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## Angela DiCostanzo Showing Care and Respect for Our Students



1. What is your main ESL activity now?

I have been teaching English to international students hoping to study at an American university. Soon, I will be teaching English to university students in Cambodia.

2. How did you start your ESL related career?

I started out in social work. I was helping refugee families get adjusted to the US, and I ended up teaching basic English classes at their request.

3. What are some of the language/culture backgrounds with which you are most familiar?

South Sudan, Saudi Arabia, China, Mexico

- 4. If you had to give three pieces of advice to a new teacher working with English language learners, what would these be?
- 1) Show students that you care about them and that you respect their native language and culture.
- 2) Encourage students to do extensive pleasure reading in English and let them choose their own books.

- 3) Provide specific feedback that will help them improve.
- 5. What do you see as the most important issues facing the ESL/EFL language teaching profession today?

Balancing attention to meaning and form/accuracy

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