

Phillip Gary Schrank
Candidate for International Conference Co-Chair
Assistant Professor, Chosun University
KOTESOL Lifetime Member since 2013

Current Position

- 2018-Present: Assistant Professor, Chosun University, Department of Political Science and Diplomacy

Education

- PhD (Candidate) English Education, Chosun University
- M.A. Curriculum and Instruction (English as a Second Language), Arizona State University, Fulton Teacher's College
- B.A. History and Broad Field Social Sciences, Wisconsin Lutheran College
- Ph.D. (Candidate) International Relations, Korea University, Graduate School of International Studies

Past Academic Positions

- 2018-2024: Publication Consultant and Academic Trainer, Cactus Communications
- 2017-2018: Senior Lecturer, Korea Military Academy, Department of English
- 2013-2017: Lecturer, Korea Military Academy, Department of English
- 2014: Instructor, Global Debate Academy, Yonsei University

Selected Conferences and Seminars (relevant to KOTESOL)

- "Teaching Content in the ESL Classroom." Moderator, Roundtable discussion at the Korea TESOL Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Regional Conference; Gwangju, ROK, March 9, 2019. (with Arlo Matisz and Maria Lisak)
- "The Rigors of Research: Success in Graduate School and Beyond." Moderator, Roundtable discussion at the Korea TESOL-PAC International Conference; Seoul, ROK, October 21-22, 2017. (with Daniel Bailey, Jamin E. Bassette, Joanne McCuaig, and Eric Reynolds)

Selected Awards and Honors (relevant to KOTESOL)

- Service Award, KOTESOL Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2019, 2020)
- Meritorious Service Award, KOTESOL (2018)
- Outstanding Service Award, KOTESOL (2017)
- Certificate of Service, KOTESOL (2017)
- Certificate of Appreciation, KOTESOL (2016)

KOTESOL Service

- International Conference Registration Manager (2013; 2019, 2024, 2026)
- Gwangju Chapter Treasurer (2018-2023)
- National Treasurer (2016-2018; 2019-2021)
- Conference Proposal Vetter: KOTESOL National Conference (2019)
- Facilitator, Content Based Instruction – SIG (2015-2018)
- Associate Editor, The English Connection (2013-2014)

Professional Affiliations

- International Studies Association (ISA); Korean International Studies Association

(KISA); Association for Political Theory (APT); Korean Association of Local Government Studies (KLOG); Korea TESOL (KOTESOL)

Candidate's Statement (September 1, 2026)

I, Phillip Gary Schrank, wish to be a candidate for the International Conference Co-Chair.

I believe, based on my history of service to KOTESOL that I am well suited to serve as International Conference Co-Chair. I have a keen understanding of the overall workings of many of the important areas of the international conference, especially in Registration. I also bring a good working relationship with many of the department directors that are vital to a successful international conference. I have already approached many of those department directors for advice and guidance in deciding to pursue this position. Additionally, I have begun very basic planning for the 2028 International Conference that I will be chairing should I become the Co-Chair for 2027. If I am elected, I will diligently work with the current conference Chair and then plan and deliver a successful conference in 2028. I plan to work within and with the department directors and work within KOTESOL's budget.

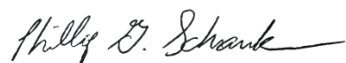
I have been a member of KOTESOL since 2013 and am a Lifetime Member. Through KOTESOL's professional development and networking opportunities, I have been able to enhance my teaching and writing abilities, and I have been able to grow as an educator and as a person. Even though I now teach and research in the realm of Political Science, I am pursuing a PhD in English Education as I feel it is important to helping me be a better teacher. I teach using English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI), and count KOTESOL as vital to my continued success.

I came to Korea in 2009 after a 5-year career working in Financial and Fiscal Affairs for a private university. I spent my first 4 years living and working as an English Teacher in Gwangju for several Hagwons and finally as a NEST at Salesio Elementary School. I then moved to Seoul for 5 years where I was a lecturer at the Korea Military Academy in the Department of English. While in Seoul, I completed coursework for a PhD in International Relations. I have moved back to Gwangju in 2018 to take a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and Diplomacy at Chosun University.

I wish to get back into a KOTESOL leadership role after taking several years to work on my PhD. As I expect to graduate with my PhD in English Education in Fall of 2027, I think now is a good time to resume a leadership role with KOTESOL.

I have read and agree with the contents of the KOTESOL Code of Conduct.

Sincerely,



Phillip Gary Schrank

September 23, 2026

Dear Nominations & Elections Committee:

I'm very pleased to formally endorse Phillip Schrank for the position of International Conference Committee co-chair. He has served on the conference committee for many years, and I am thrilled he is willing to undertake the responsibilities of this role.

Having served as the conference registration director for nearly a decade, I am confident Phil is the perfect candidate for the position of co-chair. He has served on my team as a registration manager for more than a decade and thus is familiar with the regular volunteers on the committee, the committee's procedures and policies, the time and effort required behind the scenes, and the potential for both problems and innovation within the confines of the conference. I am sure he will deliver an effective conference that is both highly rewarding and also within our budget.

Phil has a stellar record of leadership in KOTESOL at both the national and chapter levels. He served multiple terms as national treasurer, where he did an outstanding job of handling KOTESOL's finances. As treasurer, he routinely and promptly processed an influx of orders and payments, facilitated reimbursements and disbursements as needed, and maintained meticulous financial records for the organization. He has also volunteered as an associate editor for *The English Connection*. At the chapter level, he is consistently reliable and steps up when needed, whether it's to serve as chapter treasurer or to volunteer his time helping at a regional conference. On a personal level, I have found Phil to be honest, reliable, and professional—a trustworthy candidate for such a position of responsibility.

Phil has proven time and again that he has the knowledge and dedication necessary to be a very successful leader in KOTESOL, and I am delighted he has decided to run for the office of International Conference Committee co-chair. It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I recommend him for the position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Herron". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Lindsay" and last name "Herron" clearly distinguishable.

Lindsay Herron
Gwangju National University of Education
Lifetime Member (2012-present), Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

Mike Peacock
Woosong Culinary College
KOTESOL Membership: March 2026 – March 2027
September 7, 2026

Dear Nominations and Elections Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the nomination of Phillip Schrank for the position of IC Co-Chair. I have known Phillip for many years and have had the opportunity to observe his dedication and commitment to our International Conference. In particular, I have seen firsthand his diligent work as a volunteer in the conference registration area.

Phillip's experience with the International Conference, including his participation in IC meetings, has provided him with valuable first-hand knowledge of the planning, organization, and operation of our conferences. His commitment, experience, and willingness to contribute make him an excellent candidate for this position.

I am confident that Phillip will bring the same dedication and professionalism to the role of IC Co-Chair and that he will excel in this new position. I strongly support his nomination.

Sincerely,

Mike Peacock

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Peacock".