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To See Every Piece of the Mosaic: A Discussion on Diversity in the Classroom

By Diane Santos

With rates of international marriages in South Korea trending upward, we are seeing an increase in the student population of mixed heritage children. How has South Korea's traditionally homogeneous society been responding to such changes in its cultural fabric? As stakeholders in education we have the perfect opportunity to model inclusivity and to shape a positive dialogue about diversity. This collaborative workshop will provide a space for brainstorming answers to the following questions:



- How can we create a classroom that accommodates cultural and linguistic pluralism?
- What are the ways in which we can bring positive visibility to students of mixed heritage?
- What are the ways in which we can practice cultural sensitivity when addressing traditional ideas of purity?

THE PRESENTER

Diane Santos holds an undergraduate degree in international studies from the University of Oregon. She has recently finished a teaching licensing course for the District of Columbia, USA, with a concentration in secondary ESL education. Her adventures in ESL teaching started in 2007 at a small *hagwon* in Taebaek, Gangwon-do. Since then she has taught in both public and private institutions in four provinces across Korea. Over several cups of tea with friends, she has mused over the incredible changes she's witnessed in the country's landscape over the past decade.



(Diane Santos will be presenting on diversity in the classroom on August 10 at the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter KOTESOL meeting at Gwangju National University of Education).

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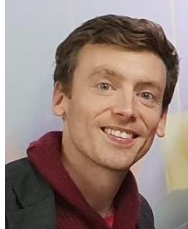
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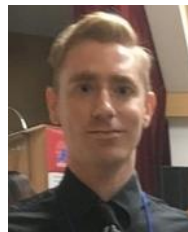
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What Memberships Types Are Available?

- **Regular 1-Year Membership:** 50,000 won.
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How to Join: Apply by using the online membership form at <http://www.koreatesol.org/>. On the front page, click on "Join KOTESOL" in the menu, and follow the directions. Help available at a Chapter meeting.

Alternately, paper membership application and renewal forms are available at Chapter meetings for those who prefer making a hard-copy application with Chapter assistance.

Membership payment may be made by either of these two methods:

- Bank transfer to: **KOTESOL**. KEB-Hana bank account number: 299-890069-83204.
- Payment in cash to the Chapter Membership Officer at a Chapter Meeting.

Gaming Session – How-to: Tabletop Roleplaying Games

By Paul Johnson

This workshop is about using tabletop roleplaying games for second language acquisition. It will offer teachers a guide for assisting their students in developing characters to use in tabletop roleplaying games. Along the way, the workshop seeks to point out the many benefits to second language acquisition associated with this process.

This workshop offers a two-fold critique of standard ESL roleplaying activities: (a) Standard roleplaying activities lack character investment. The students will care much more about the success or failure of their characters if they have created them themselves. (b) Standard roleplaying activities take character development for granted, thereby missing out on language acquisition opportunities for students.

In a standard roleplaying activity, characters are typically generated in one of two ways: (1) They come pre-generated as part of an activities sheet or (2) the instructor laboriously spends time individually creating them. The process that this workshop suggests avoids these pitfalls and instead focuses on enabling students to create characters themselves.

Once characters have been created, everyone will get to play out a tabletop roleplaying scenario, to experience first-hand the many benefits of using these sorts of games in language classrooms.



THE PRESENTER

Paul Johnson was born and raised in Southern California. He has an MA in philosophy and focuses on ethics. He loves running, reading, and making music. Paul wants to use games to help make the world a better place. He teaches at Changshin University in Changwon, Gyeongnam. Email: ajwoodsum@gmail.com

(Paul will be presenting on tabletop roleplaying games on August 10 at the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter KOTESOL meeting at Gwangju National University of Education.)

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PRE-REGISTRATION
August 1 ~ September 30
<https://koreatesol.org/IC2019>
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Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL August Chapter Meeting

- Time: Saturday, August 10, 2019, 1:45–5:00 p.m.
- Place: Gwangju Natl. University of Ed., Teacher Training Bldg., Room **812** (1st Floor)

■ Schedule: Chapter Meeting, Main Session

1:45 pm: Sign-in and Meet-and-Greet (Admission free for newcomers. Future membership always welcomed.)

2:00 – 2:50 pm: SESSION 1 (PRESENTATION)

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2:50 – 3:10 pm: Refreshment & Networking Break

3:10 – 4:00 pm: SESSION 2 (PRESENTATION/WORKSHOP)

Gaming Session – How-to: Tabletop Roleplaying Games

Paul Johnson (Changshin University)

4:10 – 4:45 pm: SwapShop Session (Open to All)

Everyone is encouraged to share their Teaching Discoveries and “Secrets” with the group. Share your Teaching Tips, Ideas, Classroom Activities, Games, ELT Books, or other Teaching Wisdom. (Handouts welcomed.)

4:45 – 5:00 pm: Announcements / Drawing for Door Prizes / Closing

After-Meeting Dinner at nearby Angelo pasta-and-pizza restaurant.

Upcoming Chapter Events

September 21, 2019. Chapter Meeting.

Ian Moodie: Public School Teachers Teaching Beliefs
Teacher Training Center, GNUE, Gwangju.

October 26, 2019. Chapter Meeting.

Super-SwapShop
Halloween Party
Teacher Training Center, GNUE, Gwangju.

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Advancing ELT: Blending Disciplines, Approaches, and Technologies
Sookmyung Women’s University, Seoul

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Reflective Practice SIG

Vacation Break

(No session this month)

Sessions usually meet in the mornings
(11:00–12:30) before the Chapter Meeting

At *Coffee Lab Mujii* (near GNUE)