



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Second Language
Acquisition & Teaching

Graduate Interdisciplinary Program

Celebrating SLAT: 35 Years of Scholarship, Community, and Growth

November 19, 2026

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Arizona time

Join SLAT as we celebrate 35 years of the program, and hear from SLAT Chairs past and present, former and current SLAT Program Coordinators, SLAT faculty members, and SLAT alumni!

Please register for this event at:

<https://arizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/4ybCxj1FQlewVAIGHKW7lg>

The Zoom link will be sent to you after registration.

If you don't receive the Zoom information by the date of the event, email GIDP-SLAT@arizona.edu.

- Welcome Remarks and Introductions
SLAT Chair: Dr. Ana Carvalho
- Historical Overview of Enrollment and Student Placement
SLAT Program Coordinator: Debbie Shon Buhler
- How It All Began...
Former SLAT Chair: Dr. Renate Schulz
- Carrying on the Torch
Former SLAT Chairs: Dr. Lin Waugh, Dr. Beatrice Dupuy, Dr. Suzanne Panferov Reese
- Behind the Scenes
Former SLAT Program Coordinators: Dr. Kelley Merriam Castro and Dr. Robin Staples
- From Both Sides of the Desk
Dr. Peter Ecke, SLAT Alum and current SLAT Faculty Member
- The SLA field: A Historical Perspective
Dr. Dwight Atkinson, SLAT Faculty Member
- Q&A