

## 2018 OHIO TESOL ANNUAL BOARD REPORT

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<p><b>Lejla Maley</b></p>	<p>Lejla is the Past President of Ohio TESOL. She is a curriculum development manager for the International/Professional division at McGraw-Hill Education. Before McGraw Hill, she was the ESL reading coordinator at Otterbein University. She taught Slavic linguistics at The Ohio State University, and ESL at a high school as well as two other adult education centers. She most enjoys the content-based (CB) courses she designs and teaches herself. Technology is another passion, and she has used it in a consulting capacity and as an instructional designer.</p> <p>Lejla's background is in linguistics and TESOL methods, and she is currently working on a PhD in Leadership and Social Change. Her research interests include internationalization efforts in higher education, diversity in school leadership, and cross-cultural communication barriers.</p>
<p><b>Erica Stone</b></p>	<p>Erica Stone is the current President of Ohio TESOL. She has a passion and a rich experience in working with people of different cultures and languages. She has been working in the English Learning field for twelve years, has traveled to 13 different countries, and has lived in two different countries. She spent a semester of undergrad in Australia, taught EFL in Taiwan for a year, and taught ELL for seven years in Ohio public schools. Her graduate work has been completed at The Ohio State University. Her first Masters was in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and her second in Educational Administration. She has been a member of Ohio TESOL and the Central Ohio ESL Collaborative for eleven years. Erica Stone is the ELL Coordinator for Dublin City Schools, grades preK-12.</p>
<p><b>Cori Stevens</b></p>	<p>Cori Stevens is the 1st Vice President for Ohio TESOL. She is currently a Student Services Coordinator for Mt Healthy City Schools, in which she oversees ESL, preschool, and additional special education tasks. Formerly she was an ESL Specialist at Hamilton County ESC and a K-4 ESL Teacher for Pickerington Local Schools. Before assuming the role of Vice President, Cori served as a PK-12 Representative for Ohio TESOL. Other past achievements include co-authoring the ELP Instructional Guide for Ohio Department of Education, and conducting SIOP workshops for the Center of Applied Linguistics, Ohio Department of Education, Hamilton County ESC, and Cincinnati Public Schools. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, running, and reading.</p>
<p><b>John Haught</b></p>	<p>2nd VP John is an Assoc Professor of Applied Linguistics &amp; TESOL at Wright State University. He chairs the Miami Valley ELL Cooperative, an affiliation of TESOL teachers from the greater Dayton area public schools. He supervises TESOL Endorsements students and works closely with area schools and organizations advocating on behalf of ELLs and their communities. He served as 2nd VP for Ohio TESOL in 2015 but had to resign when he was appointed as a visiting Fulbright Scholar to the National University of Honduras in 2016.</p>

<p><b>Jennifer Fennema-Bloom</b></p>	<p>Jennifer Fennema-Bloom, treasurer and <i>Ohio TESOL Journal</i> Editor, is an Associate Professor and Director of TESOL &amp; Applied Linguistics at the University of Findlay. She earned her Ed.D. from Teachers College Columbia University and her dissertation on pedagogic code-switching won first place in The National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) Outstanding Dissertation Competition in 2009. She is the author of The Wego Foundation's <i>Step into English Program</i>, a six-volume English textbook series for 1st-6th grade. She works closely with private and public schools throughout northwest Ohio and conducts preservice and in-service teacher training throughout the US, Asia and the Middle East.</p>
<p><b>Derek Braun</b></p>	<p>Derek is the OFLA TESOL Liaison. He currently teaches Newcomers ESL Math and ESL Biology at Beechcroft High School, Columbus City Schools. He completed a B.A. in Spanish and B.S. in Wildlife Biology from Ohio University. After graduating from OU, he served in the Peace Corps Honduras. He taught for two years as a Spanish/English Bilingual Instructional Assistant with Columbus City Schools then completed his M.Ed. in Science Education along with a TESOL endorsement. His current interests are in studying Somali language and bilingual education.</p>
<p><b>Emily Williams</b></p>	<p>Emily is one of two K12 Interest Section Reps and helps to oversee the Awards and Grants Committee. She has participated on the OTESOL board since 2015. Emily has been teaching ESOL since 2007 and is currently the ESOL Supervisor for Sycamore Community Schools in Cincinnati, OH. Before that she taught in a variety of ESOL settings including K-4, junior high, high school, and higher ed. She also was an associate director of an intensive English program (IEP) at Miami University. Emily graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.S. in Agriculture in 2002 and completed her MA TESOL from Ohio Dominican in 2007. She is also a returned U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer. Her interests in TESOL lie both in second language writing and culturally responsive practices. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, horseback riding, and gardening.</p>
<p><b>Sara Levitt</b></p>	<p>Sara is the Membership Coordinator for Ohio TESOL. She has been teaching for 15 years and is currently an ESL teacher at Whitehall City Schools. She also taught English to adults for five years with the Columbus Literacy Council. She has been serving as a school board member for the Arts and College Preparatory Academy for nearly a decade.</p> <p>Sara completed her Master's Degree in TESOL at Ohio Dominican University and holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Spanish from The Ohio State University. She also studied in programs at Cemanahuac Language school in Mexico and the Universidad de Sevilla in Spain. Her hobbies include traveling, scuba diving and chasing tornados.</p>
<p><b>Jill Kramer</b></p>	<p>Jill is the secretary of Ohio TESOL. In addition, she served as a conference chair for two years and is a frequent presenter at the Ohio TESOL conferences. Jill teaches ESL/ELL at Dublin City Schools. Prior to that, she taught English to adults, was an</p>

	<p>ESL tutor, a fifth grade teacher and taught English in Tonga. Jill has a Master's Degree in TESOL, a Masters in Educational Leadership and a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She enjoys traveling as often as possible.</p>
<b>Dan Fleck</b>	<p>As a consultant with the Lau Resource Center, Ohio Department of Education from 1986 to 2014, Dr. Dan Fleck provided technical assistance, resources and training opportunities to school district personnel who work with language minority and limited English proficient students. He has been involved in bilingual education and teaching English as a second language (ESL) for over 40 years, both in the United States and overseas (Lima, Peru). As an adjunct professor at the Ohio Dominican University, The Ohio State University and the University of Findlay he has taught a variety of TESOL-related courses at the graduate level. He earned his Ph.D. in Bilingual-Multicultural Education at The Ohio State University, where he also received his M.A.</p>
<b>Ivan Stefano</b>	<p>Dr. Ivan Stefano is the Post Secondary and Higher Education Interest Section Representative and an advisory member of the Ohio TESOL Journal. He is the Director of Workplace and Professional English at The Ohio State University. Prior to joining OSU, he was an Assistant Professor at Ohio Dominican University, where he taught EAP courses and directed the Academic English Transition Program. Outside of his work, he enjoys traveling, keeping up with current events, and reading about commercial aviation.</p>
<b>Dana Weber</b>	<p>Dana is one of two K12 interest Section Reps and is an English Learner Consultant for the Stark County Educational Service Center and State Support Team 9 in the areas of English Language Learners, World Languages, and Curriculum &amp; Instruction. Her role includes developing, coordinating and delivering professional development and technical assistance to districts in the areas of identification, assessment, service models, program development, teaching strategies, family outreach &amp; compliancy regarding English Learners in the schools. She leads an English learner consortium consisting of 27 district across seven counties who meet regularly to collaborate and support each other in ensuring English learners develop the linguistic, cognitive, cultural and self concept skills necessary for success in the schools and beyond.</p>
<b>Lori Welsh</b>	<p>Lori is a TESOL teacher at Pleasant View Middle School in South-Western City schools. She began her career as a Science teacher. When South-Western began its SIOP program to provide support for EL's in content classes, Lori signed up. After receiving her TESOL endorsement through the ECTC (ESL Content Teachers Collaborative) program at The Ohio State University, Lori worked as an instructional coach at Otterbein University's COELEC (Central Ohio English Learners Education Collaborative) program for four years. During this time, she was able to coach content teachers at all levels in strategies to make learning accessible to EL's. She also works closely with a team of colleagues, a Math coach and an Elementary teacher, to present effective strategies for teaching Math to EL's. They have presented all over the country, and are currently planning for a new session. After the</p>

	<p>2016 Ohio TESOL conference, Lori joined the Ohio TESOL board as Exhibits Coordinator.</p>
<b>Aaron Schwartz</b>	<p>Mr. Schwartz is an Associate Lecturer at Ohio University where he teaches for the Ohio Program of Intensive English and affiliated programs such as Public Speaking and Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL). He primarily teaches ESL at the college level, but has also taught overseas (China, Japan) and community ESL through the ABLE program. He is also currently Director of the Language Resource Center, a network of language labs that supports the teaching of several languages with computer technology. He has a BA in English: Creative Writing from Ohio University and a Master's Degree in Teaching English as a Second Language from Bowling Green State University. He's known for his work in CALL, particularly in leadership of the TESOL's CALL Interest Section. In 2016, he organized the schedule for the TESOL Electronic Village in Baltimore, the most ambitious schedule that the so-called "tech fair" had ever seen. After the 2016 Ohio TESOL conference, Aaron joined the Ohio TESOL board as webmaster.</p>
<b>Sharon Underwood</b>	<p>Sharon has served on the Ohio TESOL board in the interest sections of PreK-12, Teacher Education and Research, and is now an Adult Education Representative.</p> <p>Currently, Sharon is an adult ESL instructor at Miami Valley Career Technology Center. She teaches "contextualized" classes that include work skills for specific jobs. Prior to that, Sharon was the ESL K-12 Teacher/Coordinator for Fairborn City Schools for 16 years, where she served as teacher, Spanish translator, and mentor for student teachers entering the field of TESOL. She has an M.Sc. in TESOL as well as a B.Sc. in Education, grades 1-8. Sharon is also a National Board Certified Teacher, EAYA/TESOL.</p> <p>Sharon's interests include: traveling, reading, languages, writing short stories, sewing, and cooking.</p>
<b>Jessica Burchett</b>	<p>Jessica Burchett is a former president of Ohio TESOL and currently serves on the board as the Professional Development Coordinator. She also serves TESOL International as well as a leader in the Elementary Education Interest Section. She is currently a TESOL teacher/coordinator for Marion City Schools. She enjoys traveling and is always excited for new opportunities.</p>
<b>Wei Zhang</b>	<p>Wei Zhang is Associate Professor of TESOL and Linguistics in the Department of English at The University of Akron. She is also a two-time Co-PI of the National Professional Development Grant for a consecutive of 10 years. She teaches linguistics and TESOL courses to pre-service and in-service teachers. Her research interests are disciplinary academic language development of second language learners, TESOL program design, TESOL teacher training, and second language phonology.</p>

The Cardinal Publications	
January 8, 2018	<a href="#">LESSONS IN LANGUAGE LEARNING FROM A NATION OF POETS</a> Derek Braun, TESOL/OFLA Liaison Columbus City Schools, EL Science Teacher
September 29, 2017	<a href="#">ADVOCATING FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION</a> : Meeting the Needs of ELL Students and Foreign Language Learners Derek Braun, TESOL/OFLA Liaison Columbus City Schools, EL Science Teacher

Presentations	
9/22/2017 CCS PD, Columbus Global Academy	<b>Title:</b> Technology in the classroom: “Sign in with Google” <b>Description:</b> This session will review the implementation of technology to support English Learners (EL) including effective use of Google Classroom along with demonstrations of apps and websites such as Edpuzzle, Recap, Google Slides, and Padlet.
10/20/2017 CCS PD, Columbus Global Academy	<b>Title:</b> Bilingual Content Instruction for ELs <b>Description:</b> In this presentation, participants will gain a useful perspective for understanding the language practices of ELs. Bilingual educational strategies and translanguaging student practices will be presented as it relates to how it can assist EL students in acquiring content knowledge.
11/7/2017 CCS PD, Columbus Global Academy	<b>Title:</b> Building Vocabulary with Greek and Latin Roots <b>Description:</b> EL students are required to learn countless vocabulary words each week. Teaching Greek and Latin roots can help students develop key vocabulary learning skills. Resources will be shared and demonstrated including an Etymology Dictionary, various activities and worksheets that you can use in your classroom.
1/12/2018 The Ohio State University, EL Workshop	<b>Title:</b> EL Students, What Content Teachers Need to Know <b>Title:</b> EL Students: Who are They and Where Do They Come From? <b>Description:</b> Mr. Braun is a graduate of the STEM Education Program and currently teaches ESL Science at Beechcroft High School. Mr. Braun, Abdalla, and Binyam shared their knowledge about the Guidelines for the Identification of English Learners (ELs), assessments for ELs including accommodations and test preparation strategies, Ohio EL demographics, and Ohio Seal of Biliteracy. Instructional strategies for implementing student-created vocabulary dictionaries were provided. Resources were also shared and included free-digital bilingual dictionaries and ideas for how to diversify students’ sources of input (i.e. Newsela, Flocabulary, Brain Pop, and Padlet). Abdalla and Binyam shared their knowledge and experiences as ELs and fielded questions from the STEM Education preservice teachers.
2/10/18 OTESOL Workshop: EL Science Instruction, Ashland University	<b>Title:</b> Building Language and Content <b>Description:</b> Teaching both content and language is a complex and difficult task. Effective language and content tools and lessons involve the use of SIOP. Comprehensible Input can be increased through the use of digital multimodal literacy tools.

## The Ohio TESOL Conference 2018

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Friday, October 12th - **Dr. Frederic Bertley** (Cosi CEO and President)

Saturday, October 13th - Brandelyn Tosolt, Ph.D.

*Breaking Through Language Barriers: Success Across Content*

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**Dr. Keith Folsie** is from the University of Central Florida (UCF), where he is currently Professor and Coordinator of the M.A. Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) program.

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Individuals wishing to follow the development of the Ohio Seal of Biliteracy Program are invited to regularly visit this [website](#), where regular updates will be provided

- A Seal of Biliteracy recognizes graduating seniors who can demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English and at least one other language.
- Regional Informational meetings will begin In January. We will share dates & locations when announced.

Information found [HERE](#).

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