

Friday, May 16, 2003
San Diego Mesa College presents--
1st Annual Languages Department Conference:
Learning Across the Curriculum

8:00 – 8:30 Continental Breakfast. Outdoor quad between LRC and G Building*

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Mary C. Foster, Dean
School of Humanities / Languages

Virginia Sánchez-Bernardy
Professor and Chair, Department of Languages

9:00 – 9:50 WORKSHOP 1 (Flex# 17149). LRC 229

Presenter: Dr. Wayne Stromberg
Language Acquisition Resource Center, San Diego State University
Topic: In light of college-wide budget cuts and the lean financial years ahead, how can college language labs—particularly the MLAC (Modern Language Acquisition Center) at Mesa College—keep up with the pace of technology so that it can better serve language students in the coming years?

10:00 – 10:50 WORKSHOP 2 (Flex# 17334). LRC 229

Presenter #1: Stephanie Olson
Topic: “The World in your Backyard: Place-Based Education in the Foreign Language Classroom”
Abstract: Place-based education is the ideal extension of the contextualized and communicative language classroom. Local resources, from exhibitions and concerts to restaurants and festivals drive the curriculum and context for study, discussion, and expansion. Students experience their surroundings from the point of view of the target language and culture(s).

Presenter #2: Dora Schoenbrun-Fernández

Topic: “Creating Student Web-based pages with Course Compass”

Abstract: This presentation will demonstrate how to maximize Course Compass in your language class by incorporating students’ written work and photographs. The workshop will display how Course Compass can enhance teaching and maintain a student-centered environment. Both the development and organization of the technological elements of the project with Course Compass and the multiple learning skills employed and learned, including the assessment of the projects will be discussed.

Presenter #3: Houria Graves

Topic: “Using Text Reconstruction in the Classroom”

Abstract: Text reconstruction is an interactive group activity for third and fourth semester language courses wherein the instructor chooses a short text of 100 words or less and reads it three times to students who will then, as a group, try to reconstitute the text in its entirety.

11:00 – 11:50 KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Flex# 17335). Outdoor quad by LRC*

Introduction

Augustine Gallego, Chancellor

San Diego Community College District

Keynote Speaker

Professor William Virchis

Co-founder of Teatro Máscara Mágica

Former Artistic Director, Southwestern College

Director of Visual and Performing Arts

Sweetwater Union High School District

Topic: “Performance and the Bilingual Actor”

Closing Remarks

Leticia P. López, Dept. of Languages

12:00 – 1:00 Catered Lunch

** Weather permitting. If it’s raining or the California cold sets in, then we’ll move to G-102 in lieu of using the outdoor quad. Contact Leticia P. López for more info on location @x2353.*

The Conference Planning Committee

Co-chairs, Leticia P. López and Francisca Rascón

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