



Idaho Association of Teachers of Language and Culture Spring, 2010



Fall Conference—October 7,8, 2010 North Junior High, Boise, Idaho Opening Minds to a Passion for the World

On behalf of all of the Idaho Association of Teachers of Language and Culture Board, I would like to welcome you to not only attend, but participate by presenting a session at the IATLC Conference October 7th and 8th of 2010. Our theme this year is going to be **“Opening Minds to a Passion for the World”**. We are excited to have Carol Gaab as a keynote speaker. Carol is a highly reputed speaker, specializing in TPRS. Carol will not only be the keynote speaker, but she also present a session. Her passion for languages mirrors our own. She stated that she wants to make learning language something not only attainable for AP students, but for all.

The conference this year will be held at North Junior High, in Boise Idaho. North Junior High is a historic building with the charm and character of the North End in Boise. We will be close to the vibrant downtown of Boise and can benefit from all that it has to offer. The main attraction, however, is the collegiality,

expertise and experience that we all share. I was honored to be elected president and I feel that it is my turn to give back to an organization that has offered me friendship, ideas and camaraderie.

We often live and work in an isolated classroom and we crave the companionship of those who believe so strongly in what we all do. I glean more that ideas from my colleagues, but a sense of belonging and a renewal in our passion. I would strongly encourage that you take advantage of the conference and all that the IATLC has to offer. I would also urge you all to invite all of the World Language Teachers to participate, to present a session, and to nominate one of our worthy colleagues for Teacher of the Year.

I hope to see you all at the Fall Conference of the IATLC October 7th and 8th at North Junior High in Boise, Idaho. Contact me with ideas for presentations, questions and nominations for Teacher of the Year.
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A seasoned presenter, Carol Gaab has been presenting TPRS workshops and in-services for national and international schools and universities since 1996.

Leo Morales to Speak at IATLC

When he was 10, Leo Morales and his three siblings illegally crossed the border from Mexico to the United States, where his parents were already legally living and working. Unable to speak a word of English when he arrived, Morales spent six months picking strawberries in Oregon

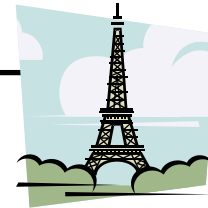
before moving to Idaho. Now 27, Morales is a U.S. citizen who works for Idaho Community Action Network (ICAN) as a community organizer on immigrants' rights issues by initiating dialogue between immigrant communities and local organizations and legislators.

Leo has graciously accepted our invitation to come and speak our conference in October.

Don't miss him, Carol Gaab and your many talented colleagues!!!



Leo Morales



Greetings, Idaho French Teachers!

From President Sarah Nelson

In recent years, I have been excited and energized by the participation of several new French teachers at our annual IATLC meeting in October. This is wonderful! And it is all the more important for us to get together, know one another, and support one another at a time like now, when the budget pressures on school districts and universities threaten our programs and our morale.

The IATLC is a precious resource that language and culture teachers in Idaho have nurtured over the years. If you have come to our annual meetings in the past, then you know that like me, you come away each time with a fresh set of enthusiasm and a new set of ideas for in-class activities, for

program development, for assessment, for professional development, and the list goes on. If you have not yet made it to a meeting, *please* make 2010 your first year! The time, effort, and money you invest in it will pay off many times over. Across the state--and right here at the University of Idaho where I am--the ranks of French teachers are tending to dwindle in the current fiscal environment, and it can sap our energy if we feel isolated and cut off from each other. Let's get together and remind each other of what we love about our job: the opportunity to open students' minds to the world and to stoke their passion for discovery!

So please make a commitment right now to attending the 2010 meeting of the IATLC, and especially, please find another I

language teacher who has yet to discover the benefits of this meeting, and get that teacher to come, too.

Also, consider presenting a session at this year's meeting. The discussions that follow presentations are some of the best ways for the state's French teachers to connect and learn from each other, so we try to have French sessions spread throughout the two-day schedule. Have you got an effective way of teaching a grammar point? an activity that your students really love? a project that you've conducted? a professional you The Idaho Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German had a winter workshop on February 5-6, 2010. The workshop presenter was Blake Peters, director of the German American school of Portland. The workshop was done in German, and German was spoken during meals as well. It was a great

camaraderie and learning. German teachers, please think seriously about presenting at our next October conference! Many of you have excellent ideas to share with all foreign language teachers would consider for this year's Teacher of the Year.

Au plaisir de vous voir nombreux en octobre . . . vive le français et vive l'IATLC!

Sarah Nelson
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Come and be renewed, refreshed and revived, with activities to put into use on Monday!

A Message from Cherie Rymer to the German Teachers

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Spanish Teachers Delight in Sharing Ideas.

Spanish Section

Greetings to everyone!!! We have had wonderful weather in Lewiston and it's hard to believe that the school year is almost over and the fall conference is just around the corner. The Board met in McCall in March and worked on some preliminary things for this fall's conference at North Junior High in Boise and I am excited about how the conference is shaping up. There are several of you that have already contacted Sally Husted about presenting a

session at this fall's conference, but we could still use a few more options for Spanish. If you have not already contacted Sally and would like to present a session, please let her know right away so that she can plan the schedule. We want to make sure that there are Spanish presentations available in each time slot.

For one of the sessions, I will be hosting an idea share for Spanish craft projects that can be used at

any level. I would love to have some of you bring a sample or two of projects you have students do within your classroom, so that we can share them with our colleagues and all leave with lots of new ideas. My projects are definitely designed for the artistically challenged teachers out there and are budget friendly.

As the conference approaches, if you have any questions please feel free to contact my by phone or e-mail:

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or 208-790-1789. Have a great end of school and a restful summer break. Hopefully, I will see all of you in October at the conference.





Lingo

**PNCFL News
From Esther Ciganda**

The PNCFL goal is to:

**CONNECT,
ADVOCATE
and
INSPIRE.**

Checkout the PNCFL website for more information on conferences, links, PAWS (Professional Assistance Workshops), and the current issue of LINGO along with previous issues of LINGO.

- <http://www.pncfl.org>

What is **PNCFL**? It is the Pacific Northwest Council for Languages, an organization of world language teachers that was founded in 1949, making it the oldest regional organization in the United States. PNCFL works as an advocacy group representing world language educators in the Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon,

Washington & Wyoming. Currently, I am the Idaho state representative. What do I do? I have an opportunity to talk with the Executive Council for PNCFL along with all the state representatives once a month via a Skype Conference call. During the meetings, we discuss a variety of items. In these last few meetings, we

discussed the **Cemanahuac Educational Program Scholarship, LINGO** and the need for more educators throughout the region to submit articles related to teaching world languages, and lastly the financial update for each month.

Esther Ciganda

You are They, and They are You ~ Dennis Ohrtman



For years I thought being a foreign/world language teacher was like being in the middle of a Campbell's Soup can, but there weren't enough repeated letters, especially: A, C, F, and T. Now I think we are more like going to a Jelly Belly factory—each unique flavors, tastes, and names, every one of which has changed at least once.

When you pay your dues you become a member of IATLC (Idaho Association of Teachers of Language and Culture)—that is not our real name. Officially we have an “s” on “language” and “culture.” At the same time you automatically become a member of PNCFL (Pacific Northwest Council on Foreign Languages)—it started as a “Conference,” not a “Council” in 1949. We send a representative there, receive their publication *Lingo* and participate in WILL (Western Initiative for Language Leadership) in cooperation with CASLS (Center for Applied Second Language Studies) at Oregon State University. WILL is a part of 16 NFLRC (National Foreign Language Research Centers) formed originally in the mid-1990s to promote the use of technology in foreign language classrooms—I was among our first participants at Iowa State—another from Montana and Alaska. We even want you to provide workshops for PAWS (Professional Assistance Workshops). You are also a member of JNCL-NCLIS (Joint National Committee on Languages—National Council for Languages and International Studies). That group is the lobbying group for world languages in Washington, D.C. You pay a dollar a year to belong.

**A Principal's Perspective
From Ken Anderson, Principal of Boise High School and the current
Outstanding Secondary Administrator for the State of Idaho**



World Language Faculty,

The Idaho Association of Teachers of Language and Culture has scheduled an in-service program on October 7th and 8th at North Junior High School in Boise. The purpose of the in-service is to provide information on new instructional strategies, supplemental materials, innovative technology, and assessment. Teachers will greatly benefit from this year's in-service. Please plan to attend this event to reconnect with colleagues and

collaborate on ideas that will better serve your students.

An important aspect of any in-service is the sharing of ideas and methods of instruction that have been successful in the classroom. The IATLC members are encouraged to contact in-service committee members to schedule a session for the in-service. There are numerous successful unit and lesson plans being used every day by master teachers throughout the state. Please consider sharing those plans with

your colleagues in October.

There are many instructors worthy of recognition for what they do for kids. The Association wants to recognize teachers who go above and beyond and have built programs that interest and challenge the students. Nominate your colleagues for awards sponsored by the Association. Being recognized by your colleagues is one of the most rewarding compliments an educator can experience.

We look forward to seeing you in October.

Ken Anderson,

Principal, Boise High



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Boise Idaho

**Attend, Present, Nominate a Teacher of the
Year, and especially enjoy!!!**