

## ESL GO! Newsletter, October 2010

Welcome everyone to the first issue of Fall 2010 ESL GO! Newsletter. This year we will meet monthly with every issue featuring short bios and pictures of people in our program aside from news and updates. Though our program's name has been changed to SLS/ESL, the newsletter and the student organization still retain the same name for the sake of space-saving and familiarity.

**GO! New People:** We are delighted to welcome 13 new PhD, MA and Graduate Certificate students. Let's learn more about some of them from their bios below.



*I am Xun Yan from Wuhan, China. Before coming to Purdue, I spent two years at The Ohio State University for my master's. I am a traveler, a karaoke-goer, and a not-bad cook! So if you feel like a taste of China, you are always welcome to my apartment! Also, I am planning to travel around North America and Europe during my PhD years. If you need a travel partner, count me in!*



*Samantha Lingenfelter just graduated last spring from the College of Liberal Arts with a Bachelors degree in Law and Society, a Psychology minor, and a Spanish minor. She loved studying sociology here at Purdue but has decided to pursue teaching. She desires to someday work in the community by teaching ESL at a public elementary school; however, as of now she is simply studying to earn the teaching ESL certificate. One of Samantha's goals is to continue studying Spanish on an academic level and become fluent. She recently studied at Tecnológico de Monterrey in Guadalajara, Mexico, which made her desire to achieve her goal even more. Originally from Portage, Indiana, she has enjoyed living, volunteering, and working in Lafayette for the past three years. Samantha still works at Steak 'n Shake, a job she has held since high school, as a manager and production trainer. Her passion has always been and will always be helping others within the community. Do not forget to say hello the next time you have a study session or need to get off of campus and choose Steak 'n Shake, she will probably be there. She can be reached at [slingenf@purdue.edu](mailto:slingenf@purdue.edu).*



*Hello, I'm Yunjung You currently in ESL certificate program. I majored elementary education in B.A. in Korea and educational psychology in M.A at Purdue. I taught elementary students in Korea and now am volunteering to teach Beginning Korean class at International center. It's been 5 years since I came here from South Korea. I'm living in Lafayette with my husband and two cute children, a five year old daughter and a 23 month old son. I enjoy playing piano, ukulele and doing small gardening. These days I'm so happy that I can learn a lot and meet lots of nice people here in ESL program. I believe that this experience will be greatly helpful in my life as an educator, a parent, and a researcher.*

Hi, I'm Junko Schwartzman. I am an MA student in Applied Linguistics in the FLL department, and it's been 2 years since I came to Purdue. My research areas include Japanese sociolinguistics and computer-assisted language learning. Aside from my academic work, I am a big lover of my husband, my dog, and coffee. I hope I will get to know all of you more, and wish you all a great academic year!



SeungMin Lee ([lee201@purdue.edu](mailto:lee201@purdue.edu), tel#: 765-496-5159) is a MA student in SLS/ESL, interested in L2 reading and writing connections. She finished Certificate program in Spring 2010 and started Masters from Summer 2010. Her major in BA was International Trade and she worked as a fabric merchandizing manager in textile business field for 10 years in Seoul, Korea. She taught English as a second language in private institution in Seoul and worked as a volunteer of ESL teacher of international center at Purdue University in 2008. She loves traveling, driving, reading, surfing internet, swimming, cooking, organizing kitchen, and playing with children.

SongEun Lee was born in Pusan in Korea and spent her secondary school years in Daejeon. She majored in English Education at a teacher's college and taught English at two senior high schools for more than five years. She completed the ESL Certificate Program in May, 2010 and currently has been studying for a master's degree in the SLS/ESL Program in the English department at Purdue University. Her research interests include: Second Language Writing, Ethnography on Second Language Studies, etc.



Suneeta Thomas is a current Masters student in SLS/ESL program at Purdue University. Prior to this, she completed a Masters in Literary Studies. Her interest in ESL began through the exposure to the concept of World Englishes. Having researched on Hinglish, she intends to study it further. Her other areas of academic interests include Sociolinguistics and Second Language Writing. She is quite fond of dance and is learning tango; enjoys reading and even singing.

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*I am Yu-shan Fan from Hsinchu, a city in the northern part of Taiwan. I obtained my MA in TESOL from National Tsing Hua University where I taught for one year after graduation. As a L2 writer myself, I am very interested in second language writing, and would like to research on how and in what ways one's L1 affect their L2 writing. I am very into arts, music, photography and traveling. I am also looking forward to living a peaceful, yet fruitful Ph. D. life here at West Lafayette.*



The rest are Lee Jung Huang, Veronika Maliborska, Soohyun Ji, Paulo Dutra, Seon Young Lee. We are glad to have you all contributing to the diversity of our program.

**GO! Congratulations:** Kyle McIntosh, Crissy McMartin-Miller, and Mira Bekar recently passed the preliminary exams. We congratulate all of you on this big step towards your degree completion. Veronica Jayne, is our new GradSea representative. Congratulations and thank you Veronica. In case anyone has any issues and concerns about our program and department, talk to her; she will represent us. A big round of applaud is for Beril Tezeller Arik whose MA thesis is published as a book. Feel free to follow the link and order her book. Don't forget to ask for her autograph!

<http://www.amazon.com/Cognitive-Social-Tension-Language-Acquisition-Studies/dp/3838353382>

Below is her thesis abstract:

This study is an attempt to understand SLA studies by sketching a partial history of the field with a specific focus on the tension between cognitive and social worldviews in SLA studies. In the 1990s, this tension was revealed by two controversies between SLA researchers advocating a cognitive orientation and their critics. The first controversy was about what an SLA theory should look like—the "theory construction debate"—and the second controversy was on fundamental assumptions held and concepts used in mainstream SLA— the "cognitive-social debate." I argue that while the theory construction debate reveals the presence of scientism in SLA studies, the cognitive-social debate indicates the cognitivism in the field. This present study is a historical account of these two debates.

**Go! Past Events:** Professor Dwight Adkinson gave a plenary presentation at the Symposium on Second Language Writing in Murcia, Spain in May, and a keynote presentation with Paul Matsuda at the Intercultural Rhetoric and Discourse Conference in Atlanta in June. This summer he completed editing a book entitled *Alternative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition*, and had the following published: "Extended, embodied cognition and second language acquisition," in *Applied Linguistics*; "Sociocognition: What It can mean for second language acquisition," in R. Batstone (ed.), *Sociocognitive Perspectives on Language Use and Language Learning*; and, with Eton Churchill, Takako Nishino, and Hanako Okada, "Symbiotic gesture and the sociocognitive visibility of grammar," in *Modern Language Journal*.

Professor Tony Silva was a Keynote Speaker at the Seventh International Symposium on EFL Writing Research and Teaching in China at Jilin University in Changchun, China. His talk was entitled, *An Overview of Theory, Research, and Practice in Second/Foreign Language Writing Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. The symposium was held from September 24-26. Lucky us to have nice professors who are active in their fields!



On September 24 Elena Lawrick, a PhD candidate, gave an informative and entertaining lecture on *English in Russian Academic Discourse: The Survey of 22 Research Universities* in Heavilon 111. This lecture is part of the 2010 ESL Speaker Series. After the lecture, we had ESL Happy Hour at Bruno's. Everybody enjoyed their pizza, pasta, salad, and nice pitchers of beer. Catch up with the upcoming talks and ESL Happy Hour this year.

**GO! ESL GO! Trip:** The first ESL GO! Trip was on September 4. About 20 ESLers and their families went to the Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA). Thank you our special docent, Professor Margie Burns. We appreciated the art works more from her explanations. This trip was made happen by Mira Bekar. If you have any idea about our ESL GO! Trip, please suggest.



**GO! Upcoming Events:** If you are interested in SLA, there are two upcoming events in Maryland and Denmark. Second Language Research Forum 2010 will be held at University of Maryland during October 14-17. Follow the link for details <http://www.webspaces.umd.edu/SLRF2010/>. And if you don't mind the cold, University of Southern Denmark welcomes everybody to a two-day symposium: *What's on your mind? Thinking for speaking in second language acquisition* to be held during November 1-2, 2010. Please ask Beril Tezeller Arik for details.

The 2010 Speaker Series presents Catherine Elder, The University of Melbourne. She will give a lecture entitled *Development and validation of quick English screening test to identify linguistically at risk students following their entry to the university*. The lecture will be held in Heavilon, room 111 on Friday October 8 from 5.00-6.00 pm. Of course, the presentation will be followed by ESL Happy Hour. The location will be announced later. We hope to see you all.

Before signing off, we would like you to join our 1st SLS/ESL lunch hour. You will receive an email about the time and place soon. Again, hope to see you all.

Until next time our readers.

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