

Fall 2023 PennTESOL East Conference

Building Bridges & Scaffolding Success

When:	Saturday, November 04, 2023 9:00AM - 2:00PM (Check-in at 8:30, Opening Remarks at 8:45AM)
Where:	Furness High School 1900 S 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19148
Format:	In addition to our keynote and plenary presentations, we will be accepting 30-minute breakout sessions and poster presentations from PennTESOL East members.

Call for Proposals:

PennTESOL East invites you to submit proposals to our Fall 2023 conference. This year's theme is ***Building Bridges & Scaffolding Success***. We are interested in sessions that shed light on the structures (the *bridges* and *scaffolding*), small and large, that help teachers and learners to succeed. We welcome a range of interpretations of this theme, on a wide variety of topics:

- What routines or lesson templates can teachers use to build welcoming, collaborative communities in their classrooms?
- What types of institutional partnerships can help learners as they exit ESL programming?
- What innovative scaffolding strategies do teachers employ to support learners of varying proficiency levels in their language development journey?
- How can educators effectively build bridges between the language classroom and real-world language use?
- How can technology be leveraged to create bridges between different language learning environments to meet the needs of diverse learners?
- How can assessment and feedback systems be improved to provide meaningful insights into students' language development and inform targeted scaffolding strategies for improvement?

We invite you to submit proposals to share your ideas, insights, research, and strategies so that we can all learn together. We welcome proposals from teaching professionals at all levels and encourage graduate student submissions.

You will be notified on or before **October 13th** regarding whether your presentation has or has not been accepted. To ensure a place on the schedule, accepted presenters must be PennTESOL-East members and **registered for the conference by October 31st, 2023**.

30-Minute Presentations

These are oral presentations, in which presenters share their ideas, experiences, perspectives, and expertise. Presentations may be grounded in research, practice, or policy, or theory. Presentations may include audience participation and dialogue.

Poster Sessions

Posters can present either completed research or work in progress. We especially welcome poster proposals that (a) report on innovative research that is in its early phases, or (b) report on a successful classroom activity. The poster should contain a summary of an academically sound, scholarly or creative project presented in a visually engaging format, highlighting work through charts, graphs, maps, etc. Poster presenter(s) should plan on engaging in short, informative discussions with convention attendees throughout the entire poster session. When planning your poster, keep in mind that the audience should be able to understand the poster's concept even if the presenter is not standing beside the display. Poster proposals should include the main topic and a description of the visual display. Posters should be no larger than 48" x 36".

Proposal Timeline

Deadline to Submit Proposals:	October 6
Notifications about the status of proposals:	October 13
Deadline for presenters to register:	October 31
Event Date:	November 4

Proposal Submission Form:

Please submit using the [Fall 2023 PennTESOL East Conference Proposal Submission Form](#)

You can find the rubric used to evaluate proposals here: [PennTESOL East Proposal Rubric](#)

We look forward to receiving your proposals! Thank you for your interest in the PennTESOL East 2023 Fall Conference, for your contributions to the scholarship of English language teaching, and for being a part of our community.

Any questions, comments or concerns can be directed to: PennsylvaniaTESOLEast@gmail.com.