



Coming in May!

The 8th Annual JALT Pan-SIG Conference 2009

Infinite possibilities: expanding limited opportunities in language education

Date: Saturday, May 23-Sunday, May 24

Location: Toyo Gakuen University, Nagareyama Campus, Chiba

Plenary speakers: J. D. Brown
Deryn Verity

This conference is co-sponsored by the following JALT SIGs:

- ⊗ Pragmatics (Prag)
- ⊗ College and University Educators (CUE)
- ⊗ Gender Awareness in Language Education (GALE)
- ⊗ Extensive Reading (ER)
- ⊗ Lifelong Language Learning (LLL)
- ⊗ Materials Writers (MW)
- ⊗ Other Language Educators (OLE)
- ⊗ Study Abroad (SA)
- ⊗ Testing and Evaluation (TEVAL)

Supported by:

- ⊗ The Yokohama Chapter of JALT
- ⊗ The West Tokyo Chapter of JALT
- ⊗ Computer Assisted Language Learning SIG (CALL)

Pre-registration is now closed. For information about on-site registration and for other information, please check the web site: <<http://pansig.org/2009/>>

Pragmatics at Pan-SIG will be well-represented by the following presentations:

- ✿ **Teaching critical thinking skills with political ads**
Sylvian Payne
- ✿ **Interlanguage pragmatic production ability of young Cantonese English learners**
Cynthia Lee
- ✿ **Power distribution in a television interview**
Andrew Atkins
- ✿ **Discourse analysis of encouragement in healthcare comics**
Rieko Matsuoka
- ✿ **L1-L2 idioms alike or different? A cognitive-linguistic pedagogical treatment of idioms for L2 learners of English**
Prof. Danny Chung-hong Leung
- ✿ **Coherence in L1 and L2 writings**
Aika Miura
- ✿ **Metapragmatic awareness and the eikaiwa teacher**
Gregory Glasgow
- ✿ **Topics and strategies of compliments in EFL classrooms**
Ming-Chu Liao
- ✿ **Comments on research results: Implications of a genre analysis for reading and writing instruction**
Dr. Jason Miin-Hwa Lim
- ✿ **Pragmatics colloquium**

In the December 2008 issue of JALT's *The Language Teacher*, Pan-SIG2009 Chairman, Andy Boon, describes the Pan-SIG conference and explains the origin of this year's theme. TLT subscribers can access the on-line article but a password is needed. The access information can be found on page 2 of *The Language Teacher* print issue.

Don't miss this exciting conference!
