
***The Professional Development in
Language Education Series:
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Sustaining Professionalism***

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This series of three brief volumes was a pleasure to review, a “shot in the arm” at the end of a busy term. The series aims to “provide a wide array of choices to teachers for continuing their development throughout their careers” (Vol. 3, p. v). Each book is aimed at a specific group of teachers, Volume 1, *Becoming Contributing Professionals*, for those starting out in their careers, Volume 2, *Extending Professional Contributions* for those in mid-career, and Volume 3, *Sustaining Professionalism* for “seasoned” professionals. Each book is a collection of very short, very readable articles.

As a “seasoned” professional, I started with Volume 3 and was first inspired by a list of 21 things I could do to find inspiration at this point in my career. (I've been teaching for almost 20 years). So, at a glance I could: prepare a teaching portfolio, learn to write grants and manage funded projects, become a published materials writer, write reviews for TESOL publications, take on an administrative position and the list goes on. Now, I've had most of these thoughts before so what I found extremely useful about these articles is that they begin with the writer's or writers' narrative (what got them started on a particular project), describe the teaching context, provide a list of steps undertaken to reach the professional development goal, and finish with a short list of resources, many available on the Internet. Many are projects done in partnership with other professionals, either face-to-face or at a distance.