

MITESOL 2017 Call for Proposals



MITESOL 2017

Promoting Equity and Excellence

October 20 – 21, 2017
Oakland Schools
2111 Pontiac Lake Rd.
Waterford, Michigan

Michigan Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages invites professionals involved with English learners to submit proposals for our annual conference, to be held October 20 & 21, at Oakland Schools in Waterford, Michigan.

The theme of this year's conference is *Promoting Equity and Excellence*.

The MITESOL mission is to provide leadership and support for professionals involved in teaching English to speakers of other languages by:

- Fostering improvement of programs for the education of pre- and in-service teachers of ESL
- Providing opportunities and resources for the professional development of educators of ESL
- Collaborating with educational institutions, agencies, and professional associations to identify and resolve issues in ESL instruction
- Encouraging development, participation, and leadership in the field of ESL/TESOL
- Advocating for quality standards in instructional programs of ESL

Join with the MITESOL community and experience what makes this organization unique. The conference will include over 60 learning opportunities including keynote, featured, and concurrent sessions. Promote equity for English learners by advocating for and providing access to curriculum, community resources, and expanded opportunities. Pursue excellence through research based pedagogy and best practice instruction. Get involved and become an active participant, share your knowledge, and join the conversation.

MITESOL 2017 invites proposals related to *all* aspects of ESL/ELL/EAL in diverse contexts, including recent research, teaching, learning, standards-based instruction, assessment, language policy & advocacy, CALL, program administration, and professional development. In keeping with this year's theme, we are seeking proposals which focus on ensuring equity for English learners and promoting excellence within the field of English language teaching and learning.

Proposals will be accepted for the following four formats:

- **Standard Session** (45 minutes) Presentations of all types and foci, including:
 - Papers (a summary of research, pedagogy, curriculum, sociopolitical concerns, etc.)
 - Teaching Demonstrations (that *show & explain* instructional technique/s)
 - Panel Discussions (structured, facilitated discussions of current topics in TESOL)
 - SIG meetings
- **Computer Lab Session** (45 minutes) Sessions where all attendees require access to a computer.
- **Workshop** (90 minutes) Structured, focused session that actively engages participants in hands-on professional development.
- **Panel Discussion** (90 minutes) Structured discussions on particular topics including panels of 3-5 experts, a facilitator, and the audience. The facilitator may ask each panel member to be prepared to speak about his or her experiences with the topic, followed by questions from the facilitator and then questions from the audience. Panel Discussions are designed to be a great exchange of information on a particular emerging topic or debatable issue in the profession.
- **Poster or Trifold Session** Posters will be on display on both Friday and Saturday with a designated time for interaction with attendees. Relevant posters formerly presented at other conferences may be submitted.

Proposals must be submitted through the [2017 MITESOL Conference Proposal Google Form](#). The deadline for submissions will be July 15, 2017. If you have any questions about the 2017 conference or would like to volunteer to help out with the preparations for the conference, please contact us. (Include MITESOL 2017 in the subject line of your message.)

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