$10.



In Memoriam: Edward M. Anthony, Jr.
TESOL International Charter Member and Founder of
the English Language Institute, University of Pittsburgh

By Dr. Alan Juffs, Director, English Language Institute, University of Pittsburgh

The English Language Institute (ELI) at the University of Pittsburgh is sad to announce that Edward “Ed” M. Anthony, Jr., founder of the ELI and part of the group that founded what would become TESOL International, passed away on July 12, 2015 at the age of 92.

Professor Anthony will be remembered as a pioneer in structural linguistics, for his contributions to the field of TESOL, and for his assistance in internationalizing the University of Pittsburgh by establishing the English Language Institute, followed by the Department of Linguistics and the Less-Commonly-Taught Languages Center. Professor Anthony remained active as a professor emeritus, serving on doctoral committees and on the board of the TESOL International Research Foundation.

The University of Pittsburgh, thus also Pittsburgh and the region that serves Three Rivers TESOL, owe

Professor Anthony a debt of gratitude for helping to widen the international horizons of the students and people who study and live here. Although we have lost him, the legacy of his administrative creativity and teaching will remain for a very long time to come.

A memorial service was held for Professor Anthony at Heinz Chapel at the University of Pittsburgh on October 23. Contributions in his honor may be sent to the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America (22 Eighth Avenue, 7th floor, New York, N.Y. 10001) or to the ELI TESOL Travel Fund created in honor of Professor Anthony and Professor Christina Bratt Paulston (<http://www.tesol.org/support-tesol/donate/support-tesol-grants-and-scholarships>). Choose “TESOL Awards and Grants General Fund” and then select “Pitt Travel Award for IEP Instructors.”

Fall Conference 2015 Plenary Speaker: Dr. Yilin Sun

Celebrating Teachers' Achievements: Strategies and Responsibilities of ELT Professionals in the 21st Century Classroom

Abstract: This plenary session will focus on strategies to empower teachers and students in the 21st century classroom. Based on her background as a non-native English-speaking ELT professional and her cross-cultural teaching and research experience in China, Canada and the United States, the speaker will discuss recent major trends in the ELT field and teaching and learning strategies for ELT educators. She will also discuss the roles and responsibilities of ELT professionals in the changing global society.



Yilin Sun, Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics/Curriculum & Instruction, OISE/University of Toronto, Canada, is Past President of TESOL International Association (2015-2016). She served on the Board of Directors of TESOL International from 2008 to 2011, Chair of the Affiliate Leadership Council of TESOL in 2007 and President of Washington Association for the Education of Speakers of Other Languages (WAESOL) in 2003 and 2007.

In 2011-2012, Dr. Sun worked as a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Taiwan coordinating the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Education Program and teaching TESOL graduate courses as a Visiting Professor at the National Taiwan Normal University.

Dr. Sun is a professor at South Seattle College in Seattle, USA, and has over 29 years of experience in the field of TESOL as an MA-TESL teacher trainer, a researcher, a classroom teacher, and a program leader with a variety of higher educational institutions in China, Canada and the USA. She is also an English Language Specialist for the U.S. Department of State and has conducted teacher-training workshops in many countries including Cambodia, China, South Korea, Laos, Russia and Thailand.

Yilin is the author of books, book chapters and research papers in refereed professional journals including TESOL Quarterly and TESOL Journal. She has also presented widely at national and international conferences. Her research interests include curriculum development, program assessment and evaluation, L2 reading, vocabulary learning, classroom-based action research, teacher education, adult education, world Englishes, ESP and non-native English-speaking teachers (NNEST) in the ELT field.

Fall Conference Schedule

All activities take place at the Parkvale Building,
200 Meyran Avenue, unless otherwise noted.

- 8:30-9:00am Check-in & Breakfast
- 9:00-10:30am Breakout Sessions
- 10:40-11:10am Interest Group Meetings
- 11:30am-12:30pm Plenary Speaker
Dr. Yilin Sun (Cathedral of Learning)
- 12:30-1:30pm Lunch (not included)
- 1:30-2:30pm Poster Session & Publishers
- 2:00-2:20pm Teaching Tips
- 2:30-4:00pm Breakout Sessions



Three Rivers TESOL 2015 Fall Conference Call for Participation!

Do you want to get more involved with the 3RT Fall Conference? There are two great opportunities for you!

- Chair a breakout session, which involves introducing the speaker and keeping time. If you are interested, go to <http://www.tinyurl.com/3RT15Chairs> and insert your name next to the session that you want to chair.
- Chair an interest group meeting, which involves leading the interest group in discussion about current issues. If you are interested, email Ece at president@3riverstesol.org. Current interest groups include: IEP, Higher Ed/ITA, CALL, PreK-12, Teacher Ed, and Program Admin.

Funding for TESOL International Convention 2016

by Rob Mucklo, 3RT Webmaster

There are a number of travel grants and scholarships available to help ESL professionals and TESOL students attend the 2016 TESOL International Convention in Baltimore, including a travel grant funded by the University of Pittsburgh's English Language Institute that is specifically for IEP Instructors. The deadline to apply is November 1, so be sure to apply soon!

For more information about travel grants and scholarships for the TESOL International Convention, visit

<http://tinyurl.com/TESOL-grants-2016>.

For details on eligibility and how to apply for the University of Pittsburgh Travel Award for IEP Instructors, go to

<http://tinyurl.com/TESOL-PittELI-IEP-Grant-2016>.

This grant is given in honor of Edward M. Anthony, charter member of TESOL International, and Christina Bratt Paulston.

Please share these opportunities with anyone who might be interested.

Three Rivers TESOL Executive Board Welcomes a New Vice President!

Seungku “Steve” Park is a linguist, English and Korean language teacher, and teacher trainer. He is the director of The Language Center at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. He runs two ESL programs, one on the main campus and one in Cranberry Township, for students whose first language is not English. He joined the 3 Rivers TESOL Executive Board as a replacement for Kathy Ramos, the former Vice-President.

Steve’s ethnic background is Korean. He earned his first doctoral degree in Linguistics from Sogang University in South Korea and his second from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Composition & TESOL. He has taught the English and Korean languages for more than 15 years both inside and outside of the U.S. “Steve” is not his official name, but he goes by “Steve” since it is easy to remember and easy to pronounce.



Guidelines for Publishing in the Three Rivers TESOL Newsletter

Did an activity in your class go particularly well? Have you found a useful textbook? Why don't you share it with 3RT members? Submit an article for the next newsletter in March! Here are some guidelines to get you started:

1. Title: 10 words or less
2. By line: includes your name, email address and work affiliation, if applicable
3. Length: 150-250 words
4. Style: Times New Roman 12 point font, double spaced
5. Format: Send as a word document
6. Pictures: Jpegs of pictures that are appropriate for the article may be sent but might not be included, depending upon space in the newsletter.
7. Send articles to secretary@3riverstesol.org.

3RT Member in Bangladesh

Claire Bradin Siskin, csiskin@edvista.com

English Language Specialist, U.S. Department of State

Claire Bradin Siskin will soon complete a 5-month assignment at Daffodil International University (DIU) in Dhaka, Bangladesh, as an English Language Specialist for the U.S. Department of State. At DIU she is conducting a needs analysis of the English Foundations Program, consulting on improvements to the program, and presenting workshops to the faculty. She has given lectures at several other universities in Dhaka. In September she took a short break and traveled to Indonesia, where she gave a keynote speech "Challenges for CALL in Creating Capacity" at the 9th Annual FLL International Conference in Salatiga, Central Java.

Siskin is involved in an exciting side project. She has been working with a team of English professors at DIU to develop smartphone apps for language learning. These apps will enable the students to practice reading, writing, listening, and grammar outside of class. They are designed to complement the curriculum for the English Foundations Program.

