



# EVO: 20 YEARS OF FREE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN ONLINE TEACHING/LEARNING FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS WORLDWIDE

A TESOL Webinar  
to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Electronic Village Online  
(EVO) sessions, 2001-2021

May 26, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM (ET)  
(recorded)

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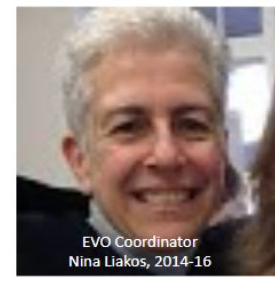
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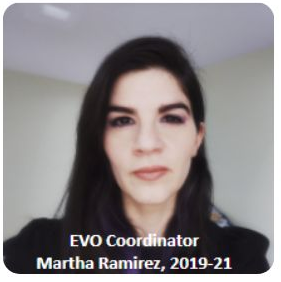
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Celebrating 20 years of free, worldwide  
professional development for ELT educators (2001-2021)



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# Overview

1. The founding of EVO (2000)
2. EVO then (2001) and now (2021) -- the principles, organization, and platforms of EVO
3. Leadership and recruitment
4. EVO Lead Coordinators--contributions to EVO/transformations in online teaching and learning for English language teachers worldwide
5. Q & A



# The Founding of EVO (2000)

Tom Robb's take:

I was the 'paper pusher' for a 'grant' from TESOL for a "special project".

While the original application conceived it as an extension of the land-based Electronic Village of TESOL, as 3-week pre-sessions *with follow-up afterwards*, it was the *pre-convention courses which have continued -- and we actually never spent the money(\$1,900)*; it has been a volunteer effort from the get-go.

My further activities were limited since I was elected to the TESOL board as 'affiliate representative' for a 3-year term.

I've kept active in CALL with activities outside the IS, particularly with developing aspects of Moodle useful for language learning such as quiz item input modules ('aiken', GIFT), the item analysis function, the ordering question type, Hot Potatoes integration and "Reader" module for tracking students' outside (extensive) reading. Currently, the ERF is running a MOOC, <https://er-mooc.org> to further understanding of [the ER approach](#).



# EVO then (2001) and now (2021)-- the principles, organization, and platforms of EVO

## Call for Proposals

### Moderator training (4 wks)

- distance/asynchronous
- readings, hands-on links, discussions
- weekly synchronous chat sessions
- platforms:
  - YahooGroups
  - YahooMessenger

### The first EVO sessions 2001 (6 wks)

- platform: free version of Blackboard
- 10 sessions (See link below.)
- 120 participants



### Electronic Village Online

...d to announce its new online sessions, made possible by an Interest Section Special Project Grant. If you can't come to the conference, ou--before and during the TESOL Convention (with [TESOL DISCUSS](#)), and after TESOL (with [TESOL FOLLOW-UP](#)):

## Call for Proposals

### Moderator training (4 wks)

- distance/asynchronous readings, hands-on links, discussions
- weekly synchronous meeting:
- platforms:
  - Canvas / Moodle
  - Zoom

### EVO 20th anniversary sessions 2021 (5 wks)

- platform: [Canvas Free for Teachers](#)
- 19 sessions
- 2,682 participants



### Call for Participation

### Electronic Village Online (EVO) 2021

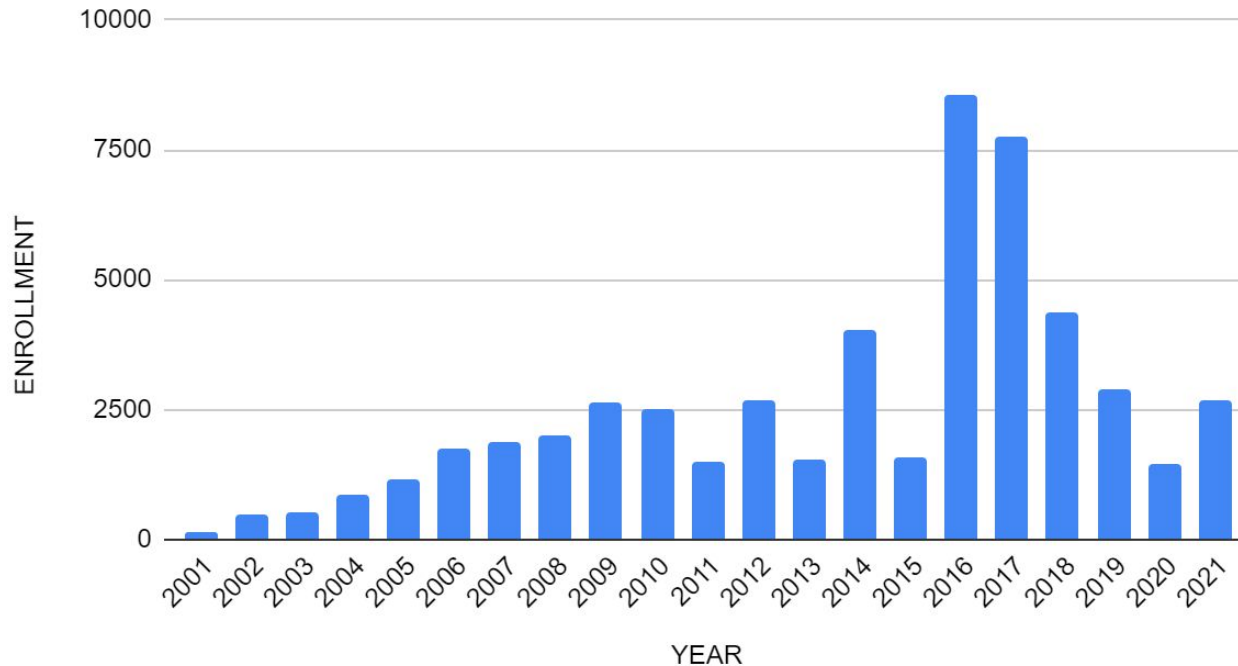
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# EVO Participation/Enrollment, 2001-2021

ENROLLMENT vs. YEAR



# Organizational changes in EVO

1. Creation of a mission -- [The Mission of EVO](#)
2. 3-year leadership transition

incoming lead coordinator ➤ lead coordinator ➤ head lead coordinator

3. [Recruitment of EVO Assistant Coordinators](#) from among outstanding moderators
4. Training of EVO Assistant Coordinators and shadowing of mentors



# EVO--what it has meant for me



Christine's [Professional presentations, book chapters, and articles](#)



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# Flipgrid Testimonials by Coordinators, Moderators, and Participants (free Flipgrid account necessary)







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