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### **Cal Poly English Professor Receives Grant to Teach in Saudi Arabia**

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly English Professor John Battenburg has received a grant from the U.S. State Department to deliver a series of lectures in Saudi Arabia on the subject of teaching English.

Battenburg will travel throughout Saudi Arabia for the month of August, speaking on challenges in English language teaching, applications of linguistics to the English language classroom, and testing and assessment in language teaching.

This is the third summer that Battenburg has been invited to Saudi Arabia. He views his new English Language Specialist grant as a means of improving relations between the United States and that Arab nation.

"Particularly after Sept. 11," Battenburg said, "it is extremely important that the English Language Specialist Program continue its goals of promoting worldwide understanding and awareness of American language, society and values."

Additional information on the English Language Specialist Program is available on the State Department Web site, at <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/engteaching/specialists.htm>.

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