

ESL GO! NEWSLETTER

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Go! SLS/ESL T-Shirt Design

Larry Smith, one of the pioneers in English as an International Language, used to say that in multilingual societies, EIL is used for wider communication. It binds people together in such societies.

Welcome every ESLer back to the new issue of our prime communication channel (Oh! if we exclude e-mails). For this issue, we are thrilled to inform everyone about our soon-to-come SLS/ESL T-shirts which will be another thing that bind people in a diverse community like our program together in addition to EIL that we speak. So if you have not voted for your desired design, please do so. Just follow the link that Kyle R McIntosh e-mailed to everyone on Mar. 1st. Please choose the design you like by Mar. 8th.

Go! ESLers

In this issue, we have three ESLers from different years to introduce to all the readers. You may have taken classes with them, but you might find something new about these ESLers from their bios.

Xinqiang Li is a Ph.D candidate in the ESL program at Purdue University. He earned his MA degree in English Literature from Shandong University, China. Through his doctoral studies, he has developed research interests in L2 Writing, Contrastive Rhetoric, SLA, and Curriculum Design. He is currently working on two projects: *Realistic Rhetoric in Modern China* (dissertation) and *Reconstruction Task in L2*

Writing (empirical research). He has taught various English classes at Shandong University, New Oriental School and Purdue University, ranging from English Writing to SLA Studies. He is an amateur art lover, dreaming one day he could make an impressive 15-minute film. ESL 加油 (Go)!

Masakazu Mishima is a Ph.D student in the Second Language Studies program at Purdue University in the U.S. His research interests include, World Englishes, Second Language Acquisition, Second Language Writing, Language Testing and Language Teacher Education. He has

GO! Best Wishes to ESLers!

As the semester is drawing to an end, there are many ESLers who are going to graduate, and who are at a big milestone of their study in our program. Our readers, please join us in wishing good luck to Yu-Ching Annie Ou on her Preliminary Exam, to Kyle R McIntosh and Mira Bekar on their Prospectus Defense, and to Elena Lawrick and Fatima Esseili on their Dissertation Defense. We all wish you much success in your academic pursuits

The dissertations of Elena, and Fatima are about World Englishes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Vote for T-shirt Design**
- **Best Wishes to ESLers**
- **Three Bios of ESLers**
- **SLS/ESL Symposium**

Xinqiang Li



Masakazu Mishima



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LEE JUNG (RIO)

published an article in a TESOL interest group E-journal. He also has published a single-authored book on the issue of non-native English speaking teachers. He is currently serving as a coordinator of ESL speaker series for ESL GO.

Lee Jung (Rio)

My name is Lee Jung, I'm from Taiwan, Koahsiung and I am a first-year Ph.D. student in ESL. I have a MA in English language and Literature from National Cheng Kung

University, and had been teaching English at NCKU language lab since 2006, and my research interest is World Englishes and Second Language Writing. My hobbies are traveling, music, and also, I enjoy encountering interesting stories in fiction, especially inspiring characters in life. I keep a regular exercise regimen for decades to stay fit and healthy, but can't continue the good habit because of workload and laziness. My ultimate dream is to travel around the world.



Lee Jung (Rio)



Go! Reminiscence

This academic year is coming to an end. Some ESLers will graduate this year and we wish them good luck, leaving with them a memory at Purdue. Let's refresh our memory with photos of ESLers in the recent past. The photos to the left were taken in Sociolinguistics class in 2007. Many ESLers in the pictures are about to graduate soon, and some just recently did.



Go! Past Event

This issue we had a major past event to report. Our second Speakers Series of the year successfully passed. Prof. Thomas A. Upton gave an overview of languages for specific purposes in RAWL 1071 on Friday Feb. 18, 2011. There were around 20 in-

Go! SLS/ESL Symposium

One of the most important and friendly forums for ESLers like us is approaching. 2011 SLS/ESL Symposium will be held on Saturday April 2, 2011. If you are interested in doing a 20-minute presentation at the symposium, please submit your abstracts to Crissy McMartin-Miller at cmcmarti@purdue.edu by Wednesday March 16, 2011. The symposium

program will be posted on our ESL GO! Website soon.. Our new SLS/ESL T-shirts will be sold at the symposium and other events of our program too.

terested participants. Some of them joined ESL Happy Hour at Olive House restaurant after the lecture.

The ESL Speakers Series has been the pride of our program since Fall 2008. And we hope it will be even better in the future as we have a strong team of

organizers. Keep updated with the upcoming talks by Prof. Silva and Fatima Esseili soon.



Prof. Berns' Sociolinguistics class in 2007



Go! Upcoming Events

In addition to our ESL Symposium, there will be many academic conferences related to ESL/SLS coming up soon. Some of the ESLers are presenting too.

At Purdue, the Communication Graduate Student Association Conference 2011 will occur during March 26-27, 2011. Find the details of the conference at <http://cgsa.isours.org/conference2011/?p=1>

American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL) is going to hold the annual conference in Chicago during March 26-29, 2011. For more information please visit the As-

sociation's website <http://www.aaal.org/index.cfm>
In this conference, Elena Lawrick will be doing a poster presentation on "Scholarship in English in Russian Academic Discourse"

If you still do not have any academic plan abroad during the summer break, we have two conferences to announce. Department of Psycholinguistics and English Language Teaching, University of Łódź, Poland will hold the second international conference on the theory and practice of foreign language writing during 13-14 June, 2011. Call for abstracts for a 20 minute presentation will end in

April 30, 2011. For more information, please e-mail to Hai at wlaorian@purdue.edu.

In Taipei, Taiwan, Symposium on Second Language Writing 2011 will be held from June 9 to 11, 2011. The pre-registration is open until April 30. Two ESLers from our program: MeiHung Lin, and Yushan Fan will be presenting at the conference.

We think that's enough for the conferences and for our newsletter this issue. See you again next month with our new T-shirts
Cheers!



Prof. Upton and participants of his lecture on Languages for Specific purposes