

Welcome from the Program Chairs

CSCTFL 2019

What a pleasure to be back in Columbus! Thank you for planning to join us—as a Member of the Advisory Council, a Delegate representing your state, an Exhibitor, Presenter, or Participant—you are an important part of CSCTFL! Thank you for your dedication to help continue confidence in the vision of the CSCTFL Founders: “to support language teachers and to advance the study of foreign languages.” Throughout the conference, there will be opportunities to experience the many ways CSCTFL not only meets this goal, but also furthers the vision of a community of language professionals working and learning together to improve world language instruction throughout the Midwest and beyond. A component of our theme this year invites us all to “Break Barriers” between our students and our respective languages and between our collective selves and the entire world. We teachers are honored to help our students “Build Bridges” and to connect with the world around them. Simultaneously we teachers provide our students with the opportunity to “Perform” for us and to show us and themselves what they can do and achieve. In our many and varied sessions and workshops, our conference gives us the ideas, strategies, and support to meet these challenging responsibilities. These core elements of a CSCTFL conference, along with multiple opportunities to interact with colleagues, sharing challenges and solutions, make conference attendance a perfect professional development for language teachers.

We would like to encourage you to take full advantage of all CSCTFL and Columbus have to offer. Create and reignite friendships and professional relationships. Discover or rediscover ideas and strategies to use with your students. Enjoy local cuisine. Explore the cultural and recreational opportunities in the area. We would like to thank the many people who helped us make this conference happen: Anne Nerenz, our new Executive Director who has been a strong guide and offered exceptional support for us during all of our work for this event; Todd Bowen, the 2020 CSCTFL Program Chair who has helped us in many ways great and small throughout the process; Milton Alan Turner, our local liaison who, along with his committee, have done great work getting Columbus ready for us and us ready for Columbus. Mostly, thank you, language professionals who have taken your time to come and spend a weekend with us learning, growing, and hopefully having a bit of fun at CSCTFL!

Enjoy the conference!

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