

ELLRA Position Statement - Use of Academic Titles

Academic titles are contextually variable and do not always translate clearly into English, with frequent confusion between the acronym 'Dr' and the use of 'Professor', the latter reserved for the highest academic rank in certain global contexts. To clarify this situation, the ELLRA Executive Committee has agreed that neither acronyms nor titles will be used before a person's name in our communications and materials about ELLRA events. Instead, such information will appear in each individual's biodata. For example:

- Yuki Otsuki (PhD) is an Assistant Professor of Education ...
- Al Rynne Gabonada Gatcho (PhD) is an Associate Professor ...
- BethAnne Paulsrud (PhD) is a Senior Lecturer in English Language Education ...
- Daniel Mpolomoka (PhD) is Dean of the School of Education ...

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