



Computer Assisted Language Instruction Consortium

Spring 2018 CALICO President's Letter

Dear CALICO members,

Now that the second part of the academic year is underway for many of us, we would like to provide you with an update on the behind-the-scenes activities of CALICO.

Please join me in welcoming the following new members to the executive board, starting in May 2018:

- Joe Cunningham – Executive Board
- Nina Vyatkina – Executive Board
- Jonathon Reinhardt – Vice President

We'd also like to extend our thanks to Bob Godwin-Jones and Randy Sadler, who will be rotating off the Executive Board in May 2018.

As announced this past fall, the CALICO website has been redesigned and is now available. An exciting feature of the newly updated website is that it offers more space for interaction with CALICO's 8 Special Interest Groups (SIGs). If you are interested in joining a SIG, please visit the SIG pages for contact information, planned events, and links to SIG resources. All 8 of CALICO's special interest groups have updated information on current SIG leadership and links to other online sites where you can receive more information and get involved. If you would like to be involved in one of our SIGS, please get in touch with the corresponding SIG chair.

As far as conference news, we are looking forward to this year's CALICO in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois (May 29-June 2, 2018). The conference theme is *Connecting CALL's Past to its Future* and we are pleased to announce that Brian Dear, who just finished a book on the history of the PLATO project, will be the keynote; his talk will take place on Wednesday May 30, from 5:30-6:30pm. Conference chairs Randy Sadler and Lawrence Williams, CALICO manager Esther Horn, and others have been working hard at organizing the conference details for us! As you make your preparations to join us in Illinois, don't forget to tag #CALICO2018 on your social media sites.

The Graduate Student SIG and the CALICO executive board are happy to announce the inaugural CALICO Graduate Student Networking Lunch at this year's conference. On Thursday May 31st, select CALL scholars will have lunch with a small number of graduate students to discuss specific topics of interest (e.g., managing your career, research in specific areas, publishing, etc.). If you are a graduate student interested in taking part, please contact Fabrizio Fornara, chair of the Graduate Student SIG (ff11@my.fsu.edu), for more information and to sign up. If you are a CALL scholar interested in volunteering to mentor graduate students over lunch, please contact Shannon Sauro (shannon.sauro@mau.se).

The conference will also feature a special graduate-student poster session (followed by a reception) on Wednesday May30th, from 6:45-7:45 in the Illinois Union building. Be sure to come support our future CALICO colleagues!

In other news, CALICO was pleased to co-host a successful and fun social event during the ACTFL convention this past November in Nashville, TN. CALICO is grateful to event partners Lingro Learning and CASLS and hope we can continue to collaborate in the future! CALICO is now an organizational member of ACTFL and we are excited for future collaboration and a presence at that conference.

The 2017 CALICO + ACTFL Distance Learning SIG awards for Online Teaching were awarded to Yan Gao (Henrico County Public Schools) and to Betty Rose Facer (Old Dominion University). Both recipients are tireless advocates for online teaching and learning and we congratulate them for their achievements. In addition to the plaques they received at the DL SIG ceremony in Nashville, CALICO is also pleased to provide these award winners with one-year memberships in CALICO, free registration to the CALICO conference in 2018, and a spot at the CALICO conference technology showcase in 2018. Be sure to congratulate them if you see them in Urbana-Champaign!



In *CALICO Journal* news, there will be a special issue coming out in January 2019 called *Critical CALL*, which is guest edited by Jesse Gleason and Ruslan Suvorov.

As we approach this year's conference, please keep in mind the following deadlines: ALE Award nominations deadline (3/12), Outstanding Graduate Student Award (3/23), and Early Registration for the conference (4/13). Registration is open. As you are making travel arrangements be sure to check out the group carpool ride sharing opportunity. We look forward to seeing you at CALICO 2018!

All the best,

Lara Lomicka Anderson
CALICO President, 2017-2018

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