Aloha Alumni and Current Students:

The academic year 2013 wrapped up with lots of great events. For example, you can read about faculty travels on pages 9-11. Mark James and I attended the Second Language Research Forum (SLRF) in Provo, Utah. It was great to associate and renew acquaintances with many of the LDS language teachers who were in attendance. I came away with the sense that it was an important time to be a language teacher in the Kingdom.

As part of the conference, I attended a meeting with TESOL representatives from BYU Idaho, BYU Provo, and the Missionary Training Center. We discussed how we could support each other in preparing assessment for English language speakers in remote locations. BYUI and BYUH are both teaching online language courses and need placement (and other assessment) measures that we can offer to students not yet on our campuses. BYU Provo faculty and graduate student researchers in TESOL, Linguistics, and other languages have been working on computer graded language assessment for a number of years. Now, BYUI and BYUH want to join in and prepare placement tests for online students.

The MTC has a new and massive language need. Because missionaries no longer spend as much time in the MTC, incoming missionaries need to begin language study before they arrive. The current plan is to convert the content from the computer-based instruction that has been used for quite a few years into Web-based materials for missionaries to use before they arrive at their assigned MTC. They need to do this for 67 languages! What a job! What an exciting time to be a language teacher.

The MTC is also interested in the English language assessments we are working on for remote students because they would like to test the English language level of missionaries who say on their applications that they speak English.

Please do, all of you, keep your language teaching skills active and current. The Lord will need your knowledge and skills as He hastens the work of salvation.

Ellen Bunker
Every other year, the TESOL Society helps to organize a TESOL mini-conference on our campus. This Fall (in October), as you can see in the pictures, students and faculty had a great time sharing knowledge, skills, expertise, and food! Thanks to those that presented at the conference.
The last TESOL Society event of Summer Semester and the first of Fall Semester highlighted those who had gone on TESOL internships during the Summer of 2013. About 20 interns found providers in 9 different countries. At the "Internship Evenings" each interns gave a 15 minute presentation three times. Participants could go to any three intern presentations during the evening. Both nights were a great success. The Fall activity had about 70 attendees. It was a great success!
TESOL Society Presidency

Our incoming officers are Amy Dilg (USA), Juan Escalante (USA), Dong Wook Kim (Korea), Hana Uehara (Japan), Jess Jameson (USA), Kit Nadado (Philippines), and Destiny Calvario (USA). We are really fortunate to have great leaders in our major that contribute so much as these people have and do. Mahalo to each.

The outgoing presidency included Mahana Arandia (Philippines), Jemin Lee (Korea), Yeji Lee (Korea), Dongwook Kim (Korea), Po Yee Lee (Hong Kong), Kit Wa Tong (Hong Kong), Kin Chung Kwok (Hong Kong), and Adrienne Cardoza (USA).
The TESOL Society presidency has accomplished a lot during the last few semesters. In addition to this story, see the next three stories for exciting activities sponsored by the TESOL Society.

The first major accomplishment was sponsoring the biennial Mini-TESOL Conference on campus in October (see p. 2).

Our next event was not a new one…cotton candy at Food Fest! ASBYUH didn't have their act together and there were two clubs doing cotton candy, and you know what that would mean. We also decided to do face painting again, and between the two, we managed to be successful. They wouldn't allow us to make the cotton candy in a classroom, and that was a bit of a challenge since outdoors is breezy and very humid…both natural enemies of cotton candy.
In response to our department chair's focus on "growing our major", the TESOL Society came up with different ways to make our major more widely known. One of the projects was to prepare special “name” tags to wear that had one of three headings: TESOL: Go Global, TESOL: Key to the World; or English: Language of Peace. These gave the wearers many opportunities to make our major better known. We've also begun encouraging all to be quick to explain what T-E-S-O-L means since many faculty and students don't know. We've had a large vinyl banner made which advertises the TESOL Society with TESOL spelled out in full. The presidency came up with 20 or more suggestions of how we can more fully broadcast who we are.
The annual BYUH TESOL poster session was held during the visit of the External Program Review team in November. About thirty students from TESOL 429 (Teaching Writing) and TESOL 425 (Teaching Vocabulary) presented, and numerous observers flowed into the Aloha Center to learn more about effective TESOL teaching and learning ideas. Judges included ELT faculty members and students from TESOL 377. The event was a tremendous success, and presenters considered it to be one of the highlights of their TESOL experience. We look forward to seeing the presenters and their posters at future conferences including Hawaii TESOL (in February 2014) and TESOL International.
Poster Session Cont

Brother and Sister Wolfersberger hear from presenters Dongwook (Coy) Kim and Angie Whisler while ELT intern Rebecca Haymore chats with students.

Presenter Victoria Chan chats with Sister Wallace, Presenter Jasmine Chu presents to ELT Program reviewer Mike Smith (BYUH TESOL alum), and Presenter Natalie Tsang chats with Sister Bunker.

Presenter Lei Chen's poster on the impact of good listening on language learning.
In September, Mark James ('79) and Paul Rama ('04), a new faculty member working in the BYUH Online Dept (DOC), travelled to Yonsei University (Seoul, Korea) to attend the 2nd World Congress in Extensive Reading. The conference offered quite a bit of news regarding the future of extensive reading, related websites, and other online resources. Paul and Mark also enjoyed talking with other professionals (like Paul Nation, Richard Day, and Averil Coxhead) and having dinner with some of our graduates.
Provo

Ellen Bunker and Mark James travelled to “Zion” in October to attend the 2013 Second Language Research Forum (SLRF). The conference was held in Provo’s new downtown convention center. There, Ellen met up with people from both Provo and BYU-Idaho to discuss cooperation in online instruction. BYUH will teach online students for BYUI whose English levels are too low to get into their online ESL START course.

It was also a great opportunity to catch up with our former ELT faculty Lynn Henrichsen, Karen Bergendorf, and Norm Evans, as well as
New Zealand

Amanda Wallace (‘88), currently serving as the EIL Coordinator, attended the” Vocabulary at Vic” (Victoria University) Conference in New Zealand in December. The list of TESOL vocabulary gurus was long—Paul Nation, Averil Coxhead, Rob Waring, Tom Cobb, Keith Folse, Simon Fraser, Norbert Schmitt, Diane Schmitt—and many more, including a number of doctoral candidates in linguistics and language acquisition who presented some of the latest research in vocabulary learning. Presentations included Nation’s opening plenary overview of the history of vocabulary research, Norbert Schmitt’s look at size and depth of vocabulary in language learning, and Cobb’s discussion of problems with computer analysis of collocations. The small size of the conference enabled helpful and enjoyable informal discussion with participants, too, and there was lots of good food—New Zealand style. Amanda got her picture taken with Averil Coxhead while there.
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Graduates

Joel Phillip Ligaliga
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Sunjung Moon Baer
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Dear Friends and Alumni,

We have just received important information concerning the donation process, and are passing it on to you. As you may already be aware, anyone can now donate online to BYU-Hawaii. If you wish at some point to donate to the Alice Pack Scholarship Fund, here are the steps and details you need to know.

- Go to www.byuh.edu
- Wave your mouse over "Alumni" in the top menu
- Choose "Give back"
- Click on the "Donate Online" red button
- Now you will see a simple form with 4 categories.
- Enter the amount in the "BYU Hawaii Scholarships" box
- Below that is a box labeled "Add comment". Clicking on this will open a box where you can type the following sentence: "Please allocate this donation to the Alice Pack Scholarship Fund #30208025". Enter your credit card information and you're done!
Ivan CHUNG (’11) stopped by the offices to say “Hi” to everyone. He and his little family were enjoying the Thanksgiving holidays in Hawaii. Life as an English teacher in Taiwan continues to go well.

Siu Ha “Hera” (Lee) SHUM (‘97) recently became a full-time Primary School English teacher for the HK Ministry of Education. Sounds like an adventure, Hera!

Rose RAM (’89) recently was called to head the Office of Institutional Research for BYU-Hawaii. In this position she directs all of the university’s assessment and accreditation efforts. We pray for you, Rose!

Michael SMITH (’93), Director of ESL Services at the University of Texas at Austin, returned to BYU-Hawaii as one of the 2 outside department review team members to assess the ELT Dept. and its 2 programs (EIL & TESOL).

Nobuo TSUDA (’83) continues to direct the intensive English program at Konan University (Institute of Language Culture) and will present the results of his research using Criterion (Internet/computer-based grading system) at a conference in Honolulu and will come to campus to speak to our TEASOL majors.

Cydonia (Wust) THOMPSON (‘06) came back from Thailand and is now teaching at the Laie Elementary School and part-time for our EIL program. Welcome home!!

Kevin YANG (‘00) recently published (with Carsten Roever) an article on the acquisition of negation in Chinese in the Journal of the Chinese Language Teachers Association. Nice work!

Alexis YOUNG (‘09) just started teaching ESL for Rancho Solano Prep School (private boarding school) in Scottsdale Arizona. She is happy to be working with one
TESOL Alumni cont.

Brent GREEN (’90) and Maureen Andrade are writing a reading textbook together. It is due at the publisher in a few weeks. Best wishes on meeting your deadline.

Adhna MARTIN (’12) has just announced her marriage to Reif Tauati on January 31, 2014 in the Kona Temple. Congratulations to Adhna and Reif.

Bill EGGINGTON (’75) is in Korea serving as a visiting scholar at Kyung Hee University. Bill is teaching, researching, and writing while there, as well as resurrecting his mission language fluency from 43 years ago.