

The NYS TESOL Special Interests Group for Higher Education and Regions Committee  
Present

## **"Bridging the Gap III: A Dialogue between ESL Instructors in Secondary and Higher Education Settings"**

**Saturday, May 8th, 2010**

**10:00 am – 1:30 pm**

**Pace University, New York City**

This mini-conference will explore curriculum issues within secondary school and higher ed composition classes. We aim to create an informal setting within which to exchange knowledge so that secondary education teachers and their counterparts in the college composition classrooms increase their awareness regarding content and expectations within their educational settings. Specifically, we will compare and contrast curriculum content and assignments in order to assist our students to bridge the gap between secondary and college composition expectations.

The conference will consist of presentations by representatives of secondary school and college composition settings, along with time allotted for break-out groups to exchange assignments and engage in smaller discussion forums. **Please bring sample student assignments and writing to share with others.**

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Registration
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Presentations
  - Victoria Pilotti, ESL Teacher, Jamaica High School, Jamaica, NY, will discuss preparing ELLs for the NYS Regents Comprehensive English Examination.
  - Tara Vassallo, English Language Institute, Instructor, ESL, Pace University, NY, will discuss writing strategies for international students preparing to enter Pace University.
  - Dafna Ben-Anath, ESL Instructor, English Composition, Pace University, New York, NY, will discuss curriculum content, writing assignments and requirements of composition courses.
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.: Small Group Discussions
- 12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: General Wrap-up Discussion

*Light Refreshments will be served.*

### ***By subway:***

**2 and 3** -- Take **2** or **3** to Park Place, **A and C** to Broadway-Nassau St./Fulton St. Station, **4, 5, and 6** to the Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall Station, **J, M, and Z** to Broadway-Nassau St./Fulton St. Station, **N and R** to City Hall/Broadway Station

### ***For Driving Directions:***

<http://www.pace.edu/pace/about-us/all-about-pace/directions-to-all-campus/new-york-city-campus/>

### ***Registration is Free***

Please RSVP by May 5th, 2010 to Dafna Ben-Anath at [dafnaba@yahoo.com](mailto:dafnaba@yahoo.com)

***Please indicate whether you teach at a secondary or higher education setting.***