



Bringing the world to the classroom
and the classroom to life

National Geographic Learning
Summer Symposium - Houston
Hosted by University of Houston Language
and Culture Center, Dr. Jodi Nelms

Saturday, June 17, 2017
8:00AM to 1:00PM

University of Houston Hilton
Shamrock Room
4450 University Drive,
Houston, Texas
77204

Opening Keynote

Juan Martinez, National Geographic Explorer

Bringing the Classroom to Life with TED

Christien Lee

Grammar for Great Writing

Laura LeDrean

Program includes:

Continental breakfast, Textbook exhibition, Certification of Completion for "Flex Credit", Complimentary Lunch (vegetarian option available)

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Please include *your name* and *school affiliation*

This is a free event but spaces are *limited!*

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National Geographic Summer Symposium Speakers

Juan Martinez

“The trees don’t judge where you come from or what language you speak, the river won’t look at your bank account, and the sun won’t look at you any different for walking down a certain road.”- Juan D. Martinez

SPECIALTIES: EDUCATOR, CONSERVATIONIST

National Geographic Emerging Explorer and environmental educator Juan Martinez is a national spokesman for the importance of getting youth—especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds—into the outdoors. He spearheads the Natural Leaders Network of the Children & Nature Network, an organization creating links between environmental organizations, corporations, government, education, and individuals to reconnect children with nature. Juan focuses on celebrating the positive value of nature rather than dire environmental dilemmas. He attends White House forums, advises the U.S. Department of the Interior on plans to create a youth conservation corps, serves as National Youth Volunteer Coordinator for the Sierra Club, and organizes youth delegations to conferences on green jobs and outdoor experiences.

Laura Le Dréan

Laura Le Dréan is Executive Editor at National Geographic Learning, in charge of the academic and professional development lists. She has an M.A. in TESOL/TEFL from San Francisco State University. She has over 20 years of teaching experience in pre-academic ESL/EFL programs in the Middle East, Europe and the United States. She has also done teacher training in the U.S., Saudi Arabia and Vietnam. She has been working in ELT publishing as an editor for the last 17 years creating learning materials for students and teachers. She has authored an ELT writing book and done numerous presentations at international and regional TESOL conferences.

Christien Lee

Christian Lee, who has dual Canadian and British citizenship, has worked in English Language Teaching since 1994. He founded and ran an award-winning private language school in Canada for almost ten years. He has wide experience in ELT, but specializes in academic English and, particularly, exam preparation. Currently, his focus is on developing innovative e-learning materials and writing textbooks.