



Perspectives

Sunshine State TESOL of Florida
Newsletter

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30 YEARS CONSENT DECREE



OUR 1ST EVER
VIRTUAL
SSTESOL ANNUAL CONFERENCE
14 & 15 NOVEMBER, 2020
with a celebration party on the evening of Friday 13th

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

SSTESOL OF FLORIDA'S
FIRST EVER VIRTUAL
ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

NOVEMBER 13, 14 & 15TH

COME JOIN US!

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INFORMATION.

AGENDA

SSTESOL Gets Social

Friday, Nov 13th 7:00pm

Welcome/Awards Ceremony
Celebrating 30 Years of the Consent Decree
SSTESOL Press' 1st Book Release Celebration

SSTESOL Showcases the Profession

Saturday, Nov 14th and Sunday, Nov 15th

8:30am-4:00pm, on the half hour

Invited presentations:

Best of School Districts and SSTESOL Chapters

Break-out strands:

K-12 ESL, Technology, Teacher Education, Adult
Education, Dual Language, Advocacy, IEP/EAP, EFL

Essential Information: More about the 2020 SSTESOL of Florida First Ever Virtual Annual State Conference

Below, you can find the answers to most of your questions about the Virtual Conference.

As you outline your professional learning plans for the 2020 school year, please mark your calendar! This exceptional 2020 SSTESOL of Florida's First Ever Virtual Annual Conference will be held from November 13 – 15, 2020. You are invited to register, attend, learn and connect with TESOL colleagues from Florida, around the nation and other countries around the globe.

Registration fees are very affordable. SSTESOL members: \$35.00, non-members \$45.00, paraprofessionals \$20.00 and FT undergraduate students

\$10.00. The link is here for registration.
<https://sunshinestatetesol.wildapricot.org/page-1075477>.
Annual membership fee: \$25.00. You may sign up here:
<https://sunshinestatetesol.wildapricot.org/page-1075394>

Exhibitors

You are very important constituents of the conference also. We welcome your support and participation. Your registration fee is \$200.00 with multiple privileges. Visit <https://sunshinestatetesol.wildapricot.org/Exhibitors> for more information.

For questions and more information, contact Eric Letourneaux, Exhibitor Liaison, at eletourneaux@valenciacollege.edu.

Features of the Conference

The SSTESOL Board has decided to deliver our 2020 annual state conference virtually and right at the comfort of your home or wherever you will be during the conference because the safety of SSTESOL members, exhibitors, all Florida residents and the ESOL global community is our first priority. Our conference will be held Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November so that hard working educators can attend and be professionally replenished!

On Nov 13th, SSTESOL will hold a virtual party celebrating 30 years of the Florida Consent Decree, launching of the first book published by the TESOL Press, and awarding scholarships, grants, and special awards.

Because we learn best from each other, SSTESOL is excited to showcase the profession on Saturday, Nov 14th and Sunday, Nov 15th. The features of the conference include:

- The Best of the Best Practitioners (featuring presentations from the Florida Teachers of the Year and an ESOL teacher representative from each school district and local SSTESOL Chapters in Florida)
- Inspirational policy makers
- Supportive school leaders and administrators
- Enthusiastic Institutional Leaders of ESOL, IEP, EAP, and Adult Education Programs
- Uplifting cultural experiences

Call for Proposal: Break away from your comfort zone and consider submitting submit one.

You can do it! It's rewarding. We encourage you to SHINE and let the world know of your amazing work. Researchers and educational authors are curious how you are applying research-based practices in your classrooms that deliver results in student achievement. This call for proposal announcement should serve as your guide in writing your first (second or multiple times) proposal for SSTESOL Conference.

- **For more information on proposal guidelines**, please visit <https://sunshinestatetesol.wildapricot.org/page-1075488>
- **Please submit your proposal here:** <https://forms.gle/neyzxtByad96jZAZ7>
- **Deadline for proposal submissions to be received:** September 28, 2020

- **Acceptances, notifications and schedule of presentations** will be announced on a rolling basis.
 - **Registration deadline for all accepted presenters:** October 2, 2020.
 - **For questions:** Please email Michelle Ploetz, Program Chair, at mploetz@mdc.edu
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2020 SSTESOL Grants, Awards, Scholarships, and Honors Program
<https://sunshinestatetesol.wildapricot.org/Programs>

The SSTESOL Grants, Awards, Scholarships, and Honors Program was designed to honor and recognize excellence in the field and research, and to provide financial support to SSTESOL members to attend the annual SSTESOL Conference and Exhibits.

Applications are now being accepted for the following award categories.
Deadline: September 1; **Notifications:** September 25

Teacher Mini-Grants: **Award:** (4) \$250.00

Conference Grants: **Award:** (4) \$250.00

Conference Grants: **Award:** (10) \$35.00

Research Grants: **Award:** (1) \$250.00

SSTESOL / Badia Scholarship Award: **Award:** \$500.00

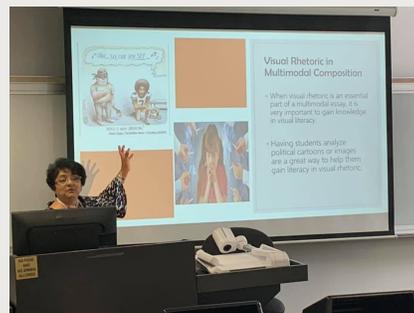
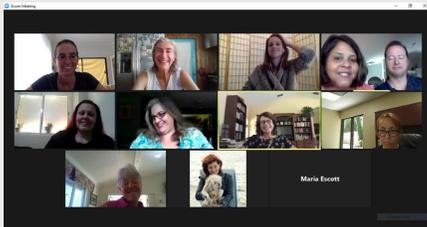
SSTESOL / Dr. Goussakova Scholarship Award: **Award:** (1) \$500.00 US.

SSTESOL Outstanding Educator Award: **Award:** \$500.00 (1) K12 and (1) Higher Education levels

Institutional Excellence Award: **Award:** \$500.00

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Lillien Tunceren, Chair, SSTESOL of Florida Awards and Recognition Program Committee at ssstesol@gmail.org.

If you have more questions regarding the 2020 SSTESOL First Ever Virtual Conference, please contact Dr. Tony Erben, Conference Chair, at ssstesol@gmail.com.





Featured SSTESOL of Florida Local Chapter: Bay Area Regional TESOL

Contributed by Dr. Li-Lee
Tunceren, President

In the early 2000's, a group of TESOLers realized the need for a local chapter to better serve the needs of English Learners, teachers and administrators in the Tampa Bay area. Many of the founding members had been working in professional development efforts to help implement the Florida Consent Decree. The new local chapter was officially called Bay Area Regional TESOL, commonly known as BART, with Dr. Carol Cargill as our first president. Similar to its beginnings, today BART draws members primarily from Hillsborough and Pinellas but also includes and supports educators in Pasco, Hernando and Manatee.

At present, the BART website is under construction while being moved to a new website, but interested parties can learn more about BART and its events on its facebook page. Just search Bay Area Regional TESOL and join us!

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Although we are in the midst of a pandemic, SSTESOL is doing

About the photos

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One BART member who is working on a Fulbright grant in Morocco this year was able to join us as well. It was wonderful to talk across the ocean to our colleague as well as catch up with each other here as a stressful school year closed.

The BART Symposium was unfortunately postponed this year, but some BART members gathered on zoom on June 12th to chat at the end of the school year.

More about BART.....

BART's two main annual events are Tech Day, held at the University of Tampa, and the BART Symposium, at St. Petersburg College Clearwater campus. At Tech Day, teachers enjoy showcasing and sharing ways they employ instructional technology effectively in classrooms and online. This year, in fact, Tech Day was the last face-to-face BART get-together since it took place on Saturday, March 7th, 2020, just before the pandemic caused institutions to close.

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everything possible to continue launching programs and initiatives that promote and support leadership and advocacy in language policy issues and access to professional development, research and practice. The ultimate goal is the success of English learners and the ESOL programs. With your donation, we could continue to support the:

- Scholarship Programs
- Teacher Project mini grants, Conference grants, and Outstanding ESOL Educator and Institution recognition programs

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<https://sunshinestatetesol.wildapricot.org/Donate> and follow the prompt.

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Thank you!

A Message from the Board of Directors



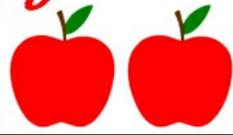
We are thinking of you, your health, and the safety of all educators as districts, colleges, universities, non-profit institutions and adult education ESOL providers make plans this fall to go back to schooling in K12 and beyond. Please reach out to SSTESOL for support, questions and also to share with your colleagues ways in which you and education leaders support students and educators in your

professional community to engage and collaborate safely. We would like to hear

from you. Write to us at ssstesol@gmail.com.

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