

The UMBC Teaching English to Speakers of
Other Languages Program
Celebrates

English Language Day

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The UMBC Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Program Presents

Global Perspectives on English Teaching

A virtual session
in celebration of
English Language
Day



Lucia Demarchi
Argentina



Mohamed Galal
Egypt



Yolanda Ramos
Bolivia



Golshid Shoushtarian
Iran

**Moderated by
Francis M. Hult**

English is an international language that is taught in schools throughout the world. While there are commonalities, there is also substantial variation in how English education manifests in the school systems of different countries. In this session celebrating English Language Day, moderated by Professor Francis M. Hult, international students in UMBC's TESOL program offer an overview of how English language teaching and learning takes shape in Argentina, Bolivia, Egypt, and Iran.

Lucia Demarchi is an international MA TESOL student and graduate assistant from Argentina. She has taught EFL at a private middle school in Buenos Aires City for three years and also has research experience working with scholars at the Universidad del Valle Atemajac (Mexico) and the Universidad del Salvador (Argentina).

Mohamed Galal is an international MA TESOL student and graduate assistant from Egypt. He has taught EFL for over 17 years. He has also worked for the UN as a liaison officer and interpreter and was head of the English Department at the Egyptian Military Technical Institute.

Yolanda Ramos is an international MA TESOL student an Fulbright Laspau scholar from Bolivia. She leads the English Club Tarija, a community service project based in Bolivia and has also taught in private institutes and universities. She is an U.S. State Department E-teacher program alumna, International Visitor Leadership Program participant.

Golshid Shoushtarian is an MA TESOL international student from Iran. She has worked as an online instructor, translator, and interpreter in Farsi, English, and French for over 7 years.

Francis M. Hult is Professor and TESOL Program Director at UMBC. He has taught EFL and ESL at primary, secondary, and university levels in the United States and Sweden. A specialist in language policy and multilingual education, he has published widely in these areas, and he is a frequent speaker in Asia, Europe, and North America.

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A Brief Introduction to Computational Linguistics

A virtual session
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Wednesday
April 25
7:15-8:15pm
Eastern US Time

Free registration
by e-mail to
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Dr. Na-Rae Han
University of Pittsburgh

In this talk, I will present a brief overview of the field of computational linguistics. The era of Artificial Intelligence is truly upon us, and we find ourselves relying on a dazzling assortment of software applications in our daily lives that are driven by language technologies. But what's fueling the dizzying advancement of these technologies? What roles do linguists and language data play in their development? And, how could key data resources like corpora be also useful in language education? These are some of the questions I hope to address.

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Na-Rae Han is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Pittsburgh, where she teaches computational linguistics and data science methods. She participated in multiple linguistic data and annotation projects throughout her career, many of which were published by the Linguistic Data Consortium.