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**SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**  
**LaTESOL Conference – Friday, October 27, 2023**

<i>Time</i>		<i>Location</i>
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration/Check-In Collect registration packet	Registration Area 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, Student Union
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Light Breakfast, Networking Visit Publishers (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)	Atchafalaya Ballroom (Student Union)
9:00 - 9:10 AM Welcome 2023 LaTESOL President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Amy Pan</li> <li>• Teacher Award Presentation</li> <li>• US Dept of State: Lara Neeley</li> </ul>	Atchafalaya Ballroom (Student Union)
9:15 - 10:05 AM Keynote Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Adam Strom</li> </ul>	Atchafalaya Ballroom (Student Union)
10:15 - 11:05 AM Concurrent Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US Dept of State</li> <li>• Katelyn Deville</li> <li>• Round Table K-5</li> <li>• Christopher Culver</li> <li>• US Dept of Labor</li> <li>• Gulalek Charyyeva</li> </ul>	Atchafalaya Ballroom Room 207 – Pelican Room 208 - River Room 209 – Constantine Room 210A - Magnolia Room 210B - Magnolia
11:15 AM – 12:05 PM Concurrent Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emerson Toledo</li> <li>• Katelin Biermann</li> <li>• Jimmy Moorhead</li> <li>• Morgan Cerniglia</li> <li>• Christopher Culver</li> <li>• Reem Hossam</li> </ul>	Atchafalaya Ballroom Room 207 – Pelican Room 208 - River Room 209 - Constantine Room 210A - Magnolia Room 210B – Magnolia
12:05 AM - 1:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch - Networking</li> <li>• Visit publishers</li> </ul>	Cafeteria (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, Student Union) Lunch meal ticket is with your name tag
1:00 - 1:50 PM Concurrent Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adam Strom</li> <li>• Christopher Culver</li> <li>• Kathleen Gasparian</li> <li>• Round Table 6 to 12</li> <li>• Antora Abedin</li> </ul>	Room 209 - Constantine Room 207 - Pelican Room 210A - Magnolia Room 210B - Magnolia Room 211 - Bayou
2:00-2:50 PM Concurrent Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy Pan</li> <li>• Christopher Culver</li> <li>• Jaclyn Cole</li> <li>• Tracy Leblanc</li> <li>• Anamika Das</li> </ul>	Room 208 - River Room 209 - Constantine Room 210A - Magnolia Room 210B – Magnolia Room 211 - Bayou
3:00 - 4:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LaTESOL Annual Meeting</li> <li>• Election of Officers</li> </ul>	Room 207 - Pelican

## **FULL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**9:15 - 10:05 AM**

Dr. Adam Strom (Plenary Speaker)

Re-Imagining Migration

Location: Atchafalaya Ballroom

This generation is the most culturally, ethnically, and linguistically diverse in American history. Serving them well provides an opportunity to reimagine what it takes for all young people to succeed in a world on the move. In this keynote, Re-Imagining Migration's Adam Strom invites us to reflect on our understanding of immigrant youth, how we teach about migration, and what it takes to create learning communities in which all students thrive.

**10:15 - 11:05 AM**

### **Concurrent Sessions**

#### **1. U.S. Department of State**

Location: Atchafalaya Ballroom

English Language Programs is the premier opportunity for TESOL professionals to impact the way

English is taught abroad, both in-person and virtually. By completing projects designed by U.S. Embassies in more than 80 countries, English Language Fellows, Specialists, and Virtual Educators work closely with local teachers, students, and education professionals to improve English language teaching capacity overseas. Learn from alumni how you can make a difference globally through in-person and virtual teaching projects designed by the U.S. Department of State for experienced U.S. TESOL professionals.

#### **2. Katelyn Deville**

Calcasieu Parish School Board

Location: Room 207 – Pelican

The purpose of the presentation is to give participants actionable steps to combine reading, speaking, listening, and writing so that students practice the four language domains simultaneously.

Simultaneously engage your Emerging Bilinguals in middle and high school in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Combine data supported Second Language Acquisition Theory and literacy best practices to accelerate secondary student proficiency in the four language domains. Instructional support will address varied English proficiency levels.

#### **3. Administrators Round Table K-5**

Location: Room 208 - River

The purpose of this roundtable is to give participants an opportunity to discuss issues that are relevant to ESL K-5 education. We encourage educators and administrators to contribute their perspectives and ideas freely and fully to the conversation.

#### **4. Presenter: Dr. Christopher Culver**

Western Heights Public Schools, Oklahoma City

Location: Room 209 – Constantine

Dive into "Engaging Multilingual Families", an educational workshop devoted to enabling educators to effectively connect with multilingual families. Learn strategies to foster communication, inclusivity, and collaborative learning across language barriers, thereby enriching the educational journey for diverse learners.

#### **5. Presenter: Troy Mouton**

US Department of Labor

Location: 210A - Magnolia

This presentation is an outreach effort to educate youth, their educators, and guardians as to what their federal child labor rights are and what an employer's obligations are and to identify and prevent violations and exploitation.

**6. Presenter: Gulalek Charyyeva**

University of Louisiana at Lafayette (graduate student)

Location: Room 210B – Magnolia

This presentation will provide a detailed description of ESL/EFL classes regarding the approaches I employed and factors I addressed to get the desired result in teaching a second or a foreign language in Turkmenistan and in Turkey.

**11:15 AM – 12:05 PM**

**Concurrent Sessions**

**1. Presenter: Emerson Toledo**

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE)

Location: Atchafalaya Ballroom

This presentation provides an overview of the K-12 international student life cycle, including unique policies and specific regulations for private and public schools, SEVIS reporting reminders, English language training programs, best practices and program resources for K-12 schools.

**2. Presenter: Katelin Biermann and Anna Beth Barrilleaux**

KIPP New Orleans Schools

Location: Room 207 – Pelican

In today's globalized world, science education plays a crucial role in preparing students for future success. However, English learners often encounter language barriers that hinder their understanding and engagement with science content. This presentation suggests innovative ways to bridge this gap and make science education more accessible for English Learners.

**3. Presenter: Jimmy Moorhead**

VISTA Higher Learning

Location: Room 208 - River

In this session, we will share strategies and ideas on how to help students increase language and academic success through communicative activities. Students will build communication skills, oracy, vocabulary, and pronunciation skills in connection to relevant content. These activity types will help students build confidence and independence as they increase language acquisition in connection to building reading and writing skills.

**4. Presenter: Morgan Cerniglia**

Concordia Parish Schools

Location: Room 209 - Constantine

In this practice-oriented presentation, participants will learn practical steps to building a Multilingual Scholar Program, including correctly identifying ELs, creating a curriculum and plan, utilizing great technology resources, taking ownership of your own professional development, advocating for your ELs to your administration, and establishing after-school and summer programs. This presentation will be jam-packed with tons of useful information, strategies, and steps to creating or improving EL programs in a K12 setting.

**5. Presenter: Dr. Christopher Culver**

Western Heights Public Schools, Oklahoma City

Location: Room 210A - Magnolia

This session focuses on the role of data in empowering emergent bilingual students. The session highlights strategic use of assessments and observational data for targeted intervention, differentiated instruction, and collaborative learning. Attendees will learn how to engage families and communities in the process, resulting in a comprehensive, supportive ecosystem for bilingual students.

**6. Presenter: Reem Hossam**

Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) – University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Location: Room 210B – Magnolia

Drawing upon her background, as a bilingual Egyptian and a Fulbright FLTA scholar, the presenter offers a unique view on the challenges and opportunities in teaching English to Arabic-speaking students from Egypt. Using her extensive experience engaging with learners in Egyptian schools and language centers, the presenter will delve into the cultural, linguistic, and pedagogical aspects of bridging culture and language gaps between American ESL teachers and Arabic-speaking learners from Egypt.

**12:05 AM - 1:00 PM**

Lunch and Networking

Location: Cafeteria (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Student Union)

Lunch meal ticket is with your name tag

**1:00 - 1:50 PM**

**Concurrent Sessions**

**1. Presenter: Dr. Adam Strom**

Re-Imagining Migration

Location: Room 209 – Constantine

Communities thrive when schools foster belonging among all their students. Conversely, communities suffer when schools fail to meet the needs of their evolving populations. In this session, we educators will explore ways to cultivate stronger relationships with immigrant students and their families. This includes addressing migration in the curriculum to promote understanding and connection, as well as engaging the entire school community to create an environment where all students can thrive.

**2. Presenter: Dr. Christopher Culver**

Western Heights Public Schools, Oklahoma City

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**3. Presenter: Kathleen Gasparian**

Gasparian Spivey Immigration

Location: Room 210A – Magnolia

In this presentation, we will walk through immigration basics and the common scenarios often seen with immigrant youth in Louisiana. We will discuss enforcement trends, legal trends, and community resources for youth with immigration issues.

**4. Administrators Round Table 6 to 12**

Location: Room 210B – Magnolia

The purpose of this roundtable is to give participants an opportunity to discuss issues that are relevant to ESL 6-12 education. We encourage educators and administrators to contribute their perspectives and ideas freely and fully to the conversation.

**5. Presenter: Antora Abedin**

University of Louisiana at Lafayette (graduate student)

Location: Room 211 – Bayou

Several studies have been conducted on language anxiety of Bangladeshi students in ESL/EFL context (Ferdous, 2012; Mamun, 2021; Rashid, et al., 2020). However, the number of research on language enjoyment of Bangladeshi international students are significantly limited. The current study aims to close the gap by investigating the positive and negative emotions felt by Bangladeshi international students in classrooms and their coping strategies while dealing with language anxiety.

**2:00-2:50 PM**

**Concurrent Sessions**

**1. Presenter: Dr. Amy Pan**

East Baton Rouge Schools

Location: Room 208 – River

Your Multilingual Scholars need assistance writing! Come to the session that addresses specific ideas about using storytelling to enhance their writing abilities.

**2. Presenter: Dr. Christopher Culver**

Western Heights Public Schools, Oklahoma City

Location: Room 209 – Constantine

"Cultural Proficiency Quest" is an immersive workshop that fosters cultural understanding and respect, targeting educators, professionals, and individuals aiming to boost their cultural competency.

Guided by experienced facilitators, participants engage in real-world scenarios and discussions to challenge biases, recognize cultural nuances, and foster inclusive environments. The workshop not only educates but also empowers attendees with tools to contribute effectively to a global society.

**3. Presenter: Jaclyn Cole and Courtney Wai**

Southern Poverty Law Center

Location: Room 210A – Magnolia

This will be an interactive presentation about the importance of language access and best practices for educators to include families from diverse cultural backgrounds. Language Access is a prerequisite for understanding & the key to meaningful participation for emergent multilingual families & students.

Once you can truly communicate, a world of possibilities reveals itself for including & honoring the funds of knowledge of the diverse families you serve. In this interactive presentation, we will discuss what Language Access looks like, how educators can fully include families from diverse cultures, & strategies for advocacy.

**4. Presenter: Dr. Tracy Leblanc**

Louisiana State University

Location: Room 210B – Magnolia

Multi-cultural classrooms are the norm in higher education spaces. This should be an ideal setting to grow, learn from others, and broaden our understanding of our world. Yet, we still see self-segregation and very quiet presence from those who are international students or non-native English speakers.

How can we open more space for our non-native speaking students to find their voice in the classroom?

## 5. Presenter: Anamika Das

University of Louisiana at Lafayette (graduate student)

Location: Room 211 – Bayou

The ELT curriculum in Bangladesh is designed by the NCTB (National Curriculum and Textbook Board of Bangladesh) for students in grades one through twelve. This presentation depicts the ESL teaching context in Bangladesh by analyzing the current state of English in the country, its teaching methodologies and provides recommendations to address certain challenges encountered in teaching English as an international language.

**3:00 - 4:00 PM**

All are welcome

LaTESOL Annual Meeting

Election of Officers

**Conference location:** University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Student Union, 620 McKinley Street, Lafayette, LA 70503.

**Conference registration:** <https://latesol.wildapricot.org/Conference-Registration>

**Parking:** Parking for conference attendees will be on Floors 1 to 3 of the Girard Park Circle Parking Garage located at 138 Girard Park Circle, Lafayette, La 70503, about 2 blocks from the conference venue at the Student Union. No parking code or payment is required. Vehicles must park on the first through third floors floor and cannot back into a space unless they have a front license plate. Handicap parking is available in any marked handicap space on campus.

- From Johnston turn onto East University, turn right onto McKinley Street.
- The UL Lafayette Student Union will be on your right.
- Continue straight and cross over Saint Mary Street
- Continue straight on Girard Park Circle
- Turn right onto the paved path leading to the Girard Park Circle Parking Garage
- Please park in a marked parking space in the tower

**Breakfast:** There will be a light breakfast with coffee and tea for all conference attendees.

**Lunch:** Lunch is included with your conference registration. Your lunch will be served at the Cypress Lake Dining Room on the second floor of the Student Union, overlooking scenic Cypress Lake. Please present your orange meal ticket that was included with your name tag.

**Conference Hotel:** Hilton Garden Inn Lafayette, 2350 West Congress St., Lafayette. Follow link for more directions: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/lftcdgi-lateso-8676aab5-2b01-44ee-8236-183efb7e2be9/>

Booking Code: LATESO (\$119/night for 1 King or 2 Queen beds)

Book by: October 16, 2023

**Driving Directions:** Student Union 620 McKinley Street, Lafayette, LA 70503

From Baton Rouge/New Orleans

I-10 West to Exit 101 (University Ave.)

Turn left on University Ave.

Turn right on McKinley Street

Student Union is on the right

From Houma/Thibodaux

Hwy 90 North to Surrey Street  
Left on Surrey Street/University Ave.  
Turn left on McKinley Street  
Student Union is on the right

From Alexandria/Dallas

I-49 South  
You will drive under the I-10 overpass as you arrive in Lafayette  
Turn right on Johnston St.  
Turn left on University Ave.  
Turn right on McKinley Street  
Student Union is on the right

From Lake Charles/Houston

I-10 East to Exit 101 (University Ave.)  
Turn right on University Ave.  
Turn right on McKinley Street  
Student Union is on the right

