



Ohio Proudly Welcomes You to Columbus

Welcome to Ohio! The Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and the Ohio Foreign Language Association are looking forward to meeting, working with, and networking with each and every one of you. We believe that Columbus, Ohio, is the ideal place to hold the “friendly conference” to discuss how languages can foster connections, empower communities and celebrate the world. Language and culture are an integral part of Ohio’s history and present.

In addition to attending the conference, attendees can engage in many cultural community activities. As the capital of the state, Columbus boasts a plethora of activities for its visitors. The Hilton Columbus Downtown can be found right in the center of all that is happening in Columbus. The hotel is connected to the Greater Columbus Convention Center and is surrounded by the Arena District, the Short North, the North Market and downtown Columbus and is only a short drive from The Ohio State University and the German Village. The Arena District is a premier entertainment district that offers a fantastic nightlife scene with restaurants and bars. The Short North Arts District is considered the "art and soul" of Columbus featuring a vibrant cultural and business community. The North Market has served as Central Ohio's historic public market since 1876. It features fresh and prepared foods, authentic ethnic cuisine, flowers, wine and beer, unique gifts and cookware. Downtown Columbus encompasses the award-winning baseball stadium, the nationally ranked Columbus Metropolitan Library, and Columbus Museum of Art. Located in the heart of downtown Columbus, the Scioto Mile is an urban oasis comprised of more than 145 acres of lush parkland stretching along the riverfront. Columbus Commons is a six-acre park in downtown Columbus with programs and events ranging from large music to free fitness classes and family activities. The Ohio State University is one of the largest universities in the nation. Finally, The German Village is one of Columbus' premier downtown neighborhoods and one of the preeminent historic districts in the United States.

Volunteers at the OFLA Hospitality Booth can provide you with additional information or visit the link below for more information regarding Columbus Attractions and a Columbus Calendar of events and things to see and do during your stay in Columbus at the 2016 CSC/OFLA Conference:

<http://www.experiencecolumbus.com/event-calendar> To learn more about Columbus and Ohio, visit the Columbus Visitor’s Center webpage: <http://www.experiencecolumbus.com/>

At the conference hotel, be sure to join CSCTFL/OFLA on Friday evening for the 2016 International Dance Party at the hotel for a wonderful evening full of music, dancing, and socializing the 2016 International Dance Party.

Martha Castañeda, OFLA President and Local Liaison for CSCTFL/OFLA Conference

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