

Team 2016

Sarah Shackelford, 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 served on the Board of the Ohio Foreign Language Association for twelve years in various positions, including President in 2010-2011, and most recently 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, CSCTFL Assistant Program Chair in 2015, and as a current Director on the Board of the Central States Conference, manages social media and chairs the State Contacts Committee.

Martha Pero Halemba, Assistant Program Chair



Martha Pero Halemba holds a B.S in Education (major: Spanish, minor: German) from Bowling Green State University, OH and an M.A. in Spanish Translation from Kent State University, OH. She studied in Guatemala, Spain, Germany, and Austria and completed her student teaching in Colombia. She taught in North Baltimore, OH, for two years and is presently in Hudson City Schools, OH, where she has been for 30 years. She has experience in all levels from elementary, middle school, high school, to college. She serves as the department head and senior lead mentor for Hudson. She has been instrumental in leading the state of OH in its push for proficiency as the professional development chair and former president of the Ohio Foreign Language Association. She has been member of the CSCTFL board as recording secretary and assistant program chair for five years. She has been recognized by her district, the state, and Harvard for her teaching and service, and was named CSCTFL teacher of the year in 2010.

Martha Castaneda, Local Liaison



Martha E. Castañeda is an Associate Professor at Miami University (Ohio) where she directs the Foreign Language Education program. She holds a B.A. in Spanish from the University of North Florida, an M.A. in Spanish Linguistics from the University of Florida, and a Ph.D. in Second Language Acquisition and Instructional Technology from the University of South Florida. At Miami University, she teaches language methods, ESOL, and Spanish courses. She currently serves as the president for the *Ohio Foreign Language Association*, an advisory member of the *Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages*, the secretary of ACTFL's Teacher Development Special Interest Group, as well as a board member of the *National Federation of Modern Language Teachers Association*. Her academic work focuses on best practices in language teaching, instructional design, and cognitive skills that impact language learning. She co-authored a book on the use of technology to work with English Learners and her research appears in journals such as *Foreign Language Annals*, *Hispania*, *CALICO*, and *NECTFL Review*, among others.

Mary Goodwin, Chair of CSCTFL Board of Directors



Mary Goodwin, current Board Chair of the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, has her BA from the College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY, and an MAT in French from Assumption College in Worcester, MA. A long-time member of AATF and ACTFL, she has been actively involved in the Ohio Foreign Language Association serving as the 2006 President. In 2011 OFLA awarded her the Leona Glenn Award for Excellence in Teaching. Mary has served on the CSCTFL Board since 2009 and served as chair of the Extension Workshop committee. She served as the 2009 CSCTFL Assistant Program Chair and as 2010 Program Chair. Mary taught French and chaired the World Language Department at Northview High School in Sylvania, OH. For 20 years Mary served as the coordinator of a school-to-school exchange program with her high school and schools in Tours and Lyon, France. Presently she is a University Mentor for Bowling Green State University, advising World Language pre-service teachers. Since 2014 Mary has been a member of the STARTALK team as a proposal reviewer and site visitor.

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.