

Phillip Gary Schrank
Candidate for International Conference Co-Chair
Assistant Professor, Chosun University
KOTESOL Lifetime Member since 2013

Current Position

- 2018-Present: Assistant Professor, Chosun University, Department of Political Science and Diplomacy

Education

- PhD (Candidate) English Education, Chosun University
- M.A. Curriculum and Instruction (English as a Second Language), Arizona State University, Fulton Teacher's College
- B.A. History and Broad Field Social Sciences, Wisconsin Lutheran College
- Ph.D. (Candidate) International Relations, Korea University, Graduate School of International Studies

Past Academic Positions

- 2018-2024: Publication Consultant and Academic Trainer, Cactus Communications
- 2017-2018: Senior Lecturer, Korea Military Academy, Department of English
- 2013-2017: Lecturer, Korea Military Academy, Department of English
- 2014: Instructor, Global Debate Academy, Yonsei University

Selected Conferences and Seminars (relevant to KOTESOL)

- "Teaching Content in the ESL Classroom." Moderator, Roundtable discussion at the Korea TESOL Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Regional Conference; Gwangju, ROK, March 9, 2019. (with Arlo Matisz and Maria Lisak)
- "The Rigors of Research: Success in Graduate School and Beyond." Moderator, Roundtable discussion at the Korea TESOL-PAC International Conference; Seoul, ROK, October 21-22, 2017. (with Daniel Bailey, Jamin E. Bassette, Joanne McCuaig, and Eric Reynolds)

Selected Awards and Honors (relevant to KOTESOL)

- Service Award, KOTESOL Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2019, 2020)
- Meritorious Service Award, KOTESOL (2018)
- Outstanding Service Award, KOTESOL (2017)
- Certificate of Service, KOTESOL (2017)
- Certificate of Appreciation, KOTESOL (2016)

KOTESOL Service

- International Conference Registration Manager (2013; 2019, 2024, 2026)
- Gwangju Chapter Treasurer (2018-2023)
- National Treasurer (2016-2018; 2019-2021)
- Conference Proposal Vetter: KOTESOL National Conference (2019)
- Facilitator, Content Based Instruction – SIG (2015-2018)
- Associate Editor, The English Connection (2013-2014)

Professional Affiliations

- International Studies Association (ISA); Korean International Studies Association

(KISA); Association for Political Theory (APT); Korean Association of Local Government Studies (KLOG); Korea TESOL (KOTESOL)

Candidate's Statement (September 1, 2026)

I, Phillip Gary Schrank, wish to be a candidate for the International Conference Co-Chair.

I believe, based on my history of service to KOTESOL that I am well suited to serve as International Conference Co-Chair. I have a keen understanding of the overall workings of many of the important areas of the international conference, especially in Registration. I also bring a good working relationship with many of the department directors that are vital to a successful international conference. I have already approached many of those department directors for advice and guidance in deciding to pursue this position. Additionally, I have begun very basic planning for the 2028 International Conference that I will be chairing should I become the Co-Chair for 2027. If I am elected, I will diligently work with the current conference Chair and then plan and deliver a successful conference in 2028. I plan to work within and with the department directors and work within KOTESOL's budget.

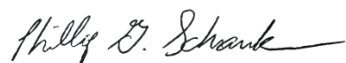
I have been a member of KOTESOL since 2013 and am a Lifetime Member. Through KOTESOL's professional development and networking opportunities, I have been able to enhance my teaching and writing abilities, and I have been able to grow as an educator and as a person. Even though I now teach and research in the realm of Political Science, I am pursuing a PhD in English Education as I feel it is important to helping me be a better teacher. I teach using English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI), and count KOTESOL as vital to my continued success.

I came to Korea in 2009 after a 5-year career working in Financial and Fiscal Affairs for a private university. I spent my first 4 years living and working as an English Teacher in Gwangju for several Hagwons and finally as a NEST at Salesio Elementary School. I then moved to Seoul for 5 years where I was a lecturer at the Korea Military Academy in the Department of English. While in Seoul, I completed coursework for a PhD in International Relations. I have moved back to Gwangju in 2018 to take a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and Diplomacy at Chosun University.

I wish to get back into a KOTESOL leadership role after taking several years to work on my PhD. As I expect to graduate with my PhD in English Education in Fall of 2027, I think now is a good time to resume a leadership role with KOTESOL.

I have read and agree with the contents of the KOTESOL Code of Conduct.

Sincerely,



Phillip Gary Schrank