



Preparing ELLs for Success in College Courses

July 7-8, 2010

Day 1

Presenters: Ed Murtha, Marilyn Pongracz, Gail Fernandez, and Maria Kasparova

Explore strategies for helping students learn academic vocabulary, develop critical thinking, advance writing skills, paraphrase, summarize, and begin to conduct research.

***Ed Murtha** has taught at Bergen Community College since 1976 and has been a professor in the American Language Program since 1990. He has collaborated with other faculty on numerous grant projects and co-founded the English Language Resource Center (ELRC). He taught the first online ALP course, and specializes in reading and grammar.*

*Since 1998, **Marilyn Pongracz** has been the supervisor of the ELRC, which provides one-to-one tutoring, computer programs, a library, and workshops for ELLs attending Bergen Community College. She also currently teaches a writing course in the ALP. Marilyn volunteered to be the Technology Coordinator for NJTESOL/NJBE in 2002, and has reworked the website, presented at the Spring Conference, and written articles for the newsletter.*

***Gail Fernandez** is an assistant professor at BCC and has taught in the ALP since 2003. She has spearheaded several grants including a Title V grant, a Peer Mentoring Grant, an ELMS Grant (linking reading and writing courses), and an Academic Skills Enhancement Grant. She taught her first hybrid classes this spring. Previously, she taught at NYU, Hunter College, Pace University, and Boston University.*

Day 2

Presenters: Katherine McGivern, Leah Saliba, & Jane Ostacher

Discover the components of a successful online writing class, library resources for ELLs, podcasting for pronunciation practice, photostory as a community learning tool, and YouTube as a source for listening and content.

***Leah Saliba** has been a lecturer in the ALP since 2006. She is a member of the online teaching team and designed and taught a Level 2 online writing course. She also substituted the teacher of a Level 3 hybrid grammar class for two months. In addition, she participated in the grant to establish the English Language Resource Center, served as the first advisor, and created multimedia applications for student use.*

***Kate McGivern** is an Assistant Professor in the Sidney Silverman Library at Bergen Community College and is the library's liaison to the American Language Program. She teaches library instruction to ALP classes, develops and maintains the library collection for the ALP and works with ALP faculty on assignments and research. Kate earned her MA in Library Science at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey and her BA in English and Communications from Eastern Connecticut State College in Willimantic, CT.*