

## Calendar of Events

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May 1, 2026

### **Discovery-Based Pronunciation with Adult MLs (TOP-IG)**

**CATESOL Zoom**

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Marsha Chan,  
mchan@catesol.org

*In order for adult multilingual learners (MLs) to thrive in their careers and educational opportunities, they need strong communication skills. With this comes the need for them to acquire intelligible pronunciation. How can teachers of Adult MLs help learners achieve intelligible pronunciation? One way is to lead learners to discover pronunciation features in context. With a focus on suprasegmental features, the presenter outlines the approach she uses for integrating pronunciation into any curriculum, choosing features that align with instructional content and tasks. Audience members experience the approach for themselves as they discover suprasegmental features they can readily integrate into their curricula.*

#### *Presenter*

*Betsy Parrish is Professor in the MATESOL and TEFL Certificate programs at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. She has worked as a language teacher, teacher educator, writer, and consultant for over 40 years, with experience in the US, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, France, India, Russia and Vietnam. She started her career teaching speaking and pronunciation at the University of MN. She developed the applied phonetics course for the MATESOL at Hamline and frequently conducts workshops for teachers on dynamic pronunciation instructional techniques. Her most recent book, *Teaching Adult English Language Learners* (Cambridge University Press, 2019), addresses the diverse needs of adult English learners and provides ideas on how to prepare all learners for the communicative demands of today's world.*

#### *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, May 1, 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM California Time*

#### *Cost*

*Members: Free  
Non-members: \$5.00*

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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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*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*

*Hosted by Community College Level #catesolcc*

May 9, 2026

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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,

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*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**

**CATESOL Zoom Room**

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM PST

Tamara Collins-Parks,

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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*

May 29, 2026

**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**

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM PST

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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,

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*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.*

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*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,

mchan@catesol.org

*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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*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

**Interest Group Council (IGC) Meeting - July**

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*Members Free. Register to get the Zoom link.*

July 31, 2026

**Chapter Council Meeting - July**

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM PST

Jennifer Guillen,

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August 21, 2026

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August 28, 2026

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

*Leaders : Free*

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September 18, 2026

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September 25, 2026

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October 30, 2026

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November 20, 2026

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November 27, 2026

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