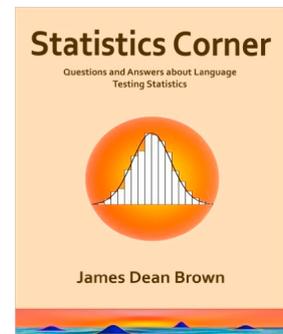


Statistics Corner: the book

After nearly a year of organizing, proofreading, and editing, Statistics Corner is now available for purchase at Amazon.com and selected resellers. All current and future members of TEVAL will receive a complementary copy, so no need to order one from Amazon. You might, however, like to write a short review at the Amazon website once you have had a chance to peruse your copy.



A limited number of copies will be available for pickup at the SIG Table at JALT 2016 in Nagoya, first-come-first-serve, but priority given to those who have previously requested to pick one up using the Google Form. Either way, stop by the SIG table to have a quick look. Copies will be mailed out to all current TEVAL members by mid-December.

TEVAL at JALT 2016: Highlights

TEVAL is sponsoring JD Brown at this year's conference, and together with the Task Based Learning SIG, co-sponsoring Kimi Kondo-Brown. Here are a few Testing and Evaluation sponsored events that you might enjoy seeing. Please add them to your agenda.

JD Brown - TEVAL sponsored speaker

Plenary: Using Classroom Assessment to Improve Teaching and Learning

Sun, Nov 27, 10:25-11:25, Main Hall 3F

This presentation begins with several preliminary questions that teachers should consider when trying to link learning and assessment: What is learning? What is assessment? How are learning and assessment different and the same? How can they conceive of the links between assessment and teaching, assessment and materials, and assessment and classroom activities? The presentation examines key issues and specific questions that teachers need to address in actually using assessments to improve learning and teaching.

Workshop: Actually Doing Successful Mixed-Methods Research

Sat, Nov 26, 10:55-11:55, room 1102

This workshop will define research and mixed methods research; explain the differences between mixed methods and multi-methods research; discuss the salient features of MMR; and clarify the differences among qualitative mixed, pure mixed, and quantitative mixed methods research. The core of the workshop will focus on practical suggestions for successfully conducting actual MMR, including: appropriately using of triangulation; applying strategies MMR for success; and staying on track by asking mixed methods research questions.

Kimi Kondo-Brown – co-sponsored by TEVAL and the Task Based Learning SIG

Workshop: Transforming Curriculum With Task-Based Assessment

Sat, Nov 26, **12:40**-1:40, room 901

Task-based language teaching (TBLT) places communication at the heart of instruction and aims at promoting language proficiency. Although TBLT may have various versions, in order to provide effective feedback to students, it should include some kind of task-based assessment. This presentation will discuss how teachers in a large-scale Japanese language program have integrated the TBLT principles in the lower-division curriculum and transformed student learning by adopting task-based assessment, especially oral task-based tests.

Workshop: Teachers Transforming Education Through Evaluation

Sun, Nov 27, **1:40**-3:10; room 902

This presentation will show how teachers view program evaluation more positively when it is related to useful and meaningful transformations of program quality. To exemplify this point, the presenter will present an evaluation project (an online exit survey project) with concrete materials used to enhance evaluation capacity building that supported faculty evaluation efforts. Despite challenges in survey administration and data use, the initiative has had a number of meaningful and productive outcomes for faculty.

TEVAL Workshop

Bill Pellowe: MOARS Web-Based Peer Assessment Module

Sat, Nov 26, **4:30**- 6:00; room 1204

The presenter will demonstrate MOARS, a free open-source system that collects responses to quizzes and surveys submitted by computer or smartphone. The MOARS peer assessment module can handle any situation where raters use a rubric to assess performances. It can produce an instant analysis, or save data in a format suitable for Rasch software such as Facets. Advice and directions for installation of MOARS on a laptop or a remote server will be included.

TEVAL AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Sat, Nov 26, **3:35**-4:20; room 1204

Following brief reports on SIG activities and finances for the current year and selection of next year's officers, discussion will turn to what kinds of events, presentations, or published articles would most interest current or potential members. TEVAL is interested in both traditional and alternative approaches to learner evaluation and is interested in hearing what aspects of classroom and institutional assessment are most relevant to practicing teachers. All interested professionals are invited to attend.