

Three Rivers TESOL Spring Seminar and Meeting

"Examining Feedback and Assessment"



Saturday, April 23, 2016

9:00am-12:00pm

Chatham University

Sanger Hall - 1st floor of Coolidge Hall

9:00-9:30: Breakfast and Networking

9:30-11:30: Panel Presentations

11:30-11:45: Question & Answer Session

11:45-12:00: 3RT Update and Election Results

Free and open to everyone!

RSVP by Wednesday, April 20:

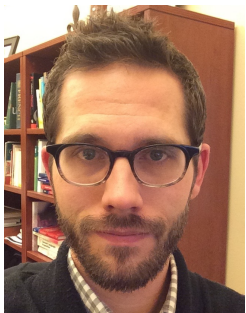
<http://tinyurl.com/3RTSpringSeminar2016>.

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Three Rivers TESOL Spring Seminar Panel



Holly Coryell Smith is the Education Specialist for ESL at the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council (GPLC), where she has worked for 1½ years. She teaches an adult beginning ESL class and writes learning plans for volunteer ESL tutors. Previously, Holly taught high school ESL for more than a decade in Louisville, Kentucky. She began her career as a journalist, writing for The Associated Press before falling in love with teaching during two years in the Czech Republic. Holly will discuss the ways GPLC assesses ESL students and how she provides feedback to students in her Foundations Class.



Rémi A. van Compernelle is Assistant Professor of Second Language Acquisition and French and Francophone Studies at Carnegie Mellon University. His work focuses on extensions of Vygotskian cultural-historical psychology to second language development, pedagogy, and assessment. In this panel, he will discuss the role of gesture in mediating language learning during classroom interaction.



Alexis Martin is an adjunct instructor in the English Language Program at Chatham University where she has worked for the past 2 years. Prior to that she has spent over 7 years teaching English in several different countries, including France, South Korea and Chile. In Alexis' part of the panel she will discuss the important things to consider when designing a rubric and how the language used within these rubrics can help with fair evaluation and setting clear expectations for students.



Susan Morris-Rutledge teaches at California University of Pennsylvania. She received her doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction in TESOL. Dr. Morris-Rutledge is interested in studying teacher attitudes and perceptions of English Language Learners (ELL), in mainstreaming ELL students, and in professional and curriculum development in ELL student issues. In the classroom, Dr. Morris-Rutledge tries to build awareness through language immersion empathy exercises, so that students become aware of what it is like to not understand the language of instruction. She will speak about linguistic modifications as a scaffold to test taking.

Three Rivers TESOL Executive Board Elections

Nomination for President

Dr. Seungku Park

My name is Seungku Park, a.k.a. Steve. I am a linguist, an English & Korean language teacher, a teacher trainer, and an administrator of an Intensive English Program (IEP) in the US. Currently I am working as the director of Language Center at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. The Center runs two English as a Second Language (ESL) programs on the main campus and in Cranberry Township. I joined 3 Rivers TESOL as a replacement for Kathy Ramos (former Vice-President) for 2015-2016 term and have served as the Vice President of the organization. My ethnic background is Korean. I earned my 1st doctoral degree in linguistics from Sogang University, South Korea and my 2nd doctoral degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Composition & TESOL. I have taught English and Korean languages for more than 15 years in and out of the US.

Nomination for Vice President

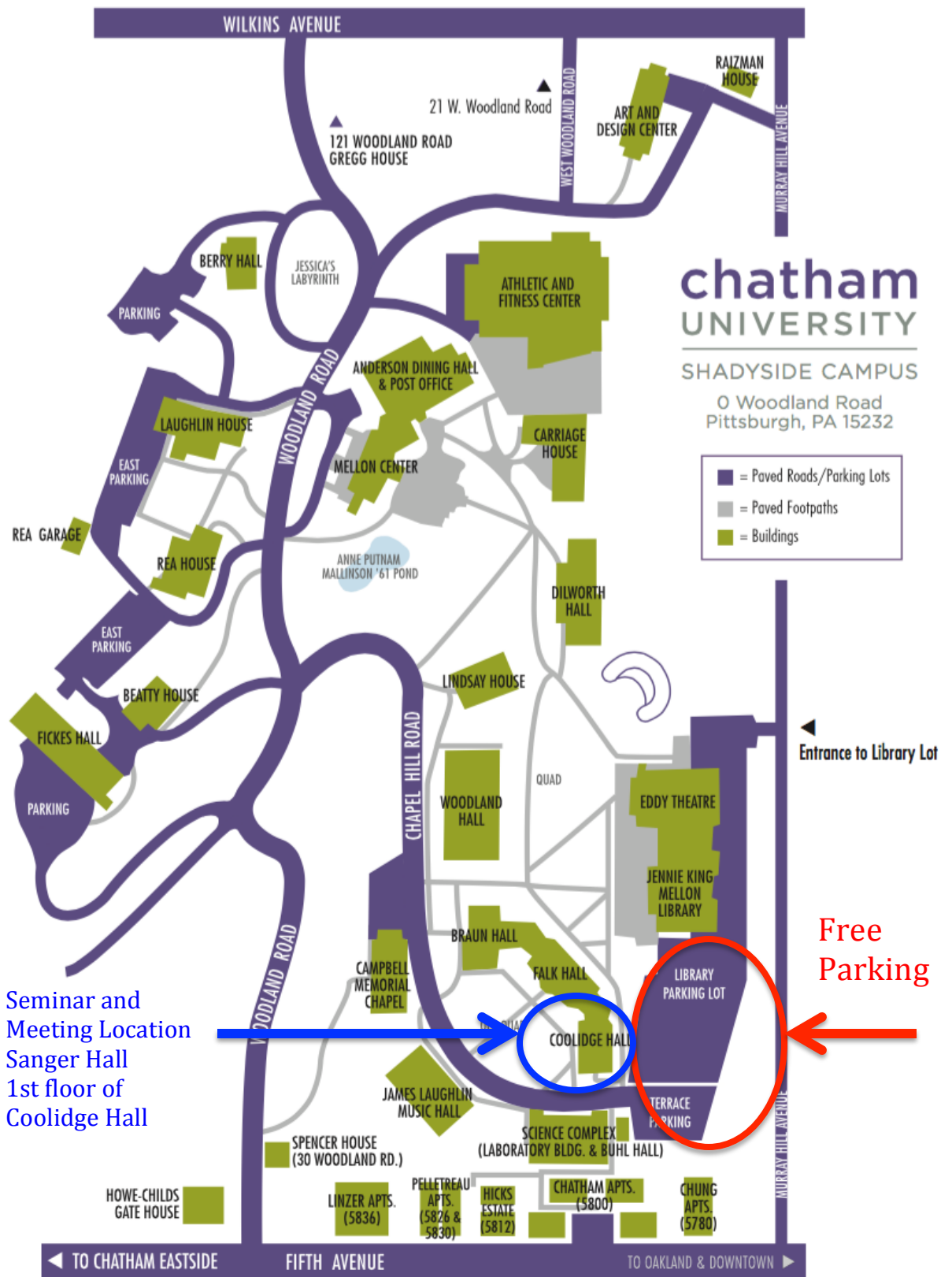
Dr. Ying Zhang

Dr. Ying Zhang is an assistant professor in the Department of Education at Robert Morris University. She teaches in the teacher education program and oversees the RMU ESL certification program. Dr. Zhang is interested in English language development, disciplinary literacy, educational linguistics, and ESL teacher education. She has been an active TESOL member. She has presented at TESOL, Indiana TESOL (INTESOL) and Three Rivers TESOL (3R-TESOL) previously. Dr. Zhang's past experiences with TESOL include serving on the Board of Indiana TESOL (INTESOL) as a graduate representative, coordinating the poster session of the 2007 INTESOL annual conference, and chairing the K-12 interest section of the 2015 3R-TESOL conference. With her biggest interest in K-12 ESL teacher education, she would like to focus on the growing of the 3R-TESOL by recruiting more pre-service and in-service K-12 teachers.

Nomination for Webmaster

Mr. Bill Price

Bill Price is an ESL instructor and the Technology Coordinator at the English Language Institute at the University of Pittsburgh. He has run an educational technology website, Future Imperfect, since 2013. He trains ESL faculty and students in the use of classroom and learning technologies, and he has given practice-oriented technology presentations and workshops at several local, national, and international conferences including 3RT, NEALLT, TESOL International, and others. Mr. Price's ESL credentials include an MA in Applied Linguistics and a TESOL certificate from the University of Pittsburgh, and his IT credentials include CompTIA A+ Certification.



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Free Parking