

Team 2015



Kerisa Baedke, Program Chair

Kerisa Baedke holds a B.A. in French and Spanish and an M.A. in Spanish from the University of Northern Iowa. She studied for a semester in Colima, Mexico. After graduation, she taught English in Beauvais, France for a year. Kerisa teaches Spanish to ninth graders at Prairieview School in Waukee, Iowa. She has been awarded Outstanding Educator of the Year at the secondary level by the Iowa World Language Association. She has served IWLA as an advisory council member, vice-president, president, conference chair, Central States delegate, and co-program chair. Kerisa is a frequent presenter at IWLA and Central States. Kerisa has been dean of El Lago del Bosque, a Spanish language and cultural immersion camp of the Concordia Language Villages for fifteen years. Kerisa currently serves on the Central States Board of Directors and was previously chair of the outreach committee.



Sarah Shackelford, Assistant Program Chair

Sarah Shackelford teaches French, levels 1 through AP, at Finneytown High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. She holds a Bachelor's degree and a Master of Arts degree in French from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, and a Master of Science degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Prior to re-activating her teaching career, she was a librarian for a number of years at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Sarah has served on the Board of the Ohio Foreign Language Association for the past eleven years in various positions, including President in 2010-2011, and currently as Public Relations and Advocacy Chair. She was on the board of JNCL-NCLIS from 2007-2010, and is an active member of the American Association of Teachers of French and the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. She was Local Chair of CSCTFL 2013 in Columbus, and as a current Director on the Board of the Central States Conference, she manages social media and chairs the State Contacts Committee.



Anita Ratwik, Local Liaison

Anita Ratwik graduated from the University of Minnesota and was certified to teach German K-12. In Germany, she was a youth worker for a year and later a private secretary. Anita taught German at Ramsey Junior High in St Paul, MN. She was on the MCTLC Board for many years, and treasurer from 1998-2002. Anita attended the New Visions Conference in Leesburg, VA, and was instrumental in starting and coordinating Mn New Visions in Action, and lobbying at the Minnesota Legislature. She has been active in MnAATG and the AATG, co-chairing the AATG *Alle Lernen Deutsch* Committee from 2005 until 2012. She has presented regularly at MCTLC and ACTFL, and written many articles for world language publications. Anita has received many awards including the 2004 Emma Birkmaier Award from MCTLC, was MCTLC's 2005 nominee to CSCTFL for the National Teacher of the Year, and the MnAATG Teacher of the Year 2000. She was the Hospitality Committee Chair when CSCTFL was previously in Minneapolis.



Vickie Scow, Chair of CSCTFL Board of Directors

Vickie Scow is the current Board Chair for the Central States Conference for the Teaching of Foreign Languages. She is the Director of World Languages at the Nebraska Department of Education. She has collaborated for 8 years of federally funded Spanish and Chinese FLAP Grants with the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. The grants allowed NDE and its partners to increase language achievement by improving world language teaching and learning. Vickie was invited to participate in a study tour to Germany where she learned about the European Language Portfolio, a classroom formative assessment tool designed to promote self-regulation, motivation and achievement among language learners. A shortage of world language teachers directed Mrs. Scow to implement the Nebraska Visiting Teacher Program. She works with the countries of Spain, China, Mexico, Germany and France. Vickie represented CSCTFL for 4 years of serving on the ACTFL Board of Directors. She is also a member of NCSSFL.



Patrick Raven, CSCTFL Executive Director

Patrick Raven, current Executive Director of the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (CSCTFL), has had a variety of experiences in world language education. After a career in public education as a German teacher and world language curriculum coordinator, he moved to educational publishing, where he has worked as a world language educational consultant. From the start he has always been very active in world language organizations having had various leadership roles in the Wisconsin Association for Language Teaching, CSCTFL, and ACTFL. He holds a B.A. in German Education from St. Norbert College and a M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.