NEWSLETTER

American Association of Teachers of Arabic

الرابطة الأمريكية لأساتذة العربية

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New AATA website design: www.aataweb.org

Meetings

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, AATA's upcoming annual meetings will be held virtually:

1. **AATA Annual Panel will be held on October 4, at 1:00-3:30 PM EST. To receive a link, please register online: https://aataweb.org/Annual-Meeting**

2. **AATA Business Meeting will be held on October 4, at 4-5 PM EST. To receive a link, please register online: https://aataweb.org/Annual-Meeting**

AATA Panel 2020	ندوة الرابطة لعام 2020
Innovative Methods in Teaching Arabic Language Skills for Non-native Speakers	طرق مبتكرة في تدريس مهارات اللغة العربية للناطقين بغيرها
Panel Chair: Dr. Hanada Al-Masri, Denison University **Panel Discussant:** Dr. John Eisele, College of William and Mary	رئيس الندوة: دة. هنادة المصري، جامعة دينيسون مناقش الندوة: د. جون آيزلي، كلية وليم وماري
Dr. Eman Hussein, Montclair State University, USA **The Implementation of Technology in Teaching Arabic**	* دة. إيمان حسين، جامعة مونت كلير ستيت، الولايات المتحدة تفعيل التكنولوجيا في تدريس اللغة العربية
Dr. Wael Khattatb, Defense Language Institute, USA **Virtual Reality in the Language Classroom**	* د. وائل خطاب، معهد الدفاع للغات، الولايات المتحدة تكنولوجيا العالم الافتراضي في فصول اللغات
Dr. Mohamed Bounejma, Al-Akhawayn University, Morocco **Using Apps and Mobile Devices for Teaching Arabic to Heritage Children: The Beginner Level**	* د. محمد بونجمة، جامعة الأخوين، المغرب استثمار التطبيقات الإلكترونية والأجهزة المحمولة في تدريس اللغة العربية لأبناء المهاجرين: المستوى المبتدئ نموذجاً

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Events

AATA is planning to host a series of webinars on issues and matters related to Arabic language teaching, learning, and testing by well-known experts and practitioners.

The first webinar will be on "Relating Task to Difficulty to Gradually Increasing Levels of Student Ability: Raising, Lowering, and Raising the Bar" by Dr. Daniel Reed.

Date: October 24, at 4-5 PM EST

Registration: Please register online:
https://aataweb.org/Webinars

Dr. Daniel J. Reed is the Testing Director for the English Language Center at Michigan State University (MSU) and an affiliated faculty member with MSU's PhD program in Second Language Studies. He has played major roles in the development of proficiency tests in more than half-a-dozen languages and has conducted research on language aptitude and the learning of less commonly taught languages. The ELC testing team he heads develops exams at the B2 and C2 levels of the Common European Framework and administers them to approximately 10,000 students in Greece annually.

Dear Colleagues:

I hope you are enjoying this new edition of the newsletter with many updates, including the newly attractive design of AATA's website and our scheduled virtual meetings and webinar next month. Please like us and share AATA posts on social media and spread the word.

I hope you can all join us in the panel and business meetings on October 4, 2020, and beyond. If you are a member, please register online by visiting the "Events" sub-pages of the website to receive the relevant invitation link. If you have not renewed your membership, this is the time to join and partake in the discussion of present and future activities of the association. If you are not a member, please consider becoming a member. Read more here why you should become a member.

Please stay healthy and safe and see you soon on October 4.

Cordially,

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Executive Director