

Lindsay N. Herron
Candidate for President

Education & Experience

Education

- EdD in Literacy, Culture, & Language Education, Indiana University-Bloomington (Indiana, USA; in progress)
- MEd in Literacy, Culture, & Language Education, Indiana University-Bloomington (Indiana, USA; 2014)
- MA in Cinema Studies, New York University Tisch School of the Arts (New York, USA; 2005)
- BA in English Literature & Psychology, Swarthmore College (Pennsylvania, USA; 2000)
- Graduate Certificate in Learning Sciences, Media, & Technology, Indiana University-Bloomington (Indiana, USA; 2018)
- CELTA YL Extension (2011)
- CELTA (2009)

Teaching experience

- Visiting Professor, Gwangju National University of Education, Gwangju (2008-present)
- Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA), Seogwipo High School, Jeju-do (2005-2008)

Other relevant work experience

- Fulbright ETA Program Coordinator (2006-2007)
- Fulbright ETA Orientation Coordinator (2006, 2007)
- Educational Consultant, HarperCollins Children's Publishing (2005)
- Education & Library Marketing Coordinator, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing (2000-2003)

KOTESOL Service

National

- Immediate Past President (2017-present)
- President (2015-2017)
- First Vice-President (2014-2015)
- Chair, Membership Committee (2013-present)
- Registration Director, KOTESOL International Conference (2013-2015, 2018-present)
- Editor, *KOTESOL News* (email newsletter; 2014-present)
- Presenter, KOTESOL Teacher Training Program (KTT; 2014-present)
- Facilitator, Multimedia & CALL SIG (2015-2018)
- National Conference Co-chair (2017)
- Registration Chair, KOTESOL National Conference (2015-2017)
- Proofreader, *KOTESOL Conference Proceedings* (2013-present)
- Proofreader, *Korea TESOL Journal* (2015-present)
- Branded Items Manager, Membership Committee (2013)
- Registration Assistant Director, KOTESOL International Conference (2012)

Chapter

- Lifetime Member, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter
- Immediate Past President, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2018-present)
- President, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2017-2018)
- Treasurer, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2012-2017)

Awards

- KOTESOL President's Award, 2018

Candidate's Statement

KOTESOL has flourished over the past two years under Dr. David Shaffer's presidency, and I'm looking forward to continuing the positive trends, as is evident in my record of service. As KOTESOL's current immediate past president and Membership Committee chair, I have continuously endeavored to improve the KOTESOL membership experience, facilitate communication, and increase KOTESOL's nationwide visibility and reputation for professionalism. I have also actively supported and encouraged diversity initiatives, starting with the foundation of the Social Justice SIG and codification of KOTESOL's anti-discrimination policy during my tenure as president (2015-2017) and more recently as a vocal supporter of the creation of the new People of Color Teachers SIG, the Women and Gender Equality SIG, and the KOTESOL Code of Conduct. As president in the coming year, I will continue these efforts, building on the foundations that have been laid and striving to enhance members' experience while, as always, maintaining a delicate balance between fiscal responsibility and good value.

Over the next year, with the dedication and resourcefulness of those involved, I hope to focus on these key areas:

1. Diversity and inclusion

We've already laid the groundwork for new initiatives promoting diversity and inclusion, from new SIGs to a code of conduct, all designed to support KOTESOL as a welcoming space for community, professionalism, and mutual respect. We've also undertaken initiatives to reach out to Korean teachers and increase coordination with our international partner organizations, facilitating the positive and productive sharing of diverse perspectives and ideas. In the next year, I hope to encourage additional measures commensurate with the organization's dedication to the values of respect, equity, inclusion, and belonging.

2. Mentoring and encouraging new, innovative leaders

Many talented KOTESOL members are currently contributing their time and skills to the organization; and while we've begun exploring more systematic ways to appropriately recognize our volunteers and solicit their voices, I'd like to expand our efforts in this vein. In the next year, I hope to continue inviting members to share their insights and contribute in personally meaningful ways; encouraging and mentoring members interested in increasing their involvement; supporting new approaches to volunteer recognition; and generally promoting positive norms for future leaders.

3. Transparency and accountability

As the editor of our email newsletter, *KOTESOL News*, I always try to include as much information as possible for our members. As a participant in the National Council, though, I know that our leadership accomplishes much more behind the scenes than is usually immediately evident. We should foreground more frequently the efforts of our many committees and volunteers, which are highlighted in the reports of National Council members, and we should strive for clear, routine sharing of the National Council's decisions and initiatives.

There are challenges ahead—there always are, as ours is a field contingent on wider social, economic, and governmental inclinations. I am confident, however, that we will continue to rise to the challenges with grace and ingenuity, ever striving to improve not only ourselves as educators, professionals, and individuals, but the community of practice that is KOTESOL, as well.