

### 9:00-10:15 Workshop Session 1

**A. Literacy for Low Levels: Beginners Can Love to Read, Too!:** Learn how to get your students excited about reading. Get some practical suggestions for different approaches and materials to use. Nancy Novak has taught ESL since 1986 in the U.S. and abroad. Since 2005, she has taught all levels of ESL at Clark College in Vancouver, WA.

**B. Starting Right with Pronunciation Improvement:** For Beginning level students, tutors learn what is happening in their mouths when they pronounce English, and how to help their students achieve these sounds. Participants are asked to email the presenter specific questions at ballen@pcc.edu prior to the conference. Bob Allen has taught pronunciation for twenty years at the Comm. College level.

**C. Learner Web: Help Students Reach Their Goals:** Get familiar with the content, including GED and ESL materials, and learn how to help your student navigate the Learner Web and formulate individual goals and learning plans. Katie Mitchell has been working on the Learner Web project for two years. She uses technology frequently in her ESOL classroom and trains others on using the Learner Web.

**D. English Grammar: Breaking Through the Barriers of Language Structure:** Tips, tools and techniques for Intermediate-Advanced students. Mary Owen has been teaching ESL at the Intermediate and Advanced levels since 1999. After eight years of classroom teaching with a strong focus on grammar usage, she is currently doing private tutoring.

**E. More Beginning Level ESL Activities:** Les Rivera, a full-time ESL instructor at Clark College, shares his workshop full of hands-on fun Activities and Games for Beginning Level ESL adult students.

### 10:30-11:45 Workshop Session 2

**F. Expanding Vocabulary- Ways to Put Words in Their Mouths:** This workshop will explore techniques for building student vocabulary along with activities, websites, and classroom games that help students remember their new words; plus teacher created handouts that can be copied for your students. Ann Kopel, MA (TESOL) has been teaching ESL at PCC since 2003.

**G. Pronunciation Problems--and Solutions:** If your students are tongue-tied by consonant clusters and "stressed" by syllable stress, this workshop will explore some common pronunciation problems and possible solutions. These tips and tricks are aimed toward intermediate and/or advanced students. Catherine Johnston is a full-time ESL instructor at Clark College in Vancouver, WA.

**H. Culture Exchange:** Students from around the world share some of their cultural heritage and practices. Join them for a discussion of the wondrous variety of ways that people express themselves in culture and language. A workshop for students and tutors, facilitated by Kay Talbot, Tutor Coordinator at PCC Sylvania.

**I. Grammar for Lower Level Students:** Keep your students engaged and learning. Find out how to teach the grammar basics in a communicative framework where your student gets the analytic knowledge, but plenty of practice time, too. Jennifer Rueda, MA (TESOL), started tutoring in 1999, and has been teaching Lifeskills (Basic ESL) at Clackamas Community College for three years.

**J. A Reading Lesson Revealed:** Through experiential activities, participants will identify the strategies a good reader uses to make sense of a reading text. Techniques will be demonstrated and discussed to address reading challenges for upper level ESOL and ABE students. Kathleen Holloway is the Volunteer Tutor Coordinator at PCC SE Center and an ESOL teacher for over 20 years.

### 1:45-3:00 Workshop Session 3

**K. Tutor Discussion Session:** Join experienced tutors to talk about the joys and frustrations of tutoring. Bring your questions and ideas to share with others. Moderator Kay Talbot is the Tutor Coordinator at PCC Sylvania.

**L. How to Detect Undercurrents of Stress in Your Students:** Learn the signs of student stress, and techniques for dealing with these issues. Karen Swallow and Diane Tehrani are both adjunct instructors of ESL at Clark College. Karen is also an adjunct ESL instructor at PCC Cascade Campus. Diane leads an ESL conversation group at PCC Sylvania Campus.

**M. Using the Web to Your Advantage: Tips on Evaluating Online Resources for ESOL Tutors:** This workshop will teach you tips for evaluating websites for usefulness and validity, and help to identify some best practices to be able to use online resources more effectively with students. Emilia Gilroy-Sander has been involved in adult literacy for the last 4 years and has taught ESOL.

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**O. Working with the Multilevel ESOL Class:** [This workshop is FULL – please make another selection.]

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