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ESOL TAPAS

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS



Passports

Program News – courtesy of Charlotte Putt, ESOL Instructor

Last week, Eastland-Fairfield Career & Tech held their year-end celebration for their FY2009 ESOL students. The staff organized an activity for students of all levels to interact and learn more about each other and their native countries. Every student received an International Passport book mimicking a real passport, except each page contained a different flag (representative of all the students' native countries). There were displays set up with information for each country and a native representative who spoke about the country in English. Students visited each display, listened to the information and received a stamp in their Passport book on that country's page. It was a fun evening for everyone!

Web Resources

Ethnic Communities in Cleveland - <http://www.clevelandpeople.com/>

International Visitor's Council for Columbus -

<http://columbusoh.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?zi=1/XJ/Ya&sdn=columbusoh&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.columbusivc.org>

Is there a webpage for ethnic communities and events in your city? Submit it to tapas@neable.org and we'll post it in the next issue.

Learn more about the **BEST tests**. The Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) publishes two tests designed for adult English language learners. BEST Plus is designed to measure listening and speaking skills and BEST Literacy is for reading and writing. A quick video about these tests is available at <http://www.cal.org/bestplus/demo.html>.

NERC Library Resources

New to the NERC Library!

Civic Participation and Community Action Sourcebook: A Resource for Adult Educators by Andy Nash.

How to give effective feedback to your students by Susan M. Brookhart

Endeavor (4, 5, 8) - a new series of student texts by Vista Resources.

To access these resources, go to www.neablelibrary.org, reserve the book online or give us a call at 1-800-361-7076.

If you have materials that you loaned throughout the year, now is a good time to start gathering the items and return them to the library. If you need assistance with postage, please contact info@neable.org or call 1-800-361-7076.



Employment Opportunities

The Ohio Program of Intensive English (OPIE) at Ohio University is pleased to offer an **ESL instructor** position for the upcoming school year (2009-2010). This is an academic year position (nine months; September - June) with the possibility for renewal pending enrollment, funding and performance. Duties include a) teach up to twelve classroom hours per week in OPIE programs; b) participate in committee and social program activities; c) participate in testing, placement and student orientation duties at the beginning and end of each quarter; d) participate in course development, test construction, and/or materials creation; e) attend faculty meetings and maintain appropriate office hours; f) participate in other duties as assigned.

Review of applications, including cover letter, résumé, transcripts of graduate work, three letters of reference, documentation of teaching effectiveness (e.g., evaluations, video of sample lesson), and one-page statement of teaching philosophy. Review of applications will begin May 29, 2009. Position will remain open until filled. Apply directly to <https://www.ohiouniversityjobs.com>. Questions directed to: Ms. Penny Forsyth, OPIE, forsyth@ohio.edu.

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ESL specialist, Visiting Assistant Professor OR Instructor, to teach English for International Students to first-year undergraduate and some graduate students. Full-time appointment August 2009-May 2010. Possibility of reappointment based on successful teaching performance and available funding.

Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching excellence, and contact information for three references to Kerry Powell, Chair; Department of English; Miami University; Oxford OH 45056 USA. Contact telephone number is 1-513-529-5221; fax, 1-513-529-1392; e-mail English@muohio.edu, website www.muohio.edu. Screening of applications started April 30, 2009, but will continue until the position is filled.

PD Opportunities

BEST Plus Training

June 26, 2009 in Euclid, Ohio

Register on the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org.

Be a Presenter!

TESOL Convention March 24-27, 2010 in Boston, MA OR

Call for Proposals **Due June 2, 2009!**

Submit online at www.tesol.org

Ohio TESOL Conference, Columbus

October 30-31, 2009 **Due June 15th!**

Submit online at www.ohiotesol.org