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TESOL Announces 2015 James E. Alatis Award for Service to TESOL

Alexandria, VA (9 January 2015) – [TESOL International Association](#) announced today that David Nunan is the 2015 recipient of the [James E. Alatis Award for Service to TESOL](#). The award honors outstanding and extended service by TESOL members at international, regional, and local levels. TESOL President Yilin Sun will present the award to Nunan at the James E. Alatis Plenary during the [2015 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo](#) in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

David Nunan is a globally acclaimed linguist, former president of TESOL International Association (1999–2000), and author of *Go For It!*, the largest selling textbook series in the world. He is professor emeritus of applied linguistics at the University of Hong Kong and president emeritus of Anaheim University, California. He has also worked as an educator, researcher, and consultant in Europe, Asia, and South America. Nunan has published more than 35 academic texts on curriculum development, language acquisition, research methods, and teacher education.

Beyond his service to TESOL as a president and board member, Nunan has maintained his commitment to TESOL as a keynote speaker and workshop leader for TESOL conventions, academies, symposia, and for numerous global affiliate conferences. In support of Nunan's nomination, TESOL Past President Jun Liu said, "No one travels to TESOL conferences, symposia, or workshops around the world more than he does. No one publishes as many books, papers, and articles as he does. No one mentors more young leaders of TESOL than he does, and no one balances the research, teaching, professional, and administrative services more than he does."

The [James E. Alatis Award for Service to TESOL](#) originated in 1987 to honor James E. Alatis for his 21 years of devoted service as TESOL's first executive director. Alatis is a charter member of TESOL International Association and dean emeritus of the School of Languages and Linguistics at Georgetown University.

About TESOL International Association

Founded in 1966, [TESOL International Association](https://www.tesol.org) is a professional community of educators, researchers, administrators, and students committed to advancing excellence in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide. With more than 13,000 members representing over 150 countries, TESOL fosters the exchange of ideas, research, and peer-to-peer knowledge, and provides expertise, resources, and a powerful voice on issues affecting the profession. Through professional development programs, its international conference, special interest groups, and publications, TESOL engages tens of thousands of professionals to collaborate globally and create a world of opportunity for millions of people of all ages who want to learn English. For more information, please visit www.tesol.org.

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