

RITELL Spring Conference  
Advancing the Discussion Skills of English Learners  
to Meet Common Core Demands



April 30, 2016



**Keynote Speaker: Paul Boyd-Batstone, Ph.D.**

*Professor/Chair of the Department of Teacher Education at California State University, Long Beach University*

**Engaging All Students in Collaborative Discussions:  
Building Comprehension of Narrative and Informational Text through Listening and Speaking**

*Paul-Boyd-Batstone, Ph.D., is a professor of literacy development and Chair of the Department of Teacher Education at California State University, Long Beach. He has worked for more than 30 years with diverse student populations and teacher development at all levels. His experience extends from Spanish bilingual education to Cambodian, Khmer/English literacy development. He is the author of a number of books on English language development and early literacy for English Language Learners and classroom assessment. His most recent books are *Helping English Language Learners Meet the Common Core: Assessment and Instructional Strategies, K-12 (2013)*; and *Teaching ELLs to Read: Strategies to Meet the Common Core K-5*. His service to the field included working as the lead editor of *The California Reader*, the professional journal of the California Reading Association; and chairing the International Literacy Associations' Commission on Second Language Literacy and Learning. This work has opened up opportunities to conduct teacher development and literacy work in Guatemalan schools.*

K-12 Breakout:

**Writing, Analyzing, and Using Anecdotal Records  
to Assess Students' Discussion Skills in English**

Featured Presenter: Paul Boyd-Batstone, Ph.D.

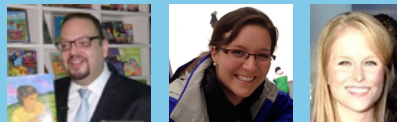
**WHERE:**

Rhode Island College  
Student Union Ballroom  
600 Mt. Pleasant Ave  
Providence, RI 02818

K-8 Breakout:

**How to Use Culturally Responsive Literature  
to Motivate and Empower ELLs**

Presenters: Abraham Barretto, Lee & Low Books, Vice President of Educational Sales  
Jill Eisenberg, Lee & Low Books, Senior Literacy Specialist  
Veronica Schneider, Lee & Low Books, Literacy and Sales Assistant



RITELL Election  
and Recognition of  
Outgoing Board

**DATE:**

April 30, 2016

**TIME:**

8:30-12:45

High School –Adult Breakout:

**Strategies to Help Adult Learners Overcome Barriers  
for Participating in Discussions**

Presenters: Kiyomi Donnelly, Coordinator of English for  
Academic Purpose Program, Salve Regina University  
Carolina Bisio, International Voices SIG Co-Chair, RITELL



**Conference  
Registration**

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