

Calendar of Events

June 13, 2025

Legal Services for Higher Ed Staff & Students (San Diego Chapter)

CATESOL Zoom Room

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Christina Kaufmann,
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Discover Free Legal Services for Higher Ed Communities in San Diego!

Join us for a 50-minute Zoom session where expert presenters will spotlight the no-cost legal services available to San Diego County's higher education staff and students. Provided through Jewish Family Services and funded by the State of California, these resources are here to support you — whether you're navigating immigration, housing, employment issues, or more.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how you or your students can access vital legal support — all at no charge.

*Hosted by San Diego Chapter
Christina Kaufmann
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June 20, 2025

IGC Leadership Monthly Meeting - JUN

CATESOL Zoom Meeting

01:30 PM - 02:30 PM PST

Kelley Metz-Matthews ,
kmetz@sdccd.edu

Calling all Interest Group (IG) Coordinators, Co-coordinators, Assistant Coordinators, and other IG leaders:

Please join us in our monthly check-in and update session for IGC. This IG Council meeting is an opportunity to connect and support one another as we share ways to invite participation from members and promote events.

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IGC Assistant Chair: Tamara Collins-Parks*

Members Free

Listening Training for Partners in Oral Communication (TOP-IG)

CATESOL Zoom room

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Marsha Chan,

pronunciationdoctor@gmail.com

Accent Listening Training for Partners in Oral Communication

In today's linguistically diverse classrooms, effective communication is a two-way street—and strong listening skills are just as critical as clear speaking. This engaging webinar empowers educators and students to become better oral communication partners through focused listener training. Discover how training listeners to understand a wider range of accents and speech patterns can lead to faster cognitive processing, deeper comprehension, and more inclusive attitudes toward different varieties of English.

Drawing from cutting-edge research in applied linguistics, communications, and social psychology, this session will explore:

How the brain processes unfamiliar speech

Why we might struggle to understand speakers with different accents

Practical strategies to build more adaptable, flexible listeners

We'll wrap up with actionable tools and teaching resources you can use immediately to help your learners—and yourself—become more effective, empathetic communicators in diverse ESL settings.

Key Takeaways

?? Understand the cognitive and social foundations of listener training

?? Gain insight into the role of accent familiarity in communication breakdowns

?? Learn evidence-based techniques to improve students' listening flexibility

?? Access practical classroom strategies and resources to apply listener training right away

Presenter

Katherine (Kate) Yaw is an Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics at the University of South Florida (Tampa, FL, USA). She holds a PhD in Applied Linguistics from Northern Arizona University. She has worked in language education since 2007, with experience in English language teaching, teacher training, and program administration. Her research interests include perception and production of speech, language attitudes, cognitive processing of L2-accented speech, and the role of listeners in successful communication, along with quantitative research ethics.

Hosts

Teaching of Pronunciation Interest Group (TOP-IG)

Marsha Chan and Patryk Mrozek

Moderator

Marsha Chan

Date and Time

Friday, June 20, 12:00-1:00 pm California Time

Cost

Members: Free

Non-members: \$5.00

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July 11, 2025

Poetry: A Path to Pronunciation Proficiency (TOP-IG)

CATESOL Zoom room

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PST

Marsha Chan,

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Precision through Poetry: A Path to Pronunciation Proficiency

Looking for ways to spice up pronunciation practice in your speaking courses? Discover the Sound-Pattern-Inflection (SPI) coding method, a powerful oral fluency approach developed and refined through years of teaching pronunciation in both domestic and international contexts. Learn how the authentic, yet often overlooked, texts of poetry can help students discover and unlock more accurate speech production. In this session, participants will learn to evaluate and select rich, authentic poetic texts, code in sequenced layers of prosody, and apply these methods to their classrooms, transforming pronunciation practice into a precise and engaging experience for your language learners.

Presenter

Rebecca Eagleson, West Valley College Associate Faculty member, is a seasoned ESL educator with expertise in oral fluency and advanced grammar instruction. She holds an MA in TESOL from the University of San Francisco and an MA in English from San Jose State University, and has presented at CATESOL and TESOL conferences on using poetry and vocal shadowing techniques to unlock student confidence and improve speech production.

Hosts

Teaching of Pronunciation Interest Group (TOP-IG)

Marsha Chan and Patryk Mrozek. Co-coordinators

Donna Brinton, Assistant Coordinator

Moderator

Marsha Chan

Date and Time

Friday, July 11, 11:00 AM-12 noon California Time

Cost

Members: Free

Non-members: \$5.00

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July 11, 2025

Looking for AI policy ideas? Here's some help (TELL-IG)

CATESOL Zoom Room

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM PST

Jennie Kim,

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TELL-IG: Looking for AI policy ideas? Here's some help.

The CATESOL Technology-Enhanced Language Learning (TELL) Interest Group is meeting this July with a wonderful guest presenter Deborah Healey Ph.D. Learn about the new technology standards Dr. Healey has worked on with a Canadian non-profit. The technology standards for instructors, programs, and learners include elements related to generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) like ChatGPT. The standards are freely available and editable (Creative Commons licensed) and should be helpful as we all try to make sense of best practices and things to avoid. We'll look at some suggestions and talk about how they might work in your context. It's never too late to build a stronger TELL foundation for our fall courses.

Date and Time

Friday, July 11, 2:00 - 3:00 PM Pacific Time

Tell-IG Coordinator: Jennie Kim

Cost

Members: Free

Non-members: \$5

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August 8, 2025

IGC Leadership Monthly Meeting - AUG

CATESOL Zoom Meeting

01:30 PM - 02:30 PM PST

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Members Free

August 22, 2025

Chapter Council Meeting - August

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM PST

Merve Beyazit Taner,
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Chapter Council Meeting

Welcome to the Chapter Council monthly meetings. All Chapter Coordinators, Co-coordinators, Assistant Coordinators, and other Chapter leaders are encouraged to attend Chapter Council Meetings to connect with chapters, strategize to build membership, and discuss ways to promote their events.

Check the calender for the upcoming meeting date and time: www.catesol.org

*Merve Beyazit Taner
Chapter Council Chair*

August 29, 2025

CATESOL Board Meeting AUG

CATESOL Zoom Room

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM PST

Song Hong,
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This is an official CATESOL Board Meeting. All 2024-2025 Board members (including Voting and non-voting members of Leadership) should be in attendance. Other members of the CATESOL Leadership Team are also encouraged to attend.

*CATESOL President, Song Hong
CATESOL President-Elect, Dr. Sedique Popal*

September 19, 2025

IGC Leadership Monthly Meeting - SEPT

CATESOL Zoom Meeting

01:30 PM - 02:30 PM PST

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Coming Soon

Community Building in the Online Classroom (OT-IG)

CATESOL Zoom Room

04:30 PM - 05:30 PM PST

Katrina Tamura & Chris Vela Che,
Ktamura@miracosta.edu, cvelache@gmail.com

Join the Online Teaching Interest Group for an inspiring Friday evening session focused on creating a sense of community in your online classroom. Discover methods and activities to foster student engagement, interaction, and connection with their peers and instructor.

This session is not just about learning—it's about sharing! Bring your ideas to exchange with the group and leave with new perspectives and practical strategies to create a safe, inclusive, and dynamic learning environment.

Let's build stronger communities in our online classrooms—together!

Join OT-IG hosts Chris Vela Che and Katrina Tamura

Date: March 7th THIS EVENT WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR A LATER DATE

Time: 4:30 -5:30 pm

Location: CATESOL Zoom

Cost: Free for Members, \$5 for nonmembers

Let's set the stage for a successful term—together!