

WAESOL Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient Nomination Letter

We are pleased to nominate Jennifer Haywood for the WAESOL excellence in teaching award. While we at UW International & English Language Programs are fortunate to have a number of excellent instructors in our department, we can think of no one more deserving of this recognition than Jennifer. She is a remarkably skilled and dedicated language educator who has taught as a full-time Extension Lecturer at UW IELP for the past 14 years. Her dedication to students, commitment to language education, and passion for teaching are greatly appreciated by students and peers alike.

While Jennifer has taught different skills areas to students of varying levels, her specialty is pronunciation. In addition to regularly teaching pronunciation in the Intensive English Program, Jennifer also frequently teaches a course for International Teaching Assistants designed to improve their lesson presentation skills, language production, and communication skills.

Jennifer has taken several graduate linguistic courses and has also taught a number of undergraduate courses for the UW Linguistics Department, including Fundamentals of Grammar and Phonology. In the ESL courses she teaches for IELP, Jennifer skillfully manages to utilize that strong foundation in linguistics. Students in her classes are challenged to consider issues of transference from their L1. Students in her pronunciation and listening & speaking courses, often without realizing it, have effectively taken a strong introductory course in both phonology and morphology. Jennifer routinely receives superlative student evaluations. Students also recognize, and frequently comment on, Jennifer's passion for teaching and commitment to helping them improve and reach their goals.

Jennifer's expertise also extends beyond the classroom. She

regularly participates in curriculum committee meetings and often provides extensive feedback on course curricula and assessment. In the past year alone, she developed and piloted a test preparation course and an advanced content-based course focused on the leadership skills students need to succeed in college. With each course she developed, she provided organized teachers' guides, syllabi, plans, scope & sequences, and class materials, including tests, activities, and projects. The level of detail and guidance she provided in these materials have greatly benefitted students and will be appreciated by future teachers. Jennifer's willingness to work with instructors and staff on developing and revising existing courses and exams has shown her dedication to our learning community.

Jennifer has also been active professionally. She regularly attends TESOL, Tri-TESOL, and other conferences focused on linguistics, and she has delivered a number of presentations. For her dedication in the classroom and commitment to the field and profession, we nominate Jennifer Haywood for this award.

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