

Bulletin from the Board

THE OFFICIAL PRTESOL NEWSLETTER

President's Message Dr. Philip Murray Finley



Dear PRTESOL Members:

After the many challenges that Puerto Rico has faced over the last few years, it gives me great pleasure to let you know that PRTESOL is ready to rise again. Despite facing devastating hurricanes, disastrous earthquakes, a governmental fiscal crisis, and a global pandemic, PRTESOL, its members, and fellow educators have risen to supersede all of the challenges before us. In the face of our hardships, we have continued to provide the highest quality professional development, scholarship opportunities, research, and extraordinary service to our members, our students, and the communities that we serve. These adversities have made us stronger, more resilient, more innovative, and more prepared to rise to even new heights. Fortunately for us, there also seems to "light at the end of the tunnel".

After years in the making of several past presidents, we are excited to announce our new peer-reviewed PRTESOL Research Journal that will be ready for the convention. We also want to celebrate bringing back our Bulletin of the Board, as well as continuing our PRTESOL-Gram. I would like to thank everyone on those committees for making these important publications available to our members. However, a special thanks goes out to Dr. Irma Rodriguez and Mercedes Fernandez for chairing those committees. I would also like to wholeheartedly thank a group of professionals who **volunteer** their time and energy to ensure the success of PRTESOL by serving on the Board of Directors. Please take time to get to know them in this bulletin.

We have included our calendar of events in the bulletin with the hope that you will join us at our future events. Our next upcoming event will be our Summer Institute which will be held virtually on June 26, 2021, at 9:00 am. We would also like to invite you to be a part of our 48th PRTESOL Annual Convention that will be held on Friday, November 5, 2021, in our first ever hybrid format. Because of safety protocols, invited guests and the PRTESOL Board of Directors will hold the convention live at the Universidad Ana G. Méndez, Carolina campus, while our members will be able to join us virtually online.

To all of our members, thank you so much for being a part of this amazing, adaptive, and innovative professional association. I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Institute, the remaining PRTESOL activities in 2021, and on Friday, November 5, 2021, at our annual convention.

Ready to rise again with you, Dr. Philip Murray Finley



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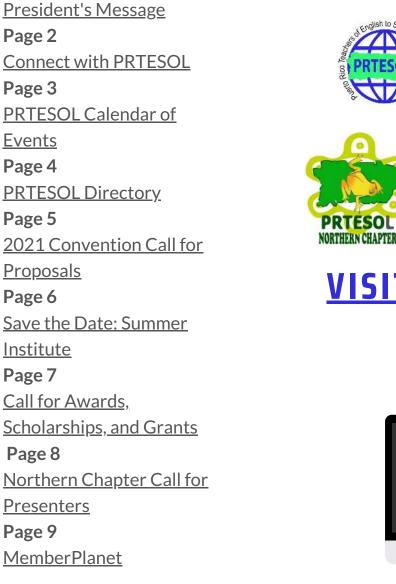
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2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE-DECEMBER (ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE)

| JUNE | AUGUST |
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| 26TH - PRTESOL SUMMER INSTITUTE | 14TH - WESTERN CHAPTER HALF-DAY CONFERENCE 27TH - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TESOL CONFERENCE 28TH - NORTHERN CHAPTER FULL-DAY CONFERENCE |
| SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER |
| 11TH- 4TH MAIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 18TH- EASTERN CHAPTER HALF-DAY CONFERENCE | 2ND- SOUTHERN CHAPTER HALF-DAY CONFERENCE 13TH-16TH- SOUTHEAST TESOL REGIONAL CONFERENCE (HOSTED BY GEORGIA TESOL) 16TH 5TH MAIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING |
| NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
| 5TH - PRTESOL 48TH ANNUAL CONVENTION | 11TH- 6TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND TRANSITION MEETING |

For more information, contact your local chapter or visit prtesol.org/events

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Take advantage of your PRTESOL membership and the many opportunities to expand your resources and knowledge to serve your students, schools, and communities. Contact your leaders today1

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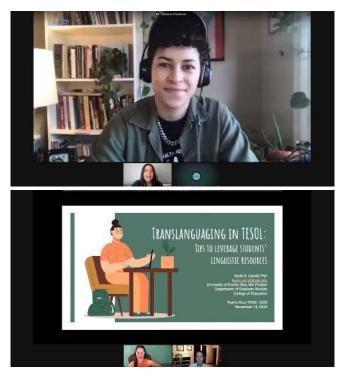
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CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS



The PRTESOL Program Committee is pleased to announce the Call for Proposals for the Puerto Rico TESOL 48th Annual Convention to be held virtually, on Saturday, November 5, 2021.

The 2021 convention theme is **Ready to Rise**.

Submission deadline: June 30th, 2021

We invite and encourage our fellow English language teaching professionals, scholars, researchers, prospective teachers, and students to submit a presentation, training session/workshop, or research/paper proposal tied to this year's convention theme. PRTESOL is seeking proposals that reflect the finest and most promising topics, research, and practices to enhance our teachers' sense of purpose, relevance, resilience, professional growth, and overall quality of life.



Click on the papers for more information.



Click on the form to submit a proposal to present.

For more information, please contact Dr. Stephania Uwakweh, 2021 PRTESOL Convention Program Chair, via prtesolproposal@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: PRTESOL 2021 SUMMER INSTITUTE



PRTESOL 2021 CALL FOR AWARDS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

In the spirit of recognizing and supporting the professional and academic aspirations of our members, PRTESOL is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for its annual awards, grants, and scholarships honoring excellence in service to the TESOL field to be presented at the 2021 PRTESOL Annual Convention on November 5, 2021.





Click here for more information about the awards.



Click here to apply or nominate someone for an award!

For more information, please contact Prof. Eyla Santiago, Awards, Grants, and Scholarships Committee Chair at prtesolawards@gmail.com

PRTESOL NORTHERN CHAPTER 2021 FULL-DAY CONFERENCE CALL FOR PRESENTERS

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| Full-Day Con | ference: Rebooting th | e Classroom |
| LAST DAY F | OR SUBMISSION: JUL | <u>Y 24, 2021</u> |
| | POSSIBLE TOPICS | |
| MIND | BODY | SPIRIT |
| DEVELOPING CRITICAL THINKING EFFECTIVE TEACHING STRATEOIES TEACHING INTERACTION WITH TEXTS DEVELOPING CREATIVE THINKING THROUGH LITERATURE | PROJECT-BASED LEARNING PROMOTING COLLABORATION IN THE CLASSROOM STAYING HEALTHY WHILE ONLINE TEACHING | SOCIO-EMOTIONAL LEARNING PROMOTING STUDENT VOICES DEVELOPING LEARNER AGENCY CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING |

The Northern Chapter is pleased to inform you that they will be hosting their 2021 Full-Day Conference titled "**Rebooting the Classroom**", and would be honored if you could consider being a presenter at said event.

This conference will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM San Juan, Puerto Rico, via Zoom videoconferencing platform.

Submission deadline: July 24, 2021

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For more information, please contact the Northern Chapter at prtesolnorthernchapter@gmail.com

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