

## **UAB's ESL Teacher Education Program: Timeline**

- 1999** First two courses on teaching English Learners
- 2000** First courses with the new EESL course prefix
- 2001** ESL program approved by ALSDE, and 3 students earned ESL certification
- 2002** First student earned ESL certification and MAEd for teaching ESL  
Federal grants (US Dept. of Education): NTNS and Project ACCESS
- 2003** Federal grant, Project EQUAL, in partnership with Shelby County
- 2004** 21 students earned ESL certification, most with MAEd for teaching ESL  
Alternative Master's for earning initial ESL certification
- 2005** 81 students with ESL certification and/or MAEd for teaching ESL
- 2006** Option to pursue MAEd for teaching ESL to adult learners
- 2007** Federal grants: Shelby STARS (Shelby) and Project HEART (Homewood)
- 2008** Website expanded: Testimonials, Hall of Fame, and Teacher Resources
- 2009** Proposal creating MAEd in English as a Second Language with 3 tracks:  
traditional & alternative to teach PK-12, & international to teach adults
- 2010** Facebook page launched for UAB's ESL Teacher Education program
- 2011** MAEd/ESL with dual PK-12 certification (ESL/French and ESL/Spanish)  
Class AA certification in ESL approved by the ALSDE
- 2012** Federal grants: SPEAK (Jefcoed), EDGE (Etowah), and ECHO (Enterprise)  
Partnership with Peace Corps for hosting *Master's International*
- 2013** Community English Classes at SOE as "lab school" for MAEd/ESL students
- 2014** Peace Corps partnership expanded to include Coverdell Fellows
- 2015** Partnership with International University of Gran Bassam (Ivory Coast)  
Summer ESL writing with Literacy Council & Jeff State Community College
- 2016** Students serve in the Peace Corps: Macedonia, Tonga, Lesotho, & Ecuador  
Federal grants: CREST (Gadsden/Attalla/Etowah) and IMPACT-PD (ECE)
- 2017** MAEd/ESL program's International track renamed TESOL track  
INTO UAB students (China, India, Vietnam) arrived for MA-TESOL Pathway  
3 ESL teachers started *Educational Studies in Diverse Populations* PhD
- 2018** Certification program nationally recognized w/conditions by CAEP/TESOL  
ESL Title III supervisor from South Dakota completed the EdS online  
EdS in TESOL established with 2 tracks (certification and non-certification)
- 2019** Graduate Certificate "Micro-Credential in Teaching Multilingual Learners"  
Statewide Coalition for creating Seal of Biliteracy for Alabama high schools  
Several MA courses are being adjusted for online delivery as of 2020

# **Celebrating 20 Years of ESL Teacher Education**

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**1999 - 2019**

**April 30, 2019  
Hill Student Center  
Alumni Theater**

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## UAB's ESL Teacher Education Program: Accomplishments

### Scholarly Productivity

10 ESL federal grants (\$15 M) since 2001  
31 articles/chapters in refereed publications

### 746 Alumni

83 "Add-on" certification (until 2009)  
430 MAEd with ESL Class A certification  
117 MAEd with alternative ESL Class A cert.  
91 MAEd for teaching ESL to adult learners  
25 Educational Specialists for teaching ESL

Our alumni have taught in 43 of Alabama's 67 counties and also in 32 states and 41 countries.
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### Clinical Placements in PK-12 Settings

**School Districts:** Alabaster, Alexander City, Attalla, Auburn, Baldwin, Birmingham, Boaz, Calhoun, Cullman Co., Decatur, DeKalb, Enterprise, Etowah, Gadsden, Homewood, Hoover, Huntsville, Jasper, Jefferson, Lee, Marion Co., Marshall, Montgomery, Morgan, Oxford, Pelham, Shelby, Tarrant, Tuscaloosa City, Vestavia, Walker

**Private Schools:** St. Bernard's and St. James

### Clinical Placements in Adult Learner Settings

**English Language Institutes at 4-year Institutions:** University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Alabama, Samford University, Auburn University at Montgomery, University of West Alabama, University of Nevada in Reno

**Community Colleges:** Gadsden State, Jefferson State (Shelby), Lawson State, Shelton State, and Wallace State (Dothan)

**Community English:** UAB/SOE Community English Classes, UAB Smolian House, Literacy Council of Central Alabama (outreach to 10+ ESL sites), Toyota Family Literacy Program (Shelby), Refugee Center (Mobile), Presentation Lantern Center (Dubuque, Iowa)

**Overseas—English as a Foreign Language:** Ecuador, Ivory Coast, Lesotho, Macedonia, Paraguay, Tonga

## Celebrating Twenty Years of ESL Teacher Education

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 4:00 PM

### Welcome: Telling our Story

Autumn Cyprès, Ed.D.  
Dean, School of Education

### Having a Vision and Getting Started

Julia S. Austin, Ph.D. (retired)  
Graduate School Professional Development Program

### Expanding Program to Meet School & Community Needs

Susan Spezzini, Ph.D.  
Professor & Program Coordinator, English Learner Education

### Strengthening Partnerships and Clinical Experiences

Josephine Prado, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor, English Learner Education

### Preparing All Teachers and Creating New Knowledge

Kelly Hill, Ph.D.  
Asst. Professor, English Learner & Early Childhood Education

### Outreach of ESL Alumni: Changing Lives

Dr. Susan Spezzini

### A Time to Celebrate

Dean Autumn Cyprès

*Reception in Lobby until 7:00 PM*

*Poster display of accomplishments and slide show of photographs*

*Musicians:*

*Annesley Streets (violin), Josephine Cox (viola), Donny Snyder (cello)*