

Team 2017



Martha Halemba, Program Chair

Martha 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.



Terri and David Marlow, Assistant Program Co-Chairs

David and Terri Marlow have been high school Spanish teachers for over 40 years, working together at the same school for 30 of them. David holds a BA degree from Fairfield University (Connecticut) and an MA from Ohio University in Athens where Terri earned her BA. David pursued doctoral studies at Michigan State University from where Terri received her MA. They were each fortunate to spend an academic year study-abroad program in Madrid and to have completed many summer study programs both in Spain and Mexico. Their travels have included trips to Costa Rica, Peru, Spain, and Mexico as well as other parts of the Spanish-speaking world. Both Terri and David are National Board certified teachers and currently work as consultants in Spanish Language and Culture. Both have been presenters at several state conferences as well as ACTFL, CSCTFL, and other regional conferences mainly in the area of teaching strategies. Currently David is Chair of the Delegate Assembly of CSCTFL and Terri works with its Advocacy Committee. This is in addition to their work this year as Assistant Program Co-Chairs and next year as Program Co-Chairs. They are very pleased to have the opportunity to serve our profession working with the CSCTFL.



Susan C. Johnson, Local Liaison

Susan C. Johnson is now in her third year of retirement after having taught at all levels, kindergarten through community college, during her 43-year career. Primarily, she taught French and was the chair of the Foreign Language and Fine Arts Division at LaSalle-Peru Twp. HS in LaSalle, IL. She has been active in the Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ICTFL) and currently serves as its Conference Coordinator. While teaching, she led numerous student trips abroad and also has traveled extensively on her own. Susan earned her BA from the University of Illinois and her MS from Northern Illinois University, but throughout her years she also took courses from a number of other universities both in the US and in France in order to keep current with best practices and to improve her own language capabilities. For the same reasons, she has attended many ACTFL and Central States Conferences, not to mention virtually all ICTFL professional development opportunities over the past 30 years.



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.