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DEAR LATESOL MEMBERS,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is dealing well with the winter weather we've been having. One way to do that is to focus on the great things happening in Southeast Louisiana this year.

First, as you already know, the TESOL Convention is right around the corner and right here in New Orleans! We are all so excited and working really hard to make this a great convention. This is TESOL's first return to New Orleans since the 1970s, so we need to take advantage of the opportunity. There are going to be many exciting sessions for all areas, elementary education, secondary education, higher education, intensive English programs, adult education, and many others. The TESOL Convention is held

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New Orleans 2011

**The 45th Annual
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Examining the "E" in TESOL
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New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

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Join the TESOL community of professionals at its 45th Convention in New Orleans on March 16-19th. There has never been a more critical time to invest in your own professional development. Find answers to burning questions:

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- How do I best teach English as a foreign language in my country?
- How do I know I am the best possible teacher?
- How do I prepare students to be the best teachers?
- How do I assess and improve my own practice?
- How do I renew myself as a teacher?
- How do I break the sense of isolation I might feel as a teacher?
- What works in Adult Education?

You simply cannot afford to miss this unique opportunity to network with your peers and tap into expertise and experience from around the world.

Don't wait: Take advantage of the early bird rates. Go to: www.tesolconvention.org

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from March 17 – 19, with Pre-Convention Institutes on March 15th and 16th as well as Post-Convention Institutes on March 19th. It will be a professional development opportunity not to be missed. We need to be a significant presence, so we can show just how dedicated Louisianans are to the profession and the needs of our students. In this time of change and the ever-looming budget cuts, this is more important than ever. Visit www.tesol.org for more information and to register for the convention.

Secondly, we will resume our LATESOL conference this fall, 2011. You can look forward to another day of wonderful professional development as well as a chance to meet your colleagues from across the state. We all know how much we can learn from each other. This will be the perfect forum to network and find out what is happening in ESL throughout Louisiana.

I look forward to seeing many familiar faces and meeting many more of you in March at the TESOL Convention and again this fall at the LATESOL conference.

As this newsletter is coming out midway between the two holidays, I leave you with....
Happy Mardi Gras!

Gretchen Shotwell

BE A PCI VOLUNTEER & RECEIVE FREE TRAINING

BY MARK HONEGGER

At each annual conference, TESOL offers a number of Pre- and Post-Convention Institutes that provide hands-on, professional development led by experts in the field. These are ticketed events that normally cost \$125-205 to attend.

However, you can sign up to be a PCI volunteer and attend a training session for free. PCI volunteers take tickets from attendees and assist the speaker(s) during the session.

PCIs are scheduled Tuesday- Wednesday (March 15-16) and Saturday (March 19) and consist of some morning and afternoon half-day sessions and some full-day sessions. A list of the PCIs can be found at http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/convention2011/pci.asp.

If you are interested in being a PCI volunteer, please e-mail Mark Honegger, the PCI Team Leader, at honegger@louisiana.edu with the following information:

- name,
- phone number (preferably cell),
- affiliation, and
- those times when you would be available to volunteer.

You don't have to register for the conference or pay any money to take advantage of this offer. Undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to sign up as PCI volunteers. This is a great opportunity for local teachers and other ESOL personnel to receive high quality training at no cost to you. TESOL will also provide all PCI volunteers with a certificate of attendance for their work.

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NEW DEGREE PROGRAM IN TESOL AT ULL

BY MARK HONEGGER

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette is offering a new concentration in TESOL/Applied Linguistics for its M.A. in English, beginning in the Fall 2011 semester. It will be the only TESOL degree program in the state of Louisiana. Coursework will consist of eight classes plus a practicum, but no thesis or comprehensive exam. Teachers with a prior certification in education can obtain the add-on certification in ESOL (12 hours) as a part of this degree program. It is also an ideal degree choice for those who wish to teach ESL overseas.

This sequence of courses will give teachers a through understanding of language for the purpose of teaching English to a variety of populations. Graduates from this program will be able to diagnose and address the specific language and communication problems their classes encounter. This training will also enable teachers to pass national professional examinations such as the ESL Praxis exam. For more information please see our website, <http://english.louisiana.edu> or contact Dr. Mark Honegger at 337-482-6918, honegger@louisiana.edu.

Visit LaTESOL online at www.latesol.org

OLHCC OFFERING LOUISIANA ESL CERTIFICATION

BY LIZ ANDERSON

Our Lady of Holy Cross College in Algiers, Louisiana, is now offering the 4 required classes toward Louisiana ESL certification. Two classes are totally online including Introduction to Language and Culture (EDU 464) and Curriculum Design for the Multicultural Classroom (EDU 465). The other 2 required classes meet both face-to-face and online. These include Methods of Teaching ESL (EDUC 462) and the Structure of English Language (EDU 463).

Please contact Rebecca Maloney for more information regarding enrollment by email, rmaloney@olhcc.edu, or phone, 504-398-2180.

MEET OUR BOARD

Every newsletter we feature a brief introduction to a selected board member. We hope you enjoy getting to know more about your organization.

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