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PRESENTER



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She joined the ALESS/ALESA Program in 2015 and her current research interests include applying corpus linguistics methodology to the study of language acquisition and to teaching academic writing.

She is also a co-organizer of the DBER Journal Club, a professional development group, which meets biweekly to discuss literature on education research from a wide cross-section of disciplines.

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ABSTRACT

In this talk I will describe my experience attending PanSIG 2026 in Nagoya, a JALT conference organized around the theme Building Language Competencies Through Community.

Two ideas stood out to me at this conference: treating our classrooms as communities of practice, and developing AI literacy among both teachers and students.

I will trace these threads through the plenaries and the closing panel on language education in the age of AI, then turn to the practical: active-listening and note-taking activities suited to our first-year students, a case for poster-format presentations in ALESS, and a plan for building an AI-use conversation into course orientation. I will close with resources and teacher communities worth pursuing.

Zoom Link!



Looking forward to your participation!

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