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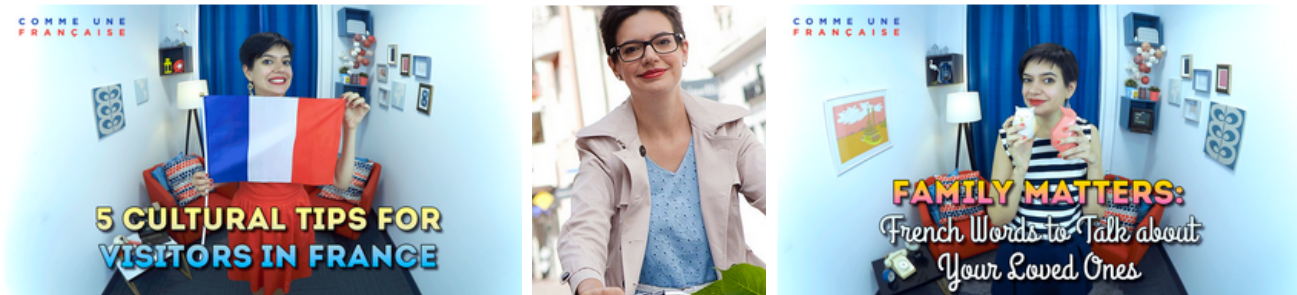
of the California Community College Foreign Language Council

**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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NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHO OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER IS...



"Dynamic" doesn't even begin to describe G eraldine Lep ere, who will join us via live video link from France. In the meantime, you can learn more about her and her teaching methodology by visiting her website at <https://www.commeunefrancaise.com>. 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 explain how we can incorporate this type of language instruction into our classrooms. The opportunity to witness her live at our conference will probably not be repeated in our lifetimes. **NOW THIS IS IMPORTANT:** If you can think of any questions you'd like her to address during her keynote speech, you need to email them to me by the registration deadline and I'll pass them on to her.

BESIDES PEDAGOGY, ONE OF OUR FORTÉS IS THE FOOD!

All you have to do is think of the other conferences you've been to and you'll realize that our food leaves the rest in the proverbial dust. 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 Santa Clarita, 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.

THE PRESENTATIONS WE HAVE SO FAR (we still have room for more)

As of press time, the following are the presentations we have lined up:

- 1) Rosalind Latiner Raby will share information on education abroad at California community colleges by focusing on the history as well as on current offering. Emphasis will be placed on best practices, current trends, and future concerns for the field.
- 2) Tammie Tran will talk about how low enrollment and its effects in foreign language courses have been of great concern in community colleges and universities in recent years. The presentation is a platform for us to review/share experiences about the enrollment situation and its consequences in our institutions in Southern California. Please join her to discuss some possible strategies to grow enrollment and increase diverse student populations from administrative and pedagogical perspectives.
- 3) Solène Halabi and Serena Ott will show us how they "Draw, play, and learn - Creativity in the language classroom." More details forthcoming.

4) Hagit Arieli-Chai will show us how using technology in a second language instruction allows students to reach global competency and meet ACTFL (American Council of the Teaching of Language) competency standards the five Cs (Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities). Communicative competency, according to ACTFL, is comprised of three modes of communication: interpersonal, interpretative and personal. The interpersonal mode can be attained by conversation or writing; its purpose is to interpret written texts in either visual or auditory manner. Another goal of the interpersonal mode is to foster aptitude in writing, speaking, and presentational formats. In her presentation, Prof. Arieli-Chai will show us how various technological tools can enhance activities designed to achieve global competency in the L-2 environment.

5) Kurt Kemp and Serena Ott will be co-presenting on a topic of interest to many adjuncts: How to maximize the probability of obtaining a full-time tenure-track position at the community college level. They will go over all phases of the process, such as where to find open positions, the application process, meeting deadlines, how to get that first interview, the finalist interview, and what is required of you to obtain tenure.

6) Lynn Vogel-Zuiderweg and Mary Ellen Eckhert will give you some creative ideas on how to incorporate Géraldine Lepère's communicative approach into your classroom, whether it be in French, Spanish or any other language we teach. More details are forthcoming.

As you can see, we have some exciting offerings to share with you, and we do have room for more, so if you have an idea for a presentation you'd like to make, please email me right away at kkemp@mtsac.edu and we'll fit you in. The thing about language teaching is that there are so many diverse ways to engage our students and it would be a shame to keep your best teaching techniques to yourself. If you share them with all of us, our students will benefit and that's what counts the most, wouldn't you agree?

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 looking forward to accepting more presenters who will help make the 2017 CCCFLC conference our best one yet!

DEADLINE AND PROCEDURE FOR REGISTERING

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 e-mail 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 approximately one week before 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 on October 21,

Kurt