

Name: Lindsay N. Herron

Elected Position Sought: President

Work Affiliation: Gwangju National University of Education

KOTESOL Membership Period: 2012-present (Lifetime Member)

Education

- EdD in Literacy, Culture, & Language Education, Indiana University-Bloomington (Indiana, USA; 2024)
- MEd in Literacy, Culture, & Language Education, Indiana University-Bloomington (Indiana, USA; 2014)
- MA in Cinema Studies, New York University Tisch School of the Arts (New York, USA; 2005)
- BA in English Literature & Psychology, Swarthmore College (Pennsylvania, USA; 2000)
- Graduate Certificate in Learning Sciences, Media, & Technology, Indiana University-Bloomington (Indiana, USA; 2018)
- CELTA Young Learner Extension (2011)
- CELTA (2009)

Work Experience

Teaching experience

- Visiting Professor, Gwangju National University of Education, Gwangju (2008-present)
- Director, Mongolian TEFL Training Summer Camp, Gwangju (2025)
- Mentor & Presenter, Summer Intensive English Teacher Program, SUNY Korea (2021)
- Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA), Seogwipo High School, Jeju-do (2005-2008)

Other relevant work experience

- Fulbright ETA Program Coordinator (2006-2007)
- Fulbright ETA Orientation Coordinator (2006, 2007)
- Educational Consultant, HarperCollins Children's Publishing (2005)
- Education & Library Marketing Coordinator, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing (2000-2003)

KOTESOL Service

National

- President (2015-2017; 2019-2020; 2022-present)
- Chair, Membership Committee (2013-present)
- Registration Director, KOTESOL International Conference (2013-2015, 2018-present)
- Editor, *KOTESOL News* (email newsletter; 2014-present)
- Layout Editor, *Korea TESOL Journal*, *KOTESOL Proceedings* (2025-present)
- Presenter, KOTESOL Teacher Training Program (KTT; 2014-present)
- Chair, 2024 ESBB International TESOL Conference & KOTESOL National Conference (2024)
- Immediate Past President (2017-2019; 2020-2022)
- Editor, *KOTESOL Voices* (monthly online column; 2020-2023)
- Chair, KOTESOL International Conference Committee (2022)
- Co-chair, KOTESOL International Conference Committee (2021)
- First Vice-President (2014-2015)
- Facilitator, Multimedia & CALL SIG (2015-2018)
- National Conference Co-chair (2017)
- Registration Chair, KOTESOL National Conference (2015-2017)
- *Others:* International Outreach Committee, Nominations & Elections Committee, Publications Committee, Research Committee, Sponsorship Committee, Web Services Committee

Chapter

- Lifetime Member, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter
- President, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2017-2018, 2021-2022)
- Immediate Past President, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2018-2021, 2022-2023)
- Treasurer, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2012-2017, 2022-present)

KOTESOL Awards

- “Korea TESOL 30@30” List, 2023
- KOTESOL President’s Award, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

Other Professional Associations & Service

- AsiaTEFL
 - Lifetime Member (2017-present)
 - Publications Director (2022-2026)
 - Program Book Chair, AsiaTEFL International Conference (2020, 2023)
- *ELT Classroom Journal*
 - Editorial Board Member (2025-present)
- Asia Pacific Association of Language, Culture, & Education (APALCE)
 - Lifetime Member (2026)
 - Vice President (2026)
- TESOL International
 - Member (2015-2017, 2019-present)
- IATEFL
 - Member (2026)
- American Educational Research Association (AERA)
 - Member (2018-2020, 2022-2024)
- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
 - Member (2021-2024)
- National Council of Teachers of English Assembly for Research (NCTEAR)
 - Member (2018-2020, 2023-2024)
- Certificate in ELT Leadership Management from TESOL International Association (2014)

Candidate’s Statement

I’m proud of KOTESOL’s evolution over the time that I have served on the National Council. During my most recent tenure as president, alone, we have seen an uptick in KOTESOL membership and conference attendance numbers; our treasury has mostly rebounded from the worrisome lows we saw during and immediately after the pandemic; and we have found new ways to support our members while rededicating ourselves to equity, diversity, and inclusion. We have strengthened our connections both locally and globally, adding multiple domestic partners this past year while continuing to participate in exchanges with and mutual support for our international partners. We’ve expanded our community connections and outreach in a variety of ways, from providing trainers for local professional development to adding The Marketplace, an area for microbusinesses and local artisans, to our exhibitor space at the international conference. We’ve ensured the continued success of flagging chapters through carefully considered mergers, including our recent joining of the Daegu-Gyeongbuk and Busan-Gyeongnam Chapters, and sought to stimulate our SIGs through new guidelines designed to streamline their foundation and promote their flourishing. All of this translates into exciting opportunities for our members, especially in terms of new paths, connections, and inspiration.

If I am elected to the position of president, my intention for the coming year is to build on these successes and support KOTESOL’s forward momentum, with special consideration to how we can continue to support our members and enhance the membership experience. In particular, I’d like to expand our collaborations with other organizations, helping to ensure our members have opportunities to participate in the ELT knowledge ecosystem, engage with cutting-edge research, foster new connections, and discover novel teaching approaches. In conjunction with this aim, I hope to work with our second vice-president to rejuvenate the KOTESOL Teacher Training (KTT) program, restructuring it to proactively address a need for international teacher training programs while exploring how we can best buttress its current role providing trainers for local workshops. As ever, my intentions are underpinned by a desire to maintain a balance between fiscal responsibility and good value; to expand

and diversify our organization's visibility, reach, and offerings; to respond effectively and flexibly to changes in the world as well as trends in ELT and professional development; and to cultivate new leadership and renewed volunteerism in our organization. With these goals in mind, I am pleased to offer my services to our organization for the coming year.

I have read and agree to follow the KOTESOL Code of Conduct.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Herron". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Lindsay" and last name "Herron" clearly distinguishable.

Lindsay Herron
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