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Federico Salas-Isnardi Named Recipient of 2021 James E. Alatis Award for Service to TESOL

Alexandria, VA (24 November 2020) – [TESOL International Association](#) (TESOL) is pleased to announce that Federico Salas-Isnardi is the 2021 recipient of the [James E. Alatis Award for Service to TESOL](#). The award honors outstanding and extended service by TESOL members at international, regional, and local levels. The award will be presented to Salas-Isnardi at the [James E. Alatis Plenary](#) during the virtual [2021 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo](#).

An active TESOL member since 1992, Salas-Isnardi has enjoyed a successful career as an educator, advocate, and diversity trainer in Houston, Texas, USA. Arriving in the United States from Argentina over 35 years ago, Salas-Isnardi has dedicated himself to advocating for critical social causes, including equity and diversity in the TESOL profession and LGBTQ+ rights. Highlights of Salas-Isnardi's prior service to the Association includes serving as co-chair of the Social Responsibility Interest Section in 2019, and serving as a member of the Adult Education Advocacy Task Force in 1995, Advocacy Task Force in 2004, and Diversity Committee in 2008. Currently, Salas-Isnardi serves on TESOL's Diverse Voices Task Force, where he uses his knowledge and expertise to help strengthen the Association's efforts in cultivating diverse leaders and developing a more inclusive community.

While emphasizing Salas-Isnardi's dedication to the Association, TESOL President Deborah Short commented, "Federico Salas-Isnardi fully exemplifies the spirit of the James E. Alatis award. He has been an active leader in the TESOL community for many years and promotes the mission and values of the association. In these trying times, his passion, good cheer, and advocacy for English language teachers and learners is a both a welcome salve and a needed voice."

The [James E. Alatis Award for Service to TESOL](#) was established in 1987 to honor James E. Alatis for his 21 years of devoted service as TESOL's first executive director. Alatis was a charter member of TESOL International Association and dean emeritus of the [School of Languages and Linguistics at Georgetown University](#).

About TESOL International Association

TESOL International Association is the trusted global authority for knowledge and expertise in English language teaching. A professional community of more than 10,000 educators representing over 150 countries, TESOL fosters the exchange of ideas to advance the expertise of those teaching English while supporting equity, diversity, and multilingualism. For over 50 years, TESOL has strived to advance its mission with programs, publications, and services to expand its global presence and connectivity throughout the field, share its knowledge and expertise, and amplify its voice through advocacy. For more information, please visit www.tesol.org.

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