

## Gail E. Weinstein Teacher Recognition Award 2023



Sponsored by the CATESOL Education Foundation, this award recognizes an outstanding ESL practitioner who has demonstrated leadership, creativity, and dedication to learner-centered instruction, specifically the integration of learners' personal stories into ESL classroom learning. The award honors Gail E. Weinstein (1955-2010), creator of the pedagogical framework "Learners' Lives as Curriculum" and author of many textbooks, including *Stories to Tell our Children*. This \$300 award is made possible by donations from the CATESOL membership.

**Deadline to submit an application is Thursday, June 1, 2023, 5:00 pm PST.**

### Timeline

- Applicant will submit a presentation proposal to CATESOL for the annual conference, tentative date October 26-28, at Laney College in Oakland, CA.
- Applicant will submit an application for the award by June 1, 2023. (See below, How to Apply.)
- Awardee will be announced by the end of August.
- The awardee will present on a topic related to the practice of integrating learners' personal stories into ESL classroom learning at the upcoming Annual CATESOL Conference in the fall.
- The awardee will be honored with the award during the Annual CATESOL Conference in the fall.

### Criteria for Candidates

- Applicant must be a practitioner who works with immigrant learners in an ESL classroom context in California.
- Applicant must be a current CATESOL member.
- Applicant must submit a proposal related to the integration of learners' stories into language learning to the annual CATESOL Conference. Please be prepared

to share your plans for a 2023 proposal submission highlighting your work with learners' stories.

- Applicant must agree to present at the annual CATESOL Conference.
- Preference will be given to those candidates who have not already received awards from CATESOL previously.

## How to Apply

Fill out the online [Application Form](#). You will be asked to submit the following materials:

- A personal statement describing your beliefs and practices about the integration of ESL learners' stories into your classroom teaching. The statement must include the following: a description of your ESL classroom and its learning goals; learner population; your approaches to the integration of stories into classroom learning; kinds of learning activities used to promote story-sharing and language learning; and impact on learning and teaching. Maximum word count: 500 words.
- The proposal title and summary from your CATESOL 2023 proposal submission. Maximum word count: 400 words.

## Award Rubric

	Outstanding	Average	Weak
Creativity in use of learner stories			
Integration of learner stories into learning outcomes and goals			
Pedagogical rationale and support for use of learner stories			
Demonstrated impact on learners through use of personal stories			
Reflection on use of learner stories and impact on future teaching			
Professional interest of conference proposal topic for other ESL practitioners			

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