

Calendar of Events

May 8, 2026

CATESOL New Member Orientation (Fri)

CATESOL Zoom room

04:00 PM - 05:00 PM PST

Dr. Sedique Popal,

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CATESOL New Member Orientation:

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Members: Free

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May 8, 2026

Community College Hiring Panel: Faculty Insights

CATESOL Zoom Room

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM PST

Cynthia Baum or Kelly Metz-Matthews,
baumcynthia@gmail.com

Live faculty panel revealing how Community College instructor hiring decisions are made—and how you can position yourself to succeed.

Join a panel of experienced Community College professors as they share firsthand insights into the faculty hiring process. This live Zoom webinar features a panel-style discussion where instructors who have served on hiring committees break down what makes candidates stand out—and what leads to rejection.

Through a moderated conversation and audience Q&A, panelists will offer candid perspectives on evaluating applications, interviews, and teaching demonstrations. What you'll gain:

*A behind-the-scenes look at how hiring panels assess candidates
3 key ways to strengthen your interview and teaching demo
Real examples of strong vs. weak candidate responses
Guidance on aligning with equity-focused hiring practices
Ask questions directly to faculty panelists*

Replay: Register even if you can't attend live—a full recording will be shared with all registrants.

*May 8, 2026
2:00-3:00 PM*

*Members: Free
Non-members: \$5*

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May 9, 2026

CATESOL New Member Orientation (Sat)

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May 9, 2026

How to Get Grants, Awards, and Free Resources (CEF)

CATESOL Zoom room

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM PST

Susan Gaer,

catesolsusan@gmail.com

Do you want support to attend a CATESOL conference or grow professionally as an English language educator?

Join us to learn how the CATESOL Education Foundation (CEF) helps teachers like you access funding and advance their careers. Meet representatives from the CEF—experienced educators and leaders dedicated to supporting English language teaching professionals through funding, recognition, and professional growth opportunities.

In this session, you'll discover:

How to apply for conference grants

What awards and recognition opportunities are available

How to access free professional development resources

Walk away with clear next steps to take advantage of these valuable opportunities. Register now to secure your spot and start accessing CEF opportunities!

When

May 9, 2026 (Saturday); 3-4pm

Presenters

Susan Gaer - CEF President

Nirmla Flores - CEF Vice-President

Emily Wong - CEF Awards Coordinator

Where

CATESOL Zoom Room

Can't attend live? No problem—register anyway and we'll send you a summary or recording.

Free for Members and Non-members alike!

May 9, 2026

Pragmatic Awareness in Workplace Discourse Communities (TEW-IG)

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM PST

Description:

This interactive talk by Professor Solmaz discusses the unique demands as multilingual learners transition from ESL classrooms into professional environments. Linguistic competence alone is insufficient. Success in the workplace requires pragmatic awareness, genre knowledge, and the ability to navigate professional discourse communities. This session explores how educators can prepare learners to engage effectively in workplace communication, focusing on genre awareness (emails, reports, meetings), identity positioning in interviews, and digital professional presence (e.g., LinkedIn and online communication norms). Drawing on multiliteracies, sociolinguistics, and digital literacy research, the session also addresses the opportunities and ethical considerations of AI-assisted communication in professional contexts.

Participants will leave with practical strategies for integrating workplace pragmatics into ESL instruction without reducing instruction to narrow vocational training.

Moderator:

Christine Palumbo

Cost:

Members: Free

Non-members: Free

CATESOL TEW-IG Co-chairs Meral Kacar, Jamie O'Connor

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May 15, 2026

Creating Materials with Standards and Competencies in Mind (MW-IG)

CATESOL Zoom Room

04:00 PM - 05:00 PM PST

Soleil Turell,

soleil.a.turell@gmail.com

This webinar will focus on how materials writers balance different standards and competencies in the materials development process. The presenter will share practical approaches that can be applied to both supplementary materials and full textbooks, using concrete examples from published work. The session is intended to support educators who are developing, adapting, or evaluating materials across a range of teaching contexts. The session will be 50 minutes long, with a 10-minute Q&A at the end. We hope to see you on Zoom!

Presenter: Rob Jenkins

MW-IG Host: Soleil Turell, Coordinator

Cost:

Members: Free

Non-members: \$5

May 22, 2026

Interest Group Council (IGC) Meeting - May

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May 22, 2026

AI That Actually Saves You Time (IEP)

CATESOL Zoom Room

12:00 PM - 01:15 PM PST

Edgar Zardaryan,

edgar.zardaryan.554@my.csun.edu

This is a hands-on workshop that walks educators through five progressively advanced ways to integrate AI into their work. It starts with "parent prompts" using Claude Projects, ChatGPT Projects/GPTs, or Gemini Gems to give AI persistent context about your teaching role and materials, eliminating repetitive re-explaining. From there, it moves into agentic AI workflows (like having Claude or Manus generate a Google Form for student feedback), using AI to write HTML for a polished Canvas LMS home page, building a research-to-presentation pipeline with NotebookLM feeding into an LLM for lesson planning, and finally "Kahoot-ifying" the classroom by generating quiz questions in NotebookLM and importing them via Kahoot's PDF feature. The overall focus is on understanding what Retrieval Augmented Generation is and how to use it in the classroom.

Learning Outcomes

- 1. Use AI tools for lesson planning, feedback, course design, and engagement.*
- 2. Understand and apply RAG to create more accurate, context-based AI outputs*

Presenter

Jeffery Foulkes Ed.D

With over a decade of experience in education and institutional change, Jeffrey Foulkes helps educators navigate AI with clarity and purpose. He is the founder of AIReadyEducation and currently Adjunct ESL Faculty at Glendale Community College.

Website:

<https://www.aireadyeducation.com/>

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/jeff-foulkes/>

Date and Time

May 22, 2026 from 12:00 to 1:15 PM

Moderators:

Edgar Zardaryan

Sean Saly

Cost:

Member: \$0

Non-member: \$5

May 29, 2026

CATESOL Board Meeting

CATESOL Zoom Room

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM PST

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Date: May 29, 2026

Time: 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Leaders : Free

CATESOL President, Dr. Sedique Popal

CATESOL Past President, Song Hong

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Chapter Council Meeting - May

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM PST

Jennifer Guillen,

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Chapter Council Chair

June 26, 2026

Chapter Council Meeting - June

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June 26, 2026

Teaching Pronunciation with Confidence - OER overview (TOP-IG)

CATESOL Zoom

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Marsha Chan,

mchan@catesol.org

Teaching Pronunciation with Confidence: OER Overview

Agata Guskaroska will provide an overview of this open educational resource (OER) that she created with Iowa State University colleagues Zoe Zawadzki, John M. Levis, Kate Challis, and Maksim Prikazchikov.

Teaching Pronunciation with Confidence: A Resource for ESL/EFL Teachers and Learners is an essential resource for both English teachers and learners, designed to effectively build strong pronunciation skills and knowledge of pronunciation. This guide covers key topics, including English sounds, word stress, intonation, rhythm, prominence, connected speech, and pronunciation diagnostics to guide improvement. The book includes a wide array of interactive H5P activities and sound recordings, which can be used for classroom teaching, or homework and individual practice. These exercises provide practical experience, reinforcing the concepts covered in each chapter. The book is open-access. We recommend using it through a web browser, tablet, or phone to be able to access the interactive activities. Link: <https://iastate.pressbooks.pub/teachingpronunciation/>

Publisher: Iowa State University Digital Press Location: Ames, Iowa DOI:

<https://doi.org/10.31274/isudp.2024.161>

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Presenter

*Dr. Agata Guskaroska holds a Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics and Technology from Iowa State University (ISU). She has taught EFL/ESL, composition, and online courses, including a MOOC on technology in language teaching. She is the author of the book *Teaching Pronunciation with Confidence*, the assistant editor of *Exploring AI in Applied Linguistics*, and co-editor of the 12th PSLLT Proceedings. Currently, Agata is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at ISU, working on the development and institutional implementation of a new English Communication Program for International Teaching Assistants. Her research focuses on pronunciation teaching, oral communication development, and computer-assisted language learning.*

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, June 19 26, 2026,

12:00-1:00 PM California Time (PDT)

Cost

Members: Free

Non-members: \$5.00

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Intonation, Pragmatics and a Dash of GenAI: Tackling the Impossible! (TOP-IG)

CATESOL Zoom

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM PST

Marsha Chan,

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Both teachers and learners alike consider intonation to be a challenge. Adding pragmatics to this mix further intensifies the challenge. To enable ESL learners to successfully engage with a diverse range of speakers, however, it is important for learners to be able to understand nuances of meaning. These nuances are frequently tied to subtleties of intonation use within a particular context. This webinar will unpack some of the major issues surrounding the practicalities of teaching intonation and pragmatics and offer a series of recommendations, including through the use of GenAI, for teaching them in the English language classroom.

Amanda Baker is an Associate Professor in TESOL at the University of Wollongong in Australia. Amanda's research interests focus on the dynamic relationships that exist between L2 teachers' knowledge, beliefs and teaching practices, especially in the areas of L2 pronunciation, speaking and listening pedagogy. She has given several plenaries and invited presentations, workshops and seminars at national and international conferences as well as published numerous journal articles and book chapters on a variety of topics related to teachers' cognitions, pronunciation/oral communication pedagogy and more. ORCID ID:

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Donna Brinton, Assistant Coordinator*

Moderator

Marsha Chan

Date and Time

Friday, July 17, 2026, 3:00-4:00 PM California Daylight Time = Saturday, July 18, 8:00-9:00 AM Australian Eastern Daylight Time

Cost

Members: Free

Non-members: \$5.00

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July 24, 2026

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03:30 PM - 04:30 PM PST

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July 31, 2026

Chapter Council Meeting - July

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August 21, 2026

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August 22, 2026

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August 28, 2026

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Date: August 28, 2026

Time: 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Leaders : Free

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August 28, 2026

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September 18, 2026

Interest Group Council (IGC) Meeting - Sep

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September 25, 2026

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October 30, 2026

Chapter Council Meeting - Oct

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November 20, 2026

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January 15, 2027

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