



**Saturday,
May 10th, 2008
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
CCIT, Room 337
Burt Cureton
K-16 Workshop**

Improvisation and Role Plays in the Foreign Language Classroom

Although many students in EFL/ESL classes have difficulty overcoming shyness, insecurity and/or cultural prohibitions against active participation in the classroom, practice in real communicative situations is vital for achieving speaking proficiency. Through techniques based on acting improvisation techniques, students often find that they are more willing and able to immerse themselves in an English related activity when they can pretend that they are other people with completely different backgrounds, age and/or gender. This workshop covers various ways in which role plays

can generate active learning in the ESL/EFL classroom.

Burt Cureton has taught English to Second Language learners in Arizona and English as a Foreign Language in Hungary, China, and Mexico. He lives in Tucson, where he is an artist, astronomer and part-time teacher of English. He has an MS in Educational Psychology from the State University of New York at Albany. Some of his role-playing exercises have been published in *NorthStar Student Companion Book Series - Advanced* (2005), Tsinghua University Press.

Registration Details

Cost:

\$25 regular; \$12 students (includes refreshments)

Credit:

K-12 educators receive a certificate for three units of Continuing Education credit

To register:

Please use the form at:
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Registration Deadline:

Thursday May 8th

Questions?

Please contact CERCLL at cercll@email.arizona.edu, or (520)626-8071