

The UMBC Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Program Presents

Webinar on Writing a Thesis with Current Thesis Students Christina Crawford & Rida Neuhoff



Christina Crawford MA TESOL



Rida Neuhoff MA TESOL

Thinking about doing the MA TESOL thesis option and full of questions about what to expect? Join us for this webinar hosted by the TESOL club with current MA TESOL Thesis students Christina Crawford and Rida Neuhoff. Christina began her thesis last spring and pivoted her intended study to deal with the challenges of the pandemic. She successfully passed her hearing in November and submitted the final version of her thesis, which examined the cultural contents of secondary ELT readings used in Austria, in March. Rida Neuhoff is in her first semester of thesis work and is preparing to carry out data collection on language learning in online communities. She is therefore working with IRB (the institutional review board) through the process of securing permission to carry out human subjects research. Both Christina and Rida will share their experiences, offer insights and answer questions from those who attend. This webinar will also be recorded.

Christina Crawford will be graduating in May 2021 with her MA TESOL + Thesis degree and graduate certificate in Instructional Systems Development. Christina works for the Department of Social Services at the Center for Family Success in Baltimore County as the Adult Education Instructor and Coordinator of the ESOL and Employment Readiness program. From 2014-2016 she taught English under the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant program in Austria and continued teaching in higher education and K-8 until relocating to the US in 2020. In the world of TESOL, she is interested in program development, teacher training, and educational policy and equity.

Rida Neuhoff is at the tail end of her MA TESOL degree. As someone who desires to experience many different opportunities in her TESOL career, she has taken the degree path that will allow for a wide range of options, thus, in addition to the thesis, she is finishing up her internship for the P-12 certification. With only 3 classes to finish after this semester, Rida is hoping to start teaching in the public school in the fall of 2021 as a conditional hire while she finishes her degree. She hopes to eventually work with adult language learners, either domestically or abroad. Rida has plans to eventually pursue her Ph.D. and work at a university, training future English teachers.