



NMTESOL NEWSLETTER

New Mexico Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

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Election Time!

This year's unique national election may be over, but it's time once again to elect members to the NMTESOL Board. The Board's six positions are up for election off-set by a year, with Vice President, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor up for grabs this year. Voting is open from through January 20th. Check out descriptions of the current candidates on [page 2](#). To vote, make sure your membership is up to date! You will receive a voting link via email.

Exploring Enchanted Pathways: Innovations in English Language Instruction

*Fall 2016 Conference at
Santa Fe Community
College Review*

At the end of October, Santa Fe Community College hosted NMTESOL for a one day conference focusing around new and upcoming methods in second language teaching. We had the distinct pleasure of hosting Dr. Heide Spruck Wrigley as our keynote speaker, and she lead a session titled "Hard Fun: Increasing Student Engagement Through Story Boards, Scenarios, and Projects." See more on [page 3](#).

Vision Statement

NMTESOL envisions bringing together and supporting English language educators throughout New Mexico, strengthening instruction for English language learners at all levels, and providing leadership and advocacy for both.

Mission Statement

- To promote networking and collaboration among NMTESOL members and colleagues.
- To provide professional development opportunities for English language teachers, tutors, and administrators.
- To represent our teaching and learning community to policy makers and the general public.

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We die. That
may be the
meaning of
life. But we
do language.
That may be
the measure
of our lives.

- Toni Morrison

NMTESOL Election

2016: VP, Secretary, Newsletter Editor



Every year, half of the NMTESOL board is up for election. The elections are split and separated by a year so that every year there are board members to lead the new board in the current objectives. This year, the Vice President, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor positions are on the ballot. Below are brief profiles of each candidate. Voting is open through January 20th. To vote, ensure your membership is up to date and look for the email!

I have had the opportunity to be the Vice President of NMTESOL for 1 year. This has been a wonderful opportunity to give back to educators throughout New Mexico. I have assisted in several conferences and gave one presentation during our Spring Conference at CNM. The year has gone by very fast and there is more that I would like to contribute to the organization and members. I would appreciate your vote to continue in the position of Vice President with NMTESOL for the next 2 years.



Raina Cohn



Amy Zhupikov

I joined NMTESOL leadership team this year as Membership Liaison. In this position, I have been involved in outreach to organizations around the state. In addition, I have been intimately involved in the organization of both the Spring Workshop and the Fall Conference. As Vice President, I hope to expand my role as a full member of the board. My goal is launch a scholarly e-journal published by NMTESOL. I am an adult ESL Instructor at Encuentro New Mexico in Albuquerque. I received my Masters degree in TESL from Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA.

I've had the honor of being NMTESOL Secretary since 2008. I'm proud of having helped build this organization from the ground up. Through NMTESOL I'd like to continue to contribute to our community, especially in an increasingly bitter political environment where immigrants and refugees have been the target of hostility. Let's send a positive message that we "have their backs" by building a supportive community and helping meet their education needs. I'd like our organization to continue to provide networking and high quality professional development, as well as to coordinate advocacy efforts. As an ESL teacher of 30 years whose current passion is creating career pathways, it is wonderful knowing we do not have to work in isolation.



Penny Mortier



Ruth Cisneros

I've had the pleasure of editing the NMTESOL Newsletter for the last two years. It's been a fun experience covering our events and organizing them in this format. I would be pleased to stay on for the next two years in the same capacity. I enjoy organizing events for NMTESOL, then showcasing our hard work and our membership. Offering network opportunities and well-deserved recognition to those working tirelessly to provide wider English language access to minority and marginalized communities is important to me as a linguist and a bilingual person.

VOTING IS OPEN UNTIL JANUARY 20th.

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2016 Fall Conference Santa Fe Community College

The Oct 29 conference was an event with some important repeat performances! It was the second time Santa Fe Community College hosted the event; the first time was in October 2012 when we also celebrated the centennial of our state with a keynote given by the Director of the New Mexico History Museum Dr. Frances Levine. It was also the second time **Dr. Heide Spruck Wrigley** was a keynote speaker; the first time was in November 2011 when the conference was held at Doña Ana Community College. It was also a repeat performance for National Geographic/Cengage Learning; this year Brenda Rees was the publisher's representative who attended (from Boston).



Bill + Dr. Christoffersen

I want to recognize an essential group of participants at the Oct 29 conference: the 14 presenters. There can't be any professional development events without colleagues willing to share their experiences and expertise. I would like to thank them in two groups. First, muchísimas gracias to **Cash Clifton, Jackie Ehlers, Terri Gustafson, Melanie Mullen, Heide Spruck Wrigley, and Kristen Waring** for giving another presentation at one of our events. Second, muchísimas gracias to **Evelyn Almeida, Janneth Chumana, Brittany Karnezis, Matilde Machiavello, Katherine O'Donnell Christoffersen, Rana Saad, Sonia Sanchez Cuesta, and Rachel White** for being first-time presenters at a NMTESOL event. I sincerely hope that all of you will be in attendance at our future workshops and/or conferences.

If you didn't attend the 2016 conference, I encourage you to participate in one of our 2017 events. They are not expensive, they offer new ideas and professional networking, and I promise you will be well-fed! -Bill A.



The art on the campus of SFCC is stunning. "Raindrops" by Allan Houser.

Check out photos, on the following pages, from our conference in Santa Fe in late October. Special thanks to Letty Naranjo, Laura Bank, Amanda Rivera de Garcia, Claire Schneider, and Fran Nawrocki for hosting us at SFCC, and to [Kakawa Chocolate House](#) for their very generous donations. Please patronize them and enjoy some delicious hot chocolate when you visit Santa Fe. We raffled off three Kakawa Chocolate house gift certificates as well as books from National Geographic/Cengage Learning to close our one day event, which we felt went off without a hitch!

Organizing and holding each conference and workshop is the main focus of the NMTESOL Board twice a year. Our goal is to provide a space where you can learn more about your craft.

Comments and questions about our events are welcome, [email us](#).

Currently, we're in talks to visit the northwestern part of the state in the first half of 2017. It is our constant goal to provide all of New Mexico with professional resources for ESL teachers and staff, and we hope to continue to expand our reach. As always, we welcome the membership to let us know if you want to have us and can host! So, stay tuned for an announcement when we've confirmed the Spring 2017 Workshop. As always, we look forward to what you have to share with us.

Exploring Enchanted Pathways: Innovations in English Language Instruction Fall 2016 NMTESOL Conference at Santa Fe Community College

Thank you to all for letting me photograph you for the last two years. It's been a pleasure featuring our board and membership in these issues of the newsletter. If you see a pic of yourself and would like to have a copy, or if you have photos to contribute to the newsletter, email editor@nmtesol.org. Enjoy some pictorial memories from our fall conference. – RC

Terri Gustafson, Cash Clifton, and Kristen Waring from New Mexico DELT joined us for some high-tech training.



Keynote by Dr. Heide Spruck Wrigley



VP Raina Cohn checking out the Nat Geo table.



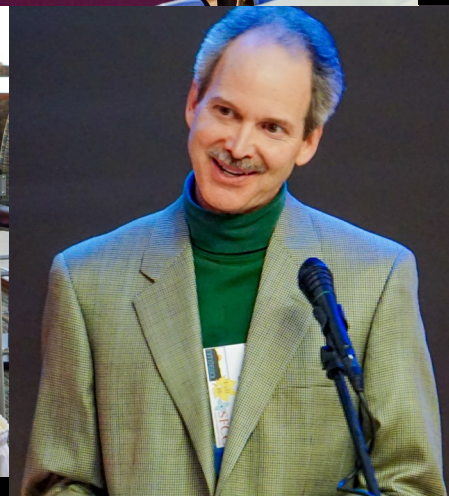
Good morning everyone!



Laura Banks, SFCC Adult Ed ESL Manager



Lunch time! SFCC provided us with a delicious catered lunch.



Bill's opening remarks.



'The Magic Power of Stories in Teaching'

INVITATION

To all those who attended the session at the last TESOL Conference at SFCC:

We plan to meet for a 1 hour session to wrap up and go deeper into everything introduced in the session. Feel free to bring along colleagues who show interest in the subject 😊

Please R.S.V.P. by sending an email to Matilde Machiavello: coach.it2014@gmail.com or text **505-967-6845**

Approx. date: early February | Venue: TBA

Matilde Machiavello during her session, 'The Magic Power of Stories in Teaching.'

2017 Annual Membership Meeting

NMTESOL's Annual Membership Meeting is coming up! Keep your eyes on your inbox, we'll be sending you a cordial invitation soon! We look forward to seeing you there.



Santa Fe Community College, October 2016. Photo by Ruth Cisneros.

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