

12TH ANNUAL KSAALT TESOL CONFERENCE

April 19th & 20th

Conference Theme:

Voices and Perspectives Across Saudi EFL

Venue:

Sofitel Corniche Hotel Al Khobar

Plenary Speakers



Dawn Booth holds a PhD and Masters in Applied Linguistics, specializing in the field of language assessment. She is the author of the book: *The Sociocultural Activity of Standardized Language Testing*, and has close to 20 years teaching experience in NZ, England, South Korea, Japan and Saudi Arabia. Her interests include: washback in language testing, sociolinguistics, teaching writing, content-based language instruction and teacher training.



Emma Pathare has been involved in the English Language Teaching profession since 1995, and has worked in Europe and the Middle East as an English teacher, CELTA and Trinity TESOL trainer, Cambridge and IELTS Examiner, and as an IELTS Examiner Trainer. She has authored many ELT books and resources for a variety of international publishers and Ministry projects, and written exam items for the British Council APTIS test and the UAE Ministry of Education CEPA and EmSat exams. Her current post with National Geographic Learning encompasses a diverse range of tasks, such as working with ministries, writing, adapting, editing and reviewing materials. Emma's key areas of interest in ELT are vocabulary learning, literacy development and creative writing.



WEBINARS



Dr. Keith Folse is a retired Professor of TESOL from the University of Central Florida, where he taught the MA TESOL, PhD TESOL, and Undergraduate TEFL programs. He has 39 years of teaching experience with ESL in the US and EFL in Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Kuwait, and Japan. His main research interests are in best practices in teaching vocabulary, writing, grammar, and reading. Dr. Folse is extremely interested in materials development. He is the author of 67 books on various aspects of English language teaching and learning. His most recent student books include the new editions of the widely used composition books *Great Writing* and the brand-new *Grammar for Great Writing* (National Geographic Learning). His main research area is second language vocabulary acquisition and he has published articles in *TESOL Quarterly*, *CATESOL Journal*, *TESL Reporter*, *Modern English Teacher*, *MexTESOL Journal*, and *Perspectives/TESOL Arabia*.



A past President of TESOL (1997-1998), MaryAnn Christison serves on the Board of Trustees for The International Research Foundation (TIRF). Holding a Ph.D. in English/Linguistics from the University of Utah, Dr. Christison has been teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in applied linguistics for over 30 years. She is the author of over 80 refereed articles in journals on language teaching and second language research and 18 books including *Leadership in English Language Education: Theoretical foundations and practical skills for changing times* (with D. E. Murray), *A Handbook for Language Program Administrators* (2nd Edition) (with F. L. Stoller), *What language teachers need to know: Understanding learning* (with D. E. Murray), *What language teachers need to know: Facilitating learning* (with D. E. Murray), *Multiple intelligences and language learning*, and *Learning to teach languages*. She has been a classroom teacher for 38 years, teaching in U.S. K-12, adult education, and university contexts. She has developed many multi-media projects, and online ESL Endorsement program, and four online courses for language teachers. Christison has been a teacher educator for over 20 years, working with teachers in the U.S. and in over 30 different countries.

INVITED SPEAKERS



Charles Hall, Ph.D., dr.h.c. is an Associate Professor of English at Al Faisal University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. His work intertwines three areas of interest: TELF (Teaching English as a Lingua Franca), ESP (English for Specific Purposes), and pre- and in-service teacher training. He has taught, trained teachers, or lectured in over 40 countries, including Oman, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, UAE, Iraq, Sudan, Yemen, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria. He is the author or co-author of several texts and article including the recently published *Phonetics, Phonology & Pronunciation for the Language Classroom* from Palgrave.



Shideh Shayani is an educational consultant, life coach and life-skills facilitator. Shideh specializes in designing and delivering training. She has a Bachelor's degree in 'Adult Education & Training' (TAFE) from the University of Southern Queensland, Australia with a concentration on Human Resource Development. She also holds a graduate degree in TESFL from Algonquin College of Further Education as well as TESL Ontario & TESL Canada accreditations. She has many years of hands-on experience in the educational sector and has provided training for international publishers such as Pearson, Longman & Cambridge.

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