

CATESOL SAN DIEGO CHAPTER PRESENTS:
- SPRING WORKSHOP -
TEACHING MIDDLE-EASTERN STUDENTS ENGLISH:
GRAMMAR, SPELLING, AND CULTURAL CHALLENGES



PRESENTERS:

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AND

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TEACHER-STUDENT PANEL DISCUSSION WILL FOLLOW THE PRESENTATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM WORKSHOP
12:00 – 1:00 ESL BOOK FAIR

GROSSMONT COLLEGE
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ROOM: GRIFFIN GATE, BUILDING 65

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Registration at the door will be limited to available space.

Morning refreshments and a noon snack are included in the registration fee.

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Workshop Description: The presenters will explain relevant aspects of the Arabic language and culture that make teaching Middle-Eastern students a challenge for many American ESL teachers. The cultural background of the students significantly affects their learning style and classroom behavior. The presenters will explore such cultural dynamics and teacher/student relationships, attitudes toward reading and writing, and saving face in the context of formal assessment. Participants will receive a handout with practical examples, explanations, and simple exercises to enhance understanding.

Safineh Thamassebi from UC Irvine Extension presents on the cultural characteristics and learning styles of Middle-Eastern students.

Bill Brechtel from UC Irvine Extension presents on the linguistic challenges of Middle-Eastern students while explaining the differences between Arabic and English.

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