

Welcome from the Program Chair

Unlock the Gateway to Communication

“Meet me in St. Louis!” That is your invitation to join me at the 46th annual Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (CSCTFL) in St. Louis, Missouri. The conference will be held March 20-22, 2014. Beginning Thursday, join us for an array of full-day and half-day workshops. On Friday, the first round of sessions, half-day and full-day workshops begin at 8:00 a.m. Be sure not to miss the keynote address by Anthony Jackson and awards presentation on Friday morning. Join your language colleagues in the evening for language receptions and a concert by Ennio Emmanuel. Saturday promises another complete schedule of sessions and workshops.

The 2014 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Conference will be taking place in St. Louis, Missouri where we find the famous Gateway Arch and the city known as the “gateway to the west.” While St. Louis is home of the Gateway Arch, world language teachers’ help their students “unlock a gateway to communication” on a daily basis. As language teachers, we enable our students to be able to communicate with people they previously could not communicate with due to a language barrier. Besides oral and written communication, we also “unlock” communication through a deeper understanding of a particular culture. Whether it be non-verbal communication such as gestures, an understanding of traditions, and holidays—the products and perspectives of a culture. The CSCTFL conference provides an opportunity for world language educators from a 17 state region to communicate with each other. The CSCTFL conference allows world language educators to come together and open up a line of communication and share ideas which help each other grow professionally.

I look forward to joining all of you at the **2014 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages** in St. Louis, Missouri as we share our experiences with our new colleagues and our long-time friends. I encourage you to further connect to other disciplines and cultures through the exceptional offering of more than [195 sessions](#), [29 workshops](#) and a great selection of multi-language events for teachers of all levels. Be prepared to be renewed, rejuvenated and motivated to make connections with students, teachers, departments, schools and cultures.

Special Events on Thursday, March 20, 2014

- **The Conference Workshop/Extension Workshop (CW/EW)** provides professional development outreach. Participants apply in advance and will be trained in the Conference Workshop (CW) on this year's topic, "*Keeping It in the Target Language*," presented by Aleidine J. Moeller of the University of Nebraska and Amy Roberts and

Katie Hayes of Pius High School, Lincoln, Nebraska. Then the participants will prepare to present this topic at state and local workshops and conferences (EW) during the following year. For more information, [click here](#).

- **Workshops:** Both half- and full-day workshops are offered covering various topics such as teaching in the target language, technology, common core state standards, assessment and so much more. For a full listing, [click here](#).
- The **Delegate Assembly** provides leaders in the various state organizations the opportunity to network, discuss policies, procedures and challenges and learn about the current status of world language education in our 17-state region and throughout the nation. State organizations are asked to send representatives to this afternoon event. Please [click here](#) to submit the information about the delegates from your state and to check the information currently listed for your state organization for accuracy.
- You are invited to join the **CSCTFL Advisory Council**, which provides you with the opportunity to attend the **Advisory Council Reception and Business Meeting** early Thursday evening, as well as enjoying a gratis conference registration. Find more information [here](#).
- The **Exhibit Hall Opening and Wine and Cheese Gala** provides a first peek at the exhibits and the first chance to visit with vendors. This is also a fantastic opportunity to connect with colleagues from around the region, make new connections and explore the exhibit hall in a leisurely environment. For the complete conference schedule, [click here](#).

Special Events on Friday, March 21, 2014

- **The Exhibit Hall** will be open all day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There are designated breaks to visit with exhibitors; however, you may want to spend time there during your lunch break or between sessions as well. For the complete conference schedule, [click here](#).
- **The Awards Ceremony** preceding the Keynote address will honor the [2014 Teacher of the Year](#) and the other CSC Teacher of the Year candidates and the recipients of the [Paul Simon Award](#), the [Founders Award](#) and [Scholarships](#). The FLAM Awards will also be presented.
- The [Keynote speaker](#) will be **Anthony Jackson**, Vice-President of Education at the Asia Society, who will inspire attendees with his speech about creating globally competent students.
- **The CSCTFL Report Authors' Luncheon** honors presenters whose articles are chosen for publication in the **2014 CSCTFL Report**.
- **Friday evening language receptions** provide another opportunity to meet colleagues in specific language groups in a relaxing, social atmosphere. Some gatherings have a program, and others are quite informal.

- **Ennio Emmanuel** from the Justo Lamas Group will entertain conference attendees with songs from his current album on Friday evening.

Special Events on Saturday, March 22, 2014

- [NNELL Breakfast and Networking Session](#) highlights elementary ideas and resources. Be prepared to share an idea prior to arriving at the conference. Look for more detailed information elsewhere in this Conference Preview.
- At the **NADSFL/NCSSFL Luncheon**, district and state world language supervisors meet to enjoy lunch and network. If you are a district supervisor, world language department chair, or state supervisor and you don't know about these two groups, this is a great way to get acquainted with them while enjoying a nice lunch.
- Our **Saturday session offerings** are packed every hour to maximize opportunities for those who have difficulties joining CSCTFL on weekdays. For the complete conference schedule, [click here](#).

Special Events throughout the conference

- The 2013 CSCTFL sessions and workshops that were designated as "**ALL STAR**" **sessions** for their outstanding quality and execution will be returning for the 2014 CSCTFL Conference.
- Many of our 17 Central States will be presenting a presentation or workshop that their state organizations have designated as "**Best of**" **sessions**. We hope you are able to glean some great knowledge from a different state!
- There are **29 great workshops** available to attendees. Please see the workshop descriptions and get excited to attend one or more of these outstanding offerings throughout the conference. To see the full list, please [click here](#).

The **2014 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages** is ready and waiting for you to attend. We have an outstanding program by and for you and your colleagues. Come early and stay late. It will be well worth it.

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