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TESOL and National Geographic Learning Announce 2016 TESOL Teacher of the Year

Alexandria, VA (XX March 2016) – [TESOL International Association](#) and [National Geographic Learning](#) are pleased to announce that Shannon Tanghe, an assistant professor and department head at [Dankook University's Graduate School of TESOL](#) in Seoul, South Korea, will receive the 2016 [TESOL Teacher of the Year Award](#). The award honors exceptional English language teaching and is open to teachers at all levels of education. Tanghe will be recognized at the opening keynote session of the [2016 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo](#) 5–8 April in Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

Tanghe began her career teaching young learners, later transitioning into her current role as a teacher educator. “I recognize the value in fostering a community where all people are encouraged to grow and develop . . . as English language users, teachers, and as members of the TESOL community,” said Tanghe. “In English language classes, I strive to create opportunities to transfer classroom content beyond the classroom, through introducing critical issues and international collaborations.”

The recipient of the TESOL Teacher of the Year Award receives a one-year membership in TESOL International Association; a selection of TESOL publications valued at US\$250; complimentary registration, travel, and accommodations for the 2016 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo; and a cash award of US\$1000. The award recipient will also deliver a presentation at the TESOL International Convention.

National Geographic Learning will present the award to Tanghe at the TESOL international convention, where she will deliver a presentation titled “Teaching to Learn: Focus on Teacher Inquiry Stance.” The presentation will show that, based on faculty and students’ experiences, cultivating teacher inquiry stances improves both professional growth and classroom practices.

For more on Shannon Tanghe, check out the [Teacher of Year feature](#) in the March issue of *TESOL Connections*.

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