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TESOL and ETS Name 2016 Recipient of Award for Distinguished Research

Bonny Norton and Ron Darvin's research to be highlighted at the 2016 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo this April.

Alexandria, VA (9 March 2016) – [TESOL International Association](#) and Educational Testing Service (ETS), the creator of [the TOEFL® Program](#), are pleased to name Bonny Norton and Ron Darvin as co-recipients of the 2016 [TESOL Award for Distinguished Research](#). Norton and Darvin are being honored for their paper “*Identity and a Model of Investment in Applied Linguistics*,” published in the [American Educational Research Journal](#). They will be recognized at the opening keynote session of the [2016 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo](#), 5-8 April in Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

Bonny Norton is a professor and distinguished university scholar in the department of language and literacy education at the University of British Columbia, Canada. Many of her key ideas are found in the second edition of *Identity and Language Learning*, published in 2013 by Multilingual Matters. A Fellow of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), she was the inaugural recipient of the Senior Research Leadership Award of AERA's Second Language Research Special Interest Group.

Ron Darvin is a doctoral candidate and Vanier Scholar at the University of British Columbia. His research focuses on digital literacy and equity, learner investment, and social class. Together with Bonny Norton, he has published in *TESOL Quarterly*, *Annual Review of Applied Linguistics*, and *Journal of Language, Identity, and Education*.

The winning paper is based on the sociological construct of *investment* as it relates to identity and language learning. In a joint statement, Darvin and Norton explain, “Given our increasingly digital and mobile world, we have developed an expanded model of investment, locating it at the intersection of identity, capital, and ideology. Drawing on research in contrasting regions of the world, the paper illustrates the ways in which the model might prove analytically useful as learners and teachers negotiate increasingly invisible relations of power in the 21st century.”

The winner of the TESOL Award for Distinguished Research receives US\$1,000; a free one-year membership in TESOL International Association; a one-year subscription to [TESOL Quarterly](#); and registration, travel, and accommodations for the TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo. The award recipient also delivers a presentation on the winning research at the TESOL convention.

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