

NMTESOL NEWSLETTER

New Mexico Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

August 2015



TESOL International Association turns 50 this year! In celebration of the anniversary, the organization has put together a section on

their website that includes a timeline of accomplishments and milestones. You can also submit your own milestone suggestions to add to the story.

TESOL International Association was created as a collaboration of various teachers' networks, and their combined desire to support teachers of English who focus on second language learners. The profession has grown and evolved, thanks in no small part to the support that TESOL International provides around the world. Check out the early history of TESOL, innovators that are changing the field, or contribute your own success story. As an affiliate, NMTESOL looks forward to many more years of support and the ability to connect with fellow teachers around the world.

Summer
afternoon,
summer
afternoon;
to me those
have always
been the
two most
beautiful
words in
the English
language.

Henry James -

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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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Event Reviews

NMTESOL has had the privilege of hosting two professional development events so far in 2015 and will host a third in November! We look forward to connecting with you again at the 2015 NMTESOL/NMAEA Conference in Las Cruces.



Many thanks to everyone who joined us at CNM in April. Our one-day workshop covered topics in ESL education ranging from elementary to adult skill levels that included hands-on activities, as well as an afternoon networking session, providing space and time for teachers to connect with each other and share ideas directly. Special thanks to Penny Mortier and the CNM Main Campus for allowing us with the facilities for this workshop. Thanks also to Melanie Mullen, who provided all the photos. As always, we wouldn't be able to hold these events without you, our membership, as presenters and attendees.

Thank you!



Do you have a presentation you want to share with your peers? The call for presenters for the NMAEA/NMTESOL Fall Conference is now open. The deadline is Sept. 18. Read the call on [page 5](#).

Event Reviews: NMSU Roadshow, May 2015

May 30th, 2015 found NMTESOL on the campus New Mexico State University in Las Cruces on a bright, sunny Saturday. We joined with [NMSU's Center for English Language Programs](#) to provide a day of professional development to members of NMTESOL, as well as to a cohort of visiting ESL teachers from Ecuador. The result was a day filled with hands-on workshops and networking opportunities to connect with teachers of English from around the state and Latin America. Many thanks to Colin Large and NMSU, who provided us with the venue and craft services. Here are some thoughts from fellow attendees:



NMTESOL President Bill Ancker kicks off the weekend @ NMSU.



English teachers from New Mexico and Ecuador.



Practicing fun classroom activities was a theme of the day.

It's always a pleasure to attend an NMTESOL workshop, particularly those infrequently offered outside of the Albuquerque area. I enjoy road trips, seeing new places and people, and learning about the variety of ESL professionals and programs around New Mexico. The recent workshop held at NMSU in Las Cruces, while fulfilling all this, was particularly special to me. For the first time, I had an opportunity to meet a large group of ESL teachers at the workshop who were themselves second language English speakers. These dedicated and perhaps rather homesick colleagues were Ecuadorian educators participating in the Ecuadorian Ministry of Education's Go Teachers program at NMSU. Knowing a little about the

"It was the first time for me as a presenter in a workshop, but it was a wonderful experience I liked a lot."

- Mercy Sandoval

"It was interesting because I was able to understand some techniques to apply in the English teaching process."

- Maria Quito

"I learned some listening activities and several sponge activities to start classes." - **Karla Carpio**

"I had the opportunity to attend the first TESOL Conference at NMSU. It was a great experience because I learned new activities and exercises in order to apply with my future students from Ecuador." - **Karina Villafuerte**

confounding nature of the English language, I admired their enthusiasm and the skills they demonstrated in tackling the task of teaching English to students back in their home country. Someone once said that many ESL college students haven't faith in the abilities of ESL teachers who, themselves, had learned English as a second language...that they wanted a 'true native speaker.' If so, I think these students are mistaken. What better teacher could there be than one who had to master and understands the intricacies and peculiarities of English without being burdened with all the insidious deep-seated assumptions that a first language hardwires into our brains? It was a unique and wonderful experience. I wish our fine colleagues from Ecuador every success! -**Dean Sundberg, Treasurer, NMTESOL**

Fall Calendar Details

WINTER IS RIGHT AROUND THE
CORNER.

WARM UP WITH TESOL
INTERNATIONAL IN CANCÚN, MEXICO.

INNOVATIONS AND BREAKTHROUGHS
IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

A TESOL SYMPOSIUM IN CANCÚN, MÉXICO

4 NOVEMBER 2015



We're partnering with NMAEA and NMHED at Dona Ana Community College in Las Cruces this November. Join us to discuss topics in English language ed, adult ed, and ways to connect our students to the world beyond our classrooms. Want to present? Find a summary of the call for papers [here](#).

NMAEA ▪ NMHED ▪ NMTESOL 2015 Conference

Join the
revolution

Adult Education
English Language Learners
College & Career Pathways

*Save the
Date!*

**Friday/Saturday
November 13/14**

Dona Ana Community College
East Mesa Campus
Las Cruces

New Mexico Adult Education Association
New Mexico TESOL
New Mexico Higher Education Department



2015 Conference

New Mexico Adult Education Association
New Mexico TESOL
New Mexico Higher Education Department

November 13 & 14

Doña Ana Community College
East Mesa Campus
Las Cruces

Call for Presenters

The New Mexico Adult Education Association (NMAEA), New Mexico Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (NMTESOL), and the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) invite you to submit a proposal to present at the 2015 Conference: ***Join the Revolution – College and Career Pathways for Adult Education and English Language Learners***. Please consider tapping into your creativity and submit a proposal today! Proposals should be in one of these tracks:

Track Themes:

College and/or Career Pathways ♦ DELT – Distance Learning and Technology ♦ TESOL ♦ Data Techs ♦ High School Equivalency ♦ Administration and Leadership ♦ Serving Key Populations ♦ Assessments

Proposals are due September 18, 2015

****Please read the full call [here](#)****

Presenters receive half off the conference registration fee.

Submit Your News

Do you have news to share with the NMTESOL community? Send it in! We are currently accepting contributions relating to:

- ♦ Professional development
- ♦ Events
- ♦ Job openings
- ♦ Scholarships
- ♦ Photos of New Mexico to share in the newsletter

Submit stories or photos to editor@nmtesol.org. Include as much info as possible, a preferred contact method, and any related logos and/or images.



Sunset in Roswell, New Mexico by Melanie Mullen

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McGaffey, New Mexico. Photo by Ruth Cisneros

