

The UMBC Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Program Presents

Breaking into Adult TESOL



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In "Breaking Into Adult TESOL", four speakers share their experience going from students, to adjuncts, to specialists in Adult Education. The four presenters have gone down unexpected paths to end up in administrative positions. By hearing about the skills learned along the way, attendees will be able to identify new ways to stand out and seek out the education and opportunities that are sometimes hard to come by in Adult Education.

Katie Edwards is the Grant Program Coordinator at Howard Community College's English Language Center. Katie has worked with instructors to develop rigorous and dynamic English curriculum, focusing on workplace skills and career training. Before venturing into adult education, she taught English at a Chinese university for two years and completed her K-12 ESOL internship. Katie received her Master's in TESOL from UMBC in 2016.

Owen Silverman Andrews is the ELL Instructional Specialist at Anne Arundel Community College. In this role his responsibilities include curriculum and faculty professional development across AACC's English for Academic Purposes, English Basic Skills, English for Specific Purposes, and Teaching English as a Second Language programs. He graduated from the UMBC MA TESOL program in 2016.

Rachel Riggs is the ESL Instructional Specialist at Frederick Community College and a consultant for the EdTech Center at World Education. She specializes in the implementation of educational technology in TESOL and the integration of digital literacy. In 2015, Ms. Riggs earned her M.A. TESOL from The New School. Ms. Riggs also has ten years of experience teaching English abroad and locally to children and adults in individual, group, and classroom settings.

Coleman Caldwell is the English Language Acquisition Instructional Specialist at Strong City Baltimore's Adult Learning Center. He has been teaching at Strong City since 2018 and Howard Community College since 2019. Coleman started his ESL career tutoring Burmese warehouse workers in 2017 and later earned the 100-hour TESOL certification from Oxford Seminars in 2018. He completed his MA TESOL at Notre Dame of Maryland University in 2020. Coleman is an active member of MD TESOL as a life-long learner and presenter.