LGBTQ+ Identity in the ESOL Classroom

In this talk, Kate, Todd, and Evan offer insight into teachers’ and students’ experiences of LGBTQ+ topics in the ESOL classroom. The presenters will summarize their research projects on these topics before sharing “snapshots from the classroom” and some corresponding materials at various levels (low-intermediate noncredit and pre-transfer academic writing). Participants will leave with a better understanding of how LGBTQ+ topics might be facilitated in the classroom and suggestions for making the classroom more inclusive. Before and after the talk, participants are invited to ask questions and share examples from their own teaching contexts.

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