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Announcing the 44th Annual Conference

Greetings ConnTESOL Quarterly readers! We are pleased to announce our annual conference is to be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, Connecticut.

This year's theme is "Language – In Its Complexity." To complement this theme, we have Dr. Kenji Hakuta of Stanford University's Understanding Language initiative. He is a leading expert in the implementation of the Common Core State Standards with English Language Learners. Dr. Hakuta will serve as our keynote speaker.

As in previous years, the ConnTESOL Conference will appeal to educators from the elementary level

through adult education. The concurrent workshops will reflect our theme, "Language – In Its Complexity." They will focus on Common Core State Standards, ELL instruction, as well as current issues facing TESOL educators at all levels throughout the state.

ConnTESOL would be pleased for educators to share their expertise. If you would like to host a workshop, please submit the application before June 31, 2014. (A link to the application is provided on <http://connTESOL.net/>)

Joshua Giannone
Editor

Great News, ConnTESOL Members!

ConnTESOL has been working very hard over the last few months to revise our media outlets to be more user-friendly and up-to-date with the ever changing technological world.

Newsletter:

The ConnTESOL newsletter has been updated and given a facelift. It now features the name *The ConnTESOL Quarterly*, and has been put into a more reader friendly format. Our new newsletter color scheme and design were changed to reduce fatigue while reading; the background color creates a less harsh contrast, allowing for more comfortable reading.

What's more, *The ConnTESOL Quarterly* will now be made available in TWO different formats. The first format is a **traditional printing format**, which will be correctly scaled and laid out, so that if printed double sided on ledger sized (11x17) paper and folded in half, a readable magazine-esque newsletter is created. The second format is an **interactive computer based format**. This means that if you open it on any web-ready device, you will be able to actively click any links we include directly, instead of having to retype or copy and paste them into your URL. This was done to streamline your experience with *The ConnTESOL Quarterly*, and to eliminate any wasted time. This feature will work on all brands of computer, and all brands of smart phone, which support Adobe reader.

Starting in this issue, we will be introducing QR codes (Quick Response code). Each time there is a hyperlink, a QR code will be provided. A QR code is a small square box which looks like it is comprised of a random assortment of smaller squares; however, there is magic in that assortment. Hidden in each QR code is a hyperlink, which a QR reader will be able to decode and redirect you to. This makes it easy to find web-pages on the go. All you do is point your smart phone at the QR code with the application open, and you will be automatically sent to the link.

Website:

Over the last year, ConnTESOL has been working with a web design company, in order to provide a more user-friendly and inviting web site. We heard from you, our members, that our old site was not intuitive and have recreated a more manageable (and Mobile friendly) website. The new site will host an intelligent layout, which will make finding information easier and more manageable. There are going to be direct links to our Annual Conference, the newsletter, how to register to be a ConnTESOL member, our Board members, and other frequently referenced material.

Mitch Peterson
Editor

QR Readers

iTunes -

If you have an iPhone or other Apple product, you can download this free QR reader. With a five star rating, this reader is user friendly, and utilizes the camera built into your IOS device.

QR Reader for iPhone

By TapMedia Ltd

Open iTunes to buy and download apps.

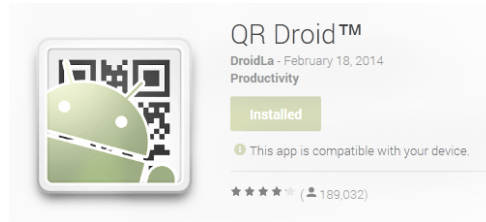


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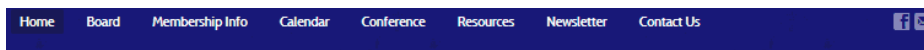
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Google Play -

For Android users, QR Droid is as easy as it gets. This free program uses your onboard camera to capture QR codes efficiently and effectively.



A preview of things to come...



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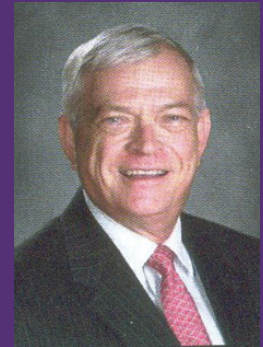
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Board Member Spotlight



Mitchell Grayson has been Co-Chair for ConnTESOL since 2011 and has served as Conference Co-coordinator for ConnTESOL Conferences 2011 through 2014. He has been the ESOL Coordinator, K-12, for Cromwell Public Schools, in Cromwell, CT since 1999. Grayson worked as an ESL Tutor in Wethersfield Schools for many years before coming to Cromwell. Before teaching, he enjoyed a career in theatre and puppetry. Grayson often incorporates those talents into his instruction with English Language Learners. Mr. Grayson has also been a member of Connecticut Administrators of Programs for English Language Learners (CAPELL) for many years.

Call For Proposals

The Board of The Connecticut Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (ConnTESOL) invites you to join colleagues and friends at our

44th Annual Conference
Saturday, October 25th, 2014
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Cromwell, Connecticut

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“Language – In Its Complexity”
Keynote Speaker
Kenji Hakuta

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Our ConnTESOL Conference is a forum for exchanging information to help our students acquire English language proficiency. We welcome presentations from teachers, program administrators, materials and curriculum developers, facilitators, and any others who are involved with immigrant, refugee or foreign student populations. Please complete the application form and submit to: ConnTESOL Please share your expertise!

Deadline for application is JUNE 30th, 2014.

Suggested areas of topics dealing with the above theme could include:

ELLs in the 21st Century	L2 Writing
Career and College Preparedness	Oral and Written Discourse
Common Core State Standards & ELL Instruction	Pronunciation Differentiated Instruction/SIOP
English for Academic Purposes	Collaboration with Classroom Teachers
Teacher Preparation trends and needs	ELLs with Special Education needs [dual identification]
Aligning CCSS with ELL Frameworks	Parent Involvement Culturally Responsive Instruction
Integrating Technology	Long-term ELLs
Technology Applications for ELLs	Life Skills
Text complexity and text dependent inquiry	Workplace and the ELL
Academic Vocabulary Development	Office of Civil Rights and Department of Justice
Academic Discourse	Immigrant Issues and Needs
Reading and Literacy	Citizenship Courses
Adult Literacy	SRBI

ConnTESOL Volunteer Help Wanted

The ConnTESOL is looking for people who are interested in holding a board member position. The following vacancies are open:

First Year Co-Chair

Responsibilities: The Co-Chair shall preside at all business meetings of the organization and at all meetings of the Board of Directors. They shall be ex-officio members of all committees and shall act as the liaisons between the organization and other organizations including the CT State Dept. of Education's ELL/ Bilingual consultant.

Higher Education Representative

Responsibilities: The Higher Education Representative shall be responsible for outreach and recruitment of new members and participate in the planning of the Annual Conference. They shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a term of two years and must be members in good standing of ConnTESOL.

Webmaster

Responsibilities: The Webmaster shall be responsible for maintaining the ConnTESOL website. They shall possess an understanding of website management and the ability to update its contents in a timely manner. They shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve a two year term from the Annual Conference.

2013-2014 ConnTESOL Board Members

Executive Committee

First Year Co-Chair
Vacant

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Vacant

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Sally Vernaglia

Newsletter Editors
Mitch Peterson & Joshua Giannone

Cut Along line, and send to: ConnTESOL, P.O. Box 1075, Middletown, CT 06457

Application for ConnTESOL Membership 2013 - 2014

Name _____ Phone () _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Email _____

Area(s) of interest (circle all that apply):

Elementary Secondary Adult Ed. Higher Ed. Bilingual Ed. IEP

The ConnTESOL membership year runs from annual conference to annual conference, meaning from the date of our annual conference held in the fall of one year to the date of our annual conference held in the fall of the following year. The 2013 - 2014 ConnTESOL membership year begins on the day of our 2013 Annual Conference (November 2, 2013) and will run through the date of our 2014 Annual Conference (November 2014...exact date TBD).

\$25 membership fee

Please make checks payable to ConnTESOL.

Send to:

ConnTESOL

PO Box 1075

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****Please note that membership in ConnTESOL does not include membership in national TESOL and vice versa.****

