



FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to Volume 7, Number 3 of *Language Learning & Technology*.

We regret to inform you that LLT Editor Mark Warschauer is on leave from the journal following a family tragedy. Irene Thompson has kindly agreed to step in as Editor during Mark's absence. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mark and his wife Keiko.

Margo Glew has done an excellent job guest editing this special issue under the keen guidance of Associate Editor Irene Thompson. We thank and congratulate both on a fine product. Please see the [From the Special Issue Editor](#) column for a description of the content of the issue.

In addition to the articles, columns, and reviews related to the special issue topic Distance Learning, we are pleased to include a commentary by [Phillip Towndrow](#) which was motivated by LeLoup and Ponterio's [On the Net](#) column in our last issue (Vol. 7, Num. 2). We encourage this kind of thoughtful response and welcome submissions of commentaries (see [Information for Contributors](#)) as well as articles.

Speaking of submissions, please note the [Call for Papers](#) for an upcoming special issue on Technology and Oral Language Development to be guest edited by David Nunan.

We would also like our readers to be aware of the upcoming AILA (International Association of Applied Linguistics) 2005 conference. We encourage you to attend and present. Links to HTML and PDF announcements are provided here:

- [AILA 2005 announcement](#) (html)
- [AILA 2005 announcement](#) (pdf)

Lastly, we proudly congratulate Julie Belz, LLT author and later special issue editor, for winning second place in the "Best Article in an Electronic Journal Award, 2002" issued by the American Educational Research Association Communication of Research Special Interest Group for her article, "[Social Dimensions of Telecollaborative Foreign Language Study](#)," published in *Language Learning & Technology* volume 6, number 1. An announcement of the award can be found at <http://aera-cr.ed.asu.edu/awards/>.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Chun, Editor

Pamela DaGrossa, Managing Editor



"The future is now. All that we can conceive of the future is now so that tomorrow is really today."

Frank Lloyd Wright

The 14th World
Congress of Applied
Linguistics

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Applied Linguistics.

July 24-29, 2005

Madison, Wisconsin
USA

CONFERENCE PROFILE

Presentations at the World Congress will bring together applied linguists from diverse communities and from varied intellectual traditions to explore the future. The theme of the conference is "The Future is Now" – a future where language is a means to express ideas that were unthinkable, to cross boundaries that seemed to be unbridgeable, and to share our local realities with people who live continents away.

For the first time the World Congress of Applied Linguistics will be held in the United States. The American Association for Applied Linguistics invites colleagues, students, and friends from all over the world to participate in AILA 2005 in Madison, Wisconsin – a city in the American heartland that has been called "the best place to live in America." Madison is built around four lakes and the conference sites are located on two of them. Monona Terrace is the conference center designed by Frank Lloyd Wright on Lake Monona, and The Pyle Center on Lake Mendota is the state-of-the-art distance education and conference center of the University of Wisconsin.

AAAL invites you to Madison in 2005. We promise you intellectual excitement and warm Midwestern hospitality in a relaxed and beautiful setting.

Monona Terrace Community and
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