

# Matt Kessler

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests center around second language (L2) writing and L2 writing development. Additional research interests include computer-assisted language learning and language teaching pedagogy.

## EDUCATION

### **Ph.D. Student, Second Language Studies**

*Michigan State University*, East Lansing, MI  
August 2017—present

### **M.A., Applied Linguistics**

*Ohio University*, Athens, Ohio  
Graduated May 2013

### **B.A., English Literature**

*Ohio University*, Athens, Ohio  
Graduated June 2010

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University**

East Lansing, MI | August 2018—present  
-Taught undergraduate course LLT 306: Language Teaching Methods for Adult ESL (fall 2018 and spring 2019 semesters)

### **Research Assistant, Michigan State University**

East Lansing, MI | August 2017—July 2018  
-Designed and produced curriculum and materials for pedagogical grammar course for Michigan State University's online TESOL certificate program  
-Served as a research assistant for Dr. Charlene Polio

### **Associate Director of Advancement Communications and Foundation Relations,**

*The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law*  
Columbus, OH | July 2014—July 2017

-Researched, wrote, and managed foundation grants for law school faculty  
-Performed executive communications for Dean Alan C. Michaels of law school

**Adjunct Faculty & Teaching Assistant, Ohio University**

Athens, OH | January 2012-August 2013

- Taught the following courses for the English Language Improvement Program:
  - ENG D160* (Pre-freshman composition for ESL undergraduate students)
  - ENG 1610* (First-year composition for ESL undergraduate students)
  - ELIP 5300* (Oral communication for ESL graduate teaching assistants)

**Writing Center Assistant Coordinator, Ohio University**

Athens, OH | December 2011-January 2013

- Managed the Writing Center for the English Language Improvement Program
- Performed duties including the hiring, training, scheduling, and evaluation of undergraduate writing tutors

**Graduate Assistant, Ohio University**

Athens, OH | March 2011-December 2011

- Assisted in the coordination of the Chubu University (Japan) exchange program for the Ohio Program of Intensive English, including duties such as: scheduling, advising, and additional pronunciation tutoring for students

## **INTERNATIONAL TEACHING**

**Summer English Teacher, Huazhong Agricultural University**

Wuhan, China | Summer 2018

Taught in the annual Summer English Communication Program at Huazhong Agricultural University organized by The Ohio State University

**English Teaching Assistant, Fulbright Thailand**

Si Satchanalai, Thailand | 2013-2014

Served as an English Teaching Assistant at a middle-school through a grant provided by the U.S. Department of State and the Institute of International Education

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

**Pronunciation Instruction Graduate Fellowship**

Awarded by the English Language Center International Teaching Assistant Program and the Graduate School of Michigan State University  
Spring 2018

**Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Thailand**

Awarded by the U.S. Department of State and the Institute of International Education  
September 2013

**Outstanding Teaching Assistant**

Awarded by the Ohio University Department of Linguistics and the English Language Improvement Program  
April 2013

## PUBLICATIONS

**Kessler, M.** (2014, August). Teaching and ingraining writing as a process [Review of *Grammar and Beyond: Level 4*]. *TESOL HEIS News*.

**Kessler, M.** (2013, January). Teaching and ingraining writing as a process [Review of *Focus on Writing*]. *TESOL HEIS News*.

**Kessler, M., & Lee, J.** (2012). [Review of *Developing Courses in English for Specific Purposes*, by H. Basturkmen]. *The Canadian Modern Language Review*, 68(3), 343-345.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Conference Co-Chair

*Second Language Research Forum 2019*

Co-Organizer of SLRF 2019 Conference at Michigan State University

### Convention Abstract Reviewer

*American Association for Applied Linguistics*, and *TESOL International*

Since 2018

### Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Orientation Volunteer

*Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant session guide: microteaching sessions*

Since 2018

### Manuscript Reviewer

*TESOL Quarterly*, and *Michigan State University SLS Working Papers Journal*

Ad hoc since 2018

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**Kessler, M.** (2018, March). *Fulbright ETA personal statements and statements of grant purpose: A rhetorical move-step analysis*. Paper presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Purdue Linguistics Literature, and Second Language Studies Conference, West Lafayette, Indiana, USA.

**Kessler, M.** (2018, February). *A genre analysis of Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship statements*. Poster presented at the Council of Graduate Students 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Conference, East Lansing, Michigan, USA.

Ahmed, K., **Kessler, M.**, & Zhang, J. (2012, May). *Using Moodle for pronunciation courses: ELIP oral communication*. Poster presented at the Ohio University CALL Conference, Athens, Ohio, USA.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

### American Association for Applied Linguistics

Member | 2017—present

### TESOL International Association

Member | 2017—present