

The UMBC Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Program Presents

Challenges, lessons learned, and resources from online teaching during COVID-19

A peer mentorship workshop sponsored by the TESOL club

Thursday
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7:15-8:15pm
Eastern US Time

Free registration by e-mail to TESOL@umbc.edu



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Sligo Middle School



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High School

Have you thought about what it must have been like to go through the ESOL internship online during the pandemic? Antoinette and Kate are here to share the challenges and lessons learned while completing Phase I and II of their internship online. As part of this peer mentorship workshop, both speakers will share valuable online teaching and learning resources they have gained from this experience.

Antoinette Irons is a West Indian Jamaican 7th grade ESOL teacher at Sligo Middle School in Silver Spring, MD. Before her current position, she worked 4 years as a paraeducator at Eastern Middle School, 3 years in Special Education and 1 year in ESOL. For the period of January to May 2021, she completed her internship at Eastern Middle School online. In August 2021, she graduated from the MATESOL program at UMBC.

Kate Zimmerman is a bilingual educator at Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, MD, where she was born and raised. She began her career in education at the age of 26 as a paraeducator and endeavored to earn a Masters degree and certification in TESOL at UMBC.