

An Interview with Dr. Lyle Bachman

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Teachers College, Columbia University Working Papers in TESOL & Applied Linguistics would like to introduce The Web Journal Interview: a series of informal conversations with prominent figures in the field of TESOL and Applied Linguistics. For our inaugural interview, we had the honor of speaking with Dr. Lyle Bachman, who was recently awarded the International Language Testing Association (ILTA) “Lifetime Achievement Award” in language testing. Dr. Bachman spoke with assistant editors Yoko Saito and Elvis Wagner on the eve of the 2004 Language Testing Research Colloquium (LTRC) in Temecula, California.



Dr. Bachman is recognized as perhaps the single most influential researcher in the field of language testing. Two of his books, *Fundamental Considerations in Language Testing* and *Language Testing in Practice* (with Adrian Palmer) are seminal works in language testing. Dr. Bachman has also authored the forthcoming *Statistical Analyses for Language Assessment*, scheduled for release later this year.

We would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Bachman for taking time out from his hectic conference schedule to talk to us.

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