Innovative Approaches to Strengthening Language Departments

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Saturday, 25 May

7:00–9:00 a.m., Birch Ballroom
Breakfast

9:00–10:30 a.m., Cedar Ballroom
Plenary V: Study Abroad

Presider: Christina Isabelli, Gonzaga Univ.
Speakers: Jennifer Bown, Brigham Young Univ., UT; Joseph Collentine, Northern Arizona Univ.; Sonja Fritzsche, Michigan State Univ.; Christine Oakley, Washington State Univ., Pullman

10:30–10:45 a.m., Prefunction 3
Coffee break

10:45 a.m.–12:00 noon
Discussion Groups III

Recruiting Students to the Major, Meeting Room 1
Moderator: Barbara Kosta, Univ. of Arizona, Tucson

Study Abroad, Meeting Room 2
Moderator: Casilda Isabelli, Univ. of Nevada, Reno

Language Program Assessment, Meeting Room 3
Moderator: Robert Davis, Univ. of Oregon

Adjunct Labor, Meeting Room 4
Moderator: Jennifer Brown, Whitworth Univ.

Career Education, Meeting Room 5
Moderator: Jenny Strakovsky, Georgia Inst. of Tech.

12:15–1:15 p.m., Birch Ballroom
Lunch

1:30–3:00 p.m., Cedar Ballroom
Plenary VI: Challenges of Articulation

Presider: Lydia Tang, MLA
Speakers: David Bong, Avant Assessment; Cathy Brigham, College Board; William Rivers, Joint National Committee for Languages

Concluding remarks
Christina Isabelli, Gonzaga Univ., and Dennis Looney, MLA
WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY

5:00–6:00 p.m., Prefunction 3
Check-in for preseminar workshop participants

6:00–7:30 p.m., Meeting Room 10
Dinner for preseminar workshop participants

7:30–9:00 p.m.
Preseminar Workshops
New Chairs, Meeting Room 4
Leaders: Barbara Kosta, Univ. of Arizona, Tucson; Carole Kruger, Davidson Coll.
Managing Small Programs, Meeting Room 5
Leaders: Megan Ferry, Union Coll.; Sharon Wilkinson, Simpson Coll.
Teaching Language through Literature, Meeting Room 6
Leaders: Elizabeth Bernhardt, Stanford Univ.

THURSDAY, 23 MAY

7:00–8:30 a.m., Birch Ballroom
Breakfast for preseminar workshop participants

8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Preseminar Workshops (continued)
New Chairs, Meeting Room 4
Managing Small Programs, Meeting Room 5
Teaching Language through Literature, Meeting Room 6

10:00–10:30 a.m., Prefunction 4
Coffee break for preseminar workshop participants

12:00 noon–1:00 p.m., Birch Ballroom
Lunch for preseminar workshop participants

1:00–2:30 p.m., Prefunction 3
Seminar check-in

2:30–4:00 p.m., Cedar Ballroom
Welcome
Christina Isabelli, Gonzaga Univ.

Plenary I: How to Make Departments Strong: What Administrators Want You to Know

President: Lisa Vollendorf, Sonoma State Univ.
Speakers: Linda Beane-Boose, Spokane Falls Community Coll., WA; Todd Butler, Washington State Univ., Pullman; Catherine Danielou, Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham; Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak, Gonzaga Univ.; Carol Simon, Whitworth Univ.

4:00–4:30 p.m., Prefunction 3
Coffee break with Angela Ecklund, MLA International Bibliography

4:30–5:45 p.m., Cedar Ballroom
Plenary II: Town Hall on Enrollments, Program Closures, and Successful Models

Speakers: Dennis Looney, MLA; Natalia Lusin, MLA; Lydia Tang, MLA

6:00–6:30 p.m., Terrace Room West
Reception

6:30–9:00 p.m., Terrace Room East
Keynote address and dinner
President: Christina Isabelli, Gonzaga Univ.
Speaker: Stacey Katz Bourns, Northeastern Univ.

FRIDAY, 24 MAY

7:00–9:00 a.m., Birch Ballroom
Breakfast

9:00–10:30 a.m., Cedar Ballroom
Plenary III: 2025 ADFL Road Map and Action Plan

President: Sonja Fritzsche, Michigan State Univ.
Speakers: Carl Blyth, Univ. of Texas, Austin; Megan Ferry, Union Coll.; Araceli Hernandez-Laroche, Univ. of South Carolina Upstate; William J. Nichols, Georgia State Univ.; Richard Watts, Univ. of Washington, Seattle

10:30–11:00 a.m., Prefunction 3
Coffee break

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Discussion Groups I

Difficult Colleagues, Meeting Room 1
Moderator: Carole Kruger, Davidson Coll.
Managing the Department Budget, Meeting Room 2
Moderator: Gina Greco, Portland State Univ.
Leadership in Context: The Roles of Chairs, Deans, Provosts, Meeting Room 3
Moderator: Lisa Vollendorf, Sonoma State Univ.
Using Data to Promote the Department, Meeting Room 4
Moderator: William J. Nichols, Georgia State Univ.
Cultivating LCTLs and One-Person Programs, Meeting Room 5
Moderator: Megan Ferry, Union Coll.

12:30–1:30 p.m., Birch Ballroom
President: Dennis Looney, MLA
Conversation over lunch with Linda L. Carroll (Tulane Univ., American Assn. of University Professors), on academic freedom in the language classroom

1:30–3:00 p.m., Cedar Ballroom
Plenary IV: Innovation Showcase

Presenters: Angeles G. Aller, Whitworth Univ.; Carolina Alonso, Jamime Fitzgerald, and David Vasquez Hurtado, Fort Lewis Coll.; Enza Antonios, Montclair State Univ.; Elizabeth Bernhardt, Stanford Univ.; Angela Ecklund, MLA; Megan Ferry, Union Coll.; Gladys M. Francis, Shuai Li, William J. Nichols, and Faye Stewart, Georgia State Univ.; Araceli Hernandez-Laroche, Univ. of South Carolina Upstate; Casilde Isabelli, Univ. of Nevada, Reno; Salvador Oropeza, Clemson Univ.; Ute Perz, Gonzaga Univ.; Bendi Benson Schrambach, Whitworth Univ.; Kathleen Stein Smith, Fairleigh Dickinson Univ., Teaneck; Rebecca M. Stephanis, Gonzaga Univ.; Jenny Strakovsky, Georgia Inst. of Tech.; Joelle Traylor, Gonzaga Preparatory School, WA

3:30–3:45 p.m., Prefunction 3
Coffee break

3:45–5:00 p.m.
Discussion Groups II
Translation and Interpreting in the Curriculum, Meeting Room 1
Moderator: Caitilin Walsh, Bellevue Coll.
Intensive English Programs and Language Departments, Meeting Room 2
Moderator: Christopher Lupke, Univ. of Alberta
Mentoring Faculty Members, Meeting Room 3
Moderator: Sonja Fritzsche, Michigan State Univ.

5:30–8:30 p.m.
Excursion to Trezzi Farm Winery

A NOTE ON PHOTOGRAPHY
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