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of the California Community College Foreign Language Council

CCCFLC Conference: Saturday, October 21, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at College of the Canyons in Valencia, CA

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OUR MYSTERY KEYNOTE SPEAKER UNVEILED WITH PHOTOS



Above you can see photos of our overseas keynote speaker. Her name is Géraldine Lepère and you can learn more about her and her teaching methodology by visiting her website at <u>https://www.commeunefrancaise.com</u>. I've mentioned before that she is a pioneer in the ground-breaking area of language instruction that focuses on teaching students authentic oral language rather than prescriptive, normative language that few people actually speak. She will join us live via video link from Europe and will explain how we can incorporate this type of language instruction into our classrooms. We hope you can be there to witness her live. She has asked that you PLEASE SEND ME YOUR QUESTIONS FOR HER so she can respond to them during her keynote address.

COME FOR OUR CONFERENCE, ENJOY THE FOOD

Please mark the date of this year's SoCal conference on your calendars: SATURDAY, October 21, 2017. The 2017 CCCFLC Conference will be held at College of the Canyons in Valencia, CA, Valencia campus, not too far from Magic Mountain. We'll be in the UCEN University Center. It will begin at 9:00 a. m. with registration, a classic continental breakfast consisting of the chef's daily selection of muffins, danish, bagels, and cinnamon rolls, served with all accompaniments, and an Artisan seasonal fruit platter. Coffee service will be flowing, along with orange juice, and spa water. Lunch will be Greek themed this year and will feature stone-oven naan flatbread served with chicken shawarma and crispy falafel, yellow rice, greek salad, hummus, pita chips tzatziki, tomato cucumber salsa, feta cheese, and kalamata olives. The cost of this year's conference is \$50.00 for full-time instructors and \$40.00 for students, part-time faculty, retired faculty, and other attendees. Colleagues from Central and Northern California are encouraged to attend. Our conference is scheduled to end promptly at 4:00 p. m.

PRESENTATION SLOTS AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME--Please step up and share your best teaching techniques!

We find ourselves in an unusual position this year, and WE NEED YOUR HELP. Generally, by this time, we're close to finalizing the conference program; this year, there are numerous presentation slots still unfilled! We're extremely excited about our keynote speaker; as everyone knows, however, the presentations during our break-out sessions have always been the heart and soul of our conference. So, WE NEED PRESENTERS!

Perhaps you've been experimenting with a new teaching strategy that you'd like to share. Perhaps you've learned about a new pedagogical approach that you'd like to discuss with colleagues. Perhaps you've pondered another possible topic for presentation. If so, now's the time to step up and present. Or, if you know of someone else who would be a great presenter, please reach out to them or nominate them by sending their contact information to Kurt Kemp, CCCFLC Executive Director, at <u>kkemp@mtsac.edu</u>.

We're always looking to have a variety of presentations, both in terms of focus (pedagogical, linguistic, cultural, etc.) and in language(s) represented. Presentations should be about 30 minutes in length, to be followed by 15 minutes of discussion. You may present in the language of your choice; however, we need a brief (one paragraph) summary of all presentations in English. Please e-mail your summary to Kurt ASAP!

We're confident that with a creative group such as the CCCFLC, enough presenters will step forward to help make the 2017 CCCFLC conference our best yet!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION (see attached registration form)

Registration for the 2017 CCCFLC Conference is now open. The Registration is \$50.00 for full-time faculty, and \$40.00 for students, part-time faculty, retired faculty, and other attendees. You can pay online via PayPal (using your PayPal account, or a credit card with or without a PayPal account), or by mail with a check. The deadline to submit your payment is Thursday, October 12, 2017. To register:

1) Go to cccflc.org and click on the link for the Conference page. There you'll find detailed registration and payment information. Click on the link for the conference registration form.

2) Save the conference registration form to your computer. Open the form from your computer, complete it, and save it again to your computer.

3) E-mail the completed registration form as an attachment to both Eckherme@elac.edu and dcabanel@occ.cccd.edu.

If you prefer to pay online, please complete your payment at the same time that you email your completed registration form. If paying by check, in addition to e-mailing the completed form as described above, please mail a printed version of your completed form along with your check to the address indicated on the registration form.

4) In-person registration the morning of the conference will be \$60.00 for full-time faculty, \$50.00 for students, part-time faculty, retired faculty, and other attendees; by cash, credit, or PayPal; no personal checks will be accepted the day of the conference.

Parking is free and a parking permit and electronic map will be emailed to you after you register for the conference. By the way, if you are willing to help us set up and clean up afterwards, please let us know.

Thanks so much and we look forward to seeing you at the conference in October,

Kurt