



TexTESOL III Mini-Letter

Texas Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

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October Is Almost Here!!

2006 TexTESOL State Conference

October 26th - Oct. 28th, 2006
Austin, Texas

TexTESOL State Conference is getting close! Plans are heating up and the Organizing Committee has been busy working on all the pesky little details. *If you are interested in volunteering*, it's not too late to sign up. We can use all the help we can get and you don't have to be from Austin to help out during the conference. Just let us know at volunteers@textesol.org.

Make sure you check the website at www.textesol.org/region3/. We are updating the information regularly, so if you still don't see all the details you crave, try again in a few days! *The presentation schedule will be available soon.*

Remember: The conference is all day Friday and ALL DAY Saturday. A Concierge Room for luggage storage will be available Saturday so that you can check out and still stick around.

Important Dates to Remember:

- ❖ **September 15, 2006** Deadline for the Early Registration discount
Visit www.textesol.org/region3/ today for the Conference Registration Form!

➔ Remember to also take advantage of the "5 for the price of 4" discount for institutions.

- ❖ **October 4, 2006** Deadline for special hotel rates at the Marriott and Omni Hotels
Call today to reserve your rooms at greatly reduced rates today, using the code "Texas TESOL"

[Omni Southpark Hotel](#)
1-800-843-6664

[Austin Airport Marriott South](#)
1-800-228-9290

Remember to ask the hotel representative at the 1-800 numbers to extend your room rates for 3 days prior or 3 days after the conference dates if you are staying in Austin longer.

- ❖ **October 28, 2006**
 - TexTESOL III will hold the annual Business Meeting and Election from 10:35 AM to 12:00 PM at the Marriott Hotel.
 - Stick around for a **surprise event** in the Omni Lobby Lounge after the last session at 4:30 PM.

Speakers from TESOL



Dr. Jun Liu is Associate Professor in the English Language/Linguistics MA Program and also a faculty member of the Second Language Acquisition and Teaching Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program at the University of Arizona. He is the TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc.) President-elect (2005-2006) and will be the TESOL President in 2006-2007. Concurrently, Dr. Liu is directing the English Language Center at Shantou University in Guangdong, China. He is also a columnist for "English Teachers" in the 21st Century Weekly in China.

Dr. Michele J. Sabino is a former president of TEXTESOL IV and is currently serving TESOL as past president and Chair of the Development Committee. Her academic credentials include a doctorate from Texas A&M in adult education and applied linguistics and a management certificate from Rice University. Dr. Sabino's educational experiences include teaching English to native and non-native speakers in public schools, community colleges and universities. She has been a teacher trainer and a program administrator.



You can find out more about the many great speakers at this year's State Conference at <http://www.textesol.org/region3/speakers.htm>

While in Austin

Here are a couple of exciting performances at the Hogg Memorial Auditorium (512) 477-6060 <http://www.utpac.org/2006/calendar.php>

Joan Baez

Friday, October 27, 2006 at 8pm



Joan Baez's voice has been heard during the turbulent times of the past four decades. She sang about freedom and Civil Rights everywhere, "from the backs of flatbed trucks in Mississippi to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's March on Washington in 1963." She participated in the birth of the Free Speech movement at UC Berkeley and co-founded the Institute for the Study of Nonviolence.

Putumayo presents Acoustic Africa

Saturday, October 28, 2006 at 8pm



An exhilarating acoustic musical journey featuring three of the best live performers from the African continent, including Malian superstar Habib Koité, powerful South African singer songwriter Vusi Mahlasela, and relative newcomer, Dobet Gnahoré, from Ivory Coast.