

Mobile ESL Author Visit and Workshop

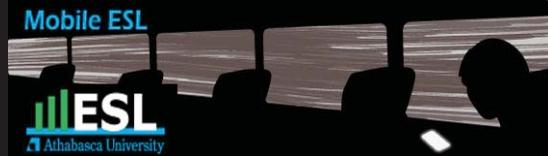
featuring Dr. Jim O'Driscoll

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Author Bio:

Jim O'Driscoll is best known for his Penguin series of English grammar books that are still among the most frequently borrowed from British Council libraries around the world. He has been an ESL instructor for more than thirty years in countries in the Middle East and Europe. He has a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Gent in Belgium, where he worked as an instructor. Jim is presently a visiting professor at the University of Huddersfield, UK developing a programme in language and conflict studies.



About The Project:

Mobile-learning (m-learning) is an exciting new technology that allows students to connect to their courses and course content from anywhere and at anytime. Mobile devices are now ideal tools for students with little time because they can access increasingly sophisticated content no matter where they are, or when they have time to study. Athabasca University is leading the development of mLearning through its development of the mLibrary (<http://library.athabascau.ca>) and Mobile ESL Project.

Workshop Information:

Date: Thursday, May 17th, 2007
Time: 10:45 am – 3:15 pm
Location: Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (Room 2-4, 10010-107A Avenue NW)



Agenda

10:45 am: Welcome

Jim Gurnett (Executive Director of the Mennonite Centre for Newcomers) and Dr. Rory McGreal (Associate Vice President, Research at Athabasca University)

11-12:15 pm: Author Speech

Dr. Jim O'Driscoll will speak about teaching ESL: "What's wrong with that? Student 'errors' in a globalised English-speaking world."

12:15-1:15 pm: Lunch

1:15-2 pm: Mobile ESL Workshop

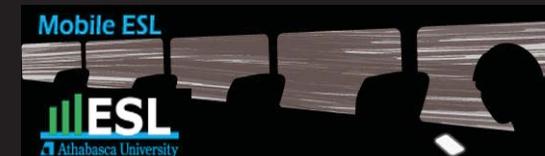
Tony Tin (Coordinator, ESL Mobile Learning Project)
Judy Sillito (Manager, Language Services at the Mennonite Centre for Newcomers)
Tracey Woodburn (Mobile ESL Project team member)
Workshop participants will have a chance to try out AU's Mobile ESL Project using mobile devices. The workshop is sponsored by Rogers Mobility.

2-3 pm: Mobile ESL Project Dissemination

Dr. Rory McGreal
Dr. Mohamed Ally (Associate Professor at the Centre of Distance Education at Athabasca University)
Steve Schafer (Director of Library Services at Athabasca University)

3-3:15 pm: Closing Remarks and distribution of Mobile ESL DVD

Steve Schafer



Mobile ESL Website:
<http://eslau.ca>

Athabasca University Website:
<http://www.athabascau.ca>

Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers Website:
<http://www.emcn.ab.ca/>

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