

# Letter from the Editor

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Hello WAESOL Community,

The Publication Committee is ending 2018 with a very special interview with Mandy Manning, the 2018 National Teacher of the Year and the WAESOL 2018 keynote speaker. Mandy believes in her students, and she highly advocates that each person involved in students' lives should never underestimate what students have or could achieve. In her inspiring speech and interview, she has highlighted several very important issues, such as the fact we as educators, instructors, professionals, and even legislators, as well as decision makers, should be always there in classes if we really care about the success of our students. She said, "Every student in this country deserves access to a teacher who is committed to their success."

Of special interest are a brief report of the 2018 TESOL Policy and Advocacy Summit held in Washington, DC, written by our current WAESOL President, Michelle Roth from Clark College, and a review of "The Technology Symposium and a Regional Conference," which was held in Vancouver by BCTEAL written by Randi Freeman and Bob Woods. Moreover, in this issue you will read about the recipients of the 2018 grants and scholarships. Finally, you will learn about some upcoming domestic, national, and global professional development opportunities through our events calendar, so you can also get or stay involved in the local TESOL community. With your feedback and contributions, we will continue publishing what is relevant to all our WAESOL members. In this issue, we have also included several articles on teaching reflections and teaching tips. In the scholar-practitioner section you will read two articles tackling different topics in the field for you to ponder.

As always, *WAESOL Educator* aims to provide a



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professional space for WAESOL members to share and exchange their innovative ideas, teaching tips and practices, as well as their research. *WAESOL Educator* invites you to submit any original unpublished works, including scholar-practitioner research articles, teaching reflections, book reviews, teaching tips, ELT resources, and conference reviews. Your contributions to *WAESOL Educator* are highly appreciated by all our readers.

For more details on these topics and for additional guidelines, please go to *WAESOL Educator* Submission If you are interested in contributing to our upcoming issue, feel free to email the editor, Nizar Sulaivany, at [editor@waesol.org](mailto:editor@waesol.org).

Thank you very much to all the scholars who contributed to this issue, and special thanks go to the Publication Committee members Jessica Weimer and Kerry Clark for working on this.

The Publication Committee hopes you enjoy reading this new issue as you are enjoying your winter break and New Year.

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