

Rhea Metituk, candidate for 2023-2024 International Conference Co-Chair

Assistant Professor, Myongji University, Seoul campus
KOTESOL member since 2016

EDUCATION

M.A. in ENGLISH WITH HIGH HONORS [2016]
Northern Arizona University, USA
CONCENTRATION: Rhetorical Writing and Digital Media

B.A. in PSYCHOLOGY [2000]
University of Alberta, Canada

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Myongji University, Seoul (2021 to present)
English Instructor, University of Ulsan, Ulsan (2017 to 2021)

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Leadership

Seoul Chapter Co-President (2023)
KOTESOL 1st Vice President (2020—2021)
KOTESOL 2st Vice President (2019—2020)
Busan-Gyeongnam Chapter President (2017—2019)
Busan-Gyeongnam Chapter Secretary (2016—2017)

CONFERENCE CHAIR

2021 KOTESOL National Conference & Film Festival
2018 & 2019 Busan Regional Conferences

Conference Presentations

Japan Association of Language Teachers—JALT Performance in Education SIG 2 nd Annual Conference <i>Presenter, Hokusei Gakuen University, Sapporo, Japan</i>	February 1-2, 2020
Fifth Congress of the Asian Association of Women's Studies <i>Panel Moderator and Organizer, Ehwa Women's University, Seoul</i>	December 6, 2019
Daegu KOTESOL Regional Conference <i>Presenter, Kyungpook National University, Daegu</i>	November 30, 2019
Daejeon KOTESOL Symposium <i>Invited Speaker, Woosung University, Daejeon</i>	November 23, 2019

Japan Association of Language Teachers—JALT 2019 International Conference November 2, 2019
Presenter, Nagoya, Japan

Malaysia Language Teaching Association—28th MELTA International Conference August 13-15, 2019
KOTESOL Sponsored Representative and Invited Speaker, Kuching, Malaysia

The 15th Annual Seoul KOTESOL Conference March 24, 2019
Presenter, Sookmyung Women’s University, Seoul

2018 Jeonju-North Jeolla KOTESOL Regional Conference November 17, 2018
Presenter, Jeonju University, Jeonju

TEACHER TRAINER

DSU TEFL Workshop 2018, 2019
Dongseo University, Busan

KOTESOL Honors and Awards

President’s Award 2021
Outstanding Service Award 2018, 2019, 2020

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STATEMENT OF INTEREST

September 27, 2023

Since joining Korea TESOL, an organization for *teachers helping teachers*, I have found a community and arena for professional development in English in Korea that has many interconnections from chapter to chapter and to ELT organizations worldwide. It began with attending my first chapter workshop and from there, the story for me has been a dynamic experience of making connections, facing challenges, and finding community, both within the ROK's world of ELT, and without. Surely, up until now I have followed each and every invitation I received, to take on challenges in KOTESOL.

The latest invitation I received was in the 11th hour of the 2023 National Council Elections: to consider the position of IC Co-chair to support the Chair of KOTESOL 2024: The 31st Korea TESOL International Conference, themed: *Players on the World Stage, from EFL Classrooms to Global Lives*. How to resist such a temptation?



Every fantastic conference starts with a compelling theme, such as this. If elected to the position of International Conference Committee Co-Chair, I pledge to support the Conference Chair as they require or request.

Following this period of service, I will quest for the next theme most fitting to the climate of the 2025 KOTESOL International Conference, applying the experiences gained from event planning, leadership, and team-building KOTESOL has gifted. Creativity requires curiosity, receptivity, and finding the catalyst to inspire others to attend and stage a grand event, such as the past KOTESOL International Conferences have been.

I have read the KOTESOL code of conduct and agree to its terms.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rhea Metituk'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Rhea' being particularly prominent.

Rhea Metituk

Endorsement for Rhea Metituk for the Position of International Conference Co-Chair

September 27, 2023

Dear Nominations and Elections Committee,

I am pleased to endorse Rhea Metituk for the position of International Conference Co-Chair. I have worked with Rhea as she took on various roles within KOTESOL, and each time I have been impressed with her dedication and creativity. I believe her experience has prepared her well to take on the challenge of running an international conference.

The first time I worked closely with Rhea was during the 2020 National Conference, which was held online near the beginning of the pandemic. Rhea managed the hosting of the concurrent Zoom sessions, and she recruited me to be one of the hosts. Since this was KOTESOL's first experience hosting a fully online conference, the organizers had to figure out what the role of online host meant and communicate that to the volunteers. Rhea had clearly thought through that position in detail: she explained to my cohort that we were representing KOTESOL and it was our job to extend hospitality to the presenters, and she introduced each of us to the presenters that we would be working with. Both the precision of Rhea's vision for the role and her communication about that role to the volunteers were exceptional.

I worked with Rhea again in the 2021 National Conference and Film Festival, where she served as conference chair. This conference was also held online during the pandemic, and instead of taking that constraint as a limitation, Rhea took advantage of the online setting to create a truly unique and memorable conference. She brought in a large slate of international plenary speakers, leading some of the conference participants to observe that scale of the conference felt like an international conference. Rhea also spear-headed a Film Festival featuring films produced by students and teachers all speaking in their non-native languages. During the National Conference and Film Festival, Rhea demonstrated not only the ability to organize a large event but also the creativity to make that event a remarkable experience.

In addition to her work on conferences, Rhea has served in the leadership of KOTESOL chapters, (Seoul and Busan), SIGS (Women and Gender Equality and Environmental Justice), and on National Council (First Vice-President and Second Vice-President). She has time and again shown her enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication to the community of English teachers in Korea. She is well-qualified to be International Conference Co-Chair.

Sincerely,

Heidi Vande Voort Nam

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Chongshin University

KOTESOL member from 2002, lifetime member

Endorsement for Rhea Metituk for International Conference Committee Co-Chair

I, James G. Rush, II, endorse Rhea Metituk for International Conference Co-Chair.

Rhea is a determined, focused, and well-connected voice of reason. She has the leadership experience of being a part of National Council while also heading up past conferences and numerous events. As the organization makes more intentional commitments to hybrid-conferencing, Rhea will be a great choice for co-chair to help lead those discussions and efforts.

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Luther University – Assistant Professor

Member since Fall 2016 – Lifetime Member

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