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**Teachers Connecting with Teachers: Building Networks and Learning from Peers**

Teachers who are connected to other teachers are more likely to be effective. This session shares ways to build professional networks at conferences and professional meetings, as well as ways of making connections without going beyond the teachers’ room. This session also explores ways of learning from colleagues through such activities as reading discussions, lesson study, classroom observation, and group problem solving.

**Bio**

Dr. Christopher Stillwell has worked as a teacher educator in such places as Egypt, Peru, and Laos, and he has taught English as a Foreign Language in Japan, Spain, and the US. He has numerous publications on teacher development, including two books that he edited for TESOL Press on *Language Teaching Insights from Other Fields*, one of which was shortlisted for an award from the British Council. In 2016, he was named to TESOL International’s 50th anniversary list of “30 Up and Coming” TESOL professionals, “the next generation in research, teaching, publishing, and leadership.”

Current projects include:

-serving as an English Language Specialist for the US Department of State to design and provide workshops on English as Medium of Instruction (EMI) in Brazil

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