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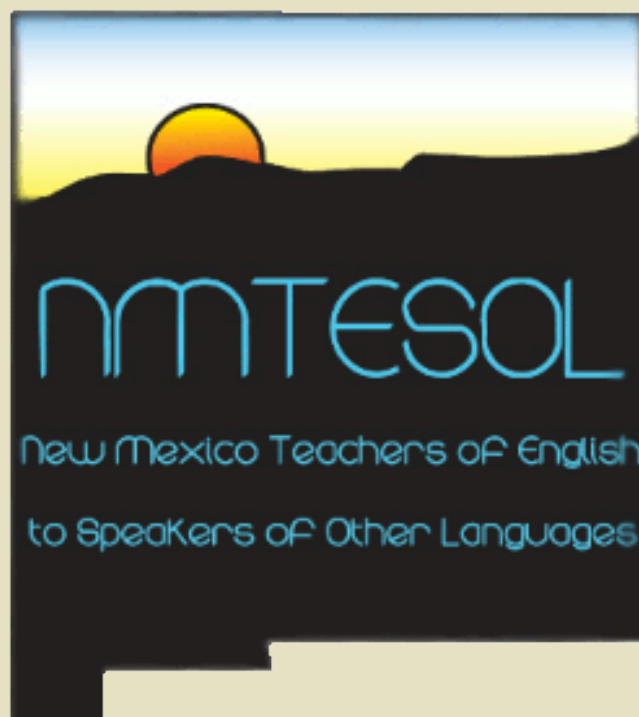
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NMTESOL Vision Statement

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

The mission of NMTESOL is to:

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

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Spotlight: Colin Large (New Vice President of NMTESOL)

What got you interested in TESOL?

I had just graduated from UNM with my bachelor's in English lit. A friend of mine and I decided that we would celebrate by going to London and Dublin on vacation. While we were in Dublin, we met a trio of women from Madrid, Spain who were studying English there. When I returned, I decided that I wanted a career that allowed me to meet people from all over the world and travel.



What is your background in TESOL?

I have an MA in Applied Linguistics/ESL from Georgia State University. While studying at GSU, I spent two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ukraine as part of the Masters International program.

What is your current position and how does it contribute to TESOL?

I am the director of the Intensive English Program at New Mexico State University. My job is to provide students with a program that has rigorous academic training in English to prepare them for success in any higher skill area of English, but specifically to prepare them to matriculate to NMSU. I also want to encourage a diverse population of students.

What are your goals and research interests for TESOL?

Currently, my areas of research interest are in testing/assessment and accreditation.

If you were having the “perfect” ESL lesson and we walked into your classroom, what would we see?

Small groups of students working together and enjoying the lesson. They would be experimenting with the language and making mistakes, but not feeling self-conscious or uncomfortable about making those mistakes.

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We all understand how difficult it is for many immigrants to navigate through their days when they cannot use English comfortably. They may know very little English or they may speak but not read or read but not speak.

In New Mexico, these individuals have several alternatives. They might enroll in formal classes at an institution or they could approach a neighbor or relative to help them learn. Another great alternative for people living in the greater Albuquerque metro area is **Reading Works**, a community-based non-profit organization.

In 2007, four experienced adult literacy tutors saw a need in Albuquerque for an easily accessible, community based ESL/Literacy program. Their efforts led to the founding of **Reading Works**, now located at 6101 Anderson SE in Albuquerque's International District.

Reading Works

Reading Works has a single objective: tutoring adults in ESL and Literacy. All tutoring is based on the learner's goals and learners are "empowered with the language skills they need to participate fully and effectively in work and their community." To this end, **Reading Works** provides instruction in ESL, Citizenship, Basic Literacy, Math, Computer Literacy and GED exam preparation. Learners spend as much time as they need on individual subjects.

Reading Works relies solely on trained volunteers to tutor individuals or small groups of highly motivated adults. Volunteers participate in two days of active, participatory training and are then matched with learners. Some tutor volunteers have experience working with ESL and some do not.

Website

www.reading-works.org

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NMTESOL Spring Workshop 2014

SPRING WORKSHOP

4th ANNUAL NMTESOL SPRING WORKSHOP



APRIL 5th,
2014

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

525 Buena Vista
SE Albuquerque
Max Salazar
Building
Rooms 304, 306,
307, 311

SCHEDULE

9:00 am - 9:45 am	Sign in
9:45 am - 10:00 am	Welcome - Room 311
10:00 am - 11:15am Session 1	
	Room 306 - Peg Sims
	Room 304 - Claire Schneider
11:15 am - 11:45 am Refreshments and Networking - Room 311	
11:45 am - 1:00 pm Session 2	
	Room 307 Jackie Ehlers
	Room 304 Bre Stephens
	Room 306 Monique Stone

The NMTESOL Spring Workshop 2014, which was held at CNM on April 5th, was a complete success! There were over 60 participants for the two concurrent sessions that ran from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants hailed from all over New Mexico (including Los Cruces, Santa Fe, Moriarty, Anthony, and Albuquerque) and from San Antonio, Texas.

The presentations given discussed various topics in TESOL, such as adult education, K-12, technology in the classroom, and pronunciation pedagogy. All session participants were given hand-outs, which

are now available for download on the NMTESOL website.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the spring 2014 workshop, which, of course, includes the presenters and participants. The NMTESOL Board of Directors would like to extend a special thank you to Central New Mexico Community College for its continuous support of NMTESOL professional development activities, and to Amy Christensen and School of Adult and General Education for their support of the



spring workshop. Without everyone's participation and support, this workshop would not have been possible.

If you or someone you know wishes to contribute to the NMTESOL Newsletter, please contact the Editor:

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TESOL International Association Affiliation

NMTESOL reached another major milestone, as announced at the 2014 TESOL convention held in Portland, when it became an official affiliate of the international association. This is the third and final step in the establishment of NMTESOL as a legally-recognized professional organization.

Step 1 was becoming a non-profit corporation through the NM Public Regulation Commission; step 2 was gaining 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the IRS. These were achieved in November 2008 and July 2009, respectively.

The wait for affiliation was necessary, because it comes with an annual cost of approximately \$500 and NMTESOL first had to generate sufficient funds to make it sustainable. That cost includes annual dues paid to TESOL plus individual membership in TESOL for 3 NMTESOL Board members. As is typically done with professional and non-profit organizations, the funds were earned through conference revenue, which was made possible through cost-sharing and donations but most of all by the many hours of volunteer work by the NMTESOL Board to organize the conferences.

Affiliation brings benefits to NMTESOL members:

- **TESOL Affiliate Speaker Requests**
 - Affiliates may request informative keynote speakers from TESOL Board of Directors, the Affiliate Leadership Council or TESOL staff to speak or present at state conferences.
- **Affiliate Benefits at the TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo**
 - TESOL offers one complimentary convention registration to each affiliate in good standing. Also, several convention sessions are organized for or by affiliate leaders.
- **Complimentary TESOL Memberships**
 - Affiliates receive seven complimentary TESOL memberships each year.
- **The Affiliate News**
 - The Affiliate News is an online newsletter that provide affiliates around the world with a forum to share their association's news and experiences.
- **TESOL Calendar of Events**
 - This online calendar, updated on a monthly basis, is an excellent way to promote your affiliate conference and other professional development events.

- **Affiliate Leaders Online Community**

- Affiliation enables our organization to network and exchange ideas with other association leaders throughout the year in the affiliate leaders online community.

NMTESOL is proud to be an affiliate of TESOL International Association and looks forward to becoming an active member of our global professional community.

Note: NMTESOL's affiliation with TESOL International does not give each of our members an individual membership with TESOL International. However, we urge you to join TESOL International because of the many benefits to individual members. As an individual member, you can take advantage of professional development seminars and webinars, access the newsletter and journal, receive updates and announcements, access lesson plans and join a conversation with your colleagues throughout the world through the special interest blogs.



This photo, taken at the business meeting of TESOL International Association during the 2014 convention in Portland, shows NMTESOL is the fifth of six new affiliates.



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