



# **NYSAFLT Summer Institute 2010**

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## **What's H.O.T. in LOTE: Higher Order Thinking Skills**

### **Presenter Biographies**

(arranged alphabetically)



#### **Bill Anderson, Massapequa PS**

Bill Anderson is the K-12 Curriculum Associate for LOTE & ESL in the Massapequa School District. Prior to that he taught Spanish in Massapequa High School and Pine Bush High School. Bill is one of the NYSAFLT Regional Directors for Long Island and a member of the Executive Council of the AATSP Long Island Chapter.

#### **Sue Barnes, Sodus High School, retired**

Sue Barnes has been teaching Spanish at Sodus Central School since September 1988. She retired this past June but during her career taught 8th grade through college level courses through Cayuga Community College. Sue led the Sodus LOTE Department as its chairperson since the fall of 1995. Prior to that, she taught Spanish at Geneva Middle School and one year of ESL in Geneva. She graduated cum laude from SUNY at Fredonia with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Secondary Spanish. She received her Master's Degree from SUNY at Brockport. Sue served as the NYSAFLT Director for the Rochester region, as well as a member of its Executive Committee since 2006. She is currently the NYSAFLT Immediate Past President. She was the treasurer of WAFFLE (Wayne and Finger Lakes Foreign Language Educators) for many years and was a member of the WFL BOCES LOTE Program Networks Committee. Sue has had a lesson reviewed and accepted by the NYS Academy for Teaching and Learning, and has had an article on assessment published in the NYSAFLT Journal. She has served as a consultant in foreign language instruction and curriculum development and presented multiple workshops locally, regionally and across the state. She is a turnkey trainer for the NYS Regents and has presented many workshops on preparing students for the exam.

#### **Lourdes Brown, Clarkstown Central School District**

Lourdes Brown has taught Spanish for four years in Clarkstown Central School District, New City, New York. She has a BA in Spanish Education from SUNY New Paltz and is currently working on a Master's in Spanish Education at SUNY New Paltz.

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### **Terry Caccavale, Holliston PS**

Terry Caccavale is the K-12 Foreign Language Specialist of the Holliston, MA Public Schools. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association and is the Immediate Past President of the National Network for Early Language Learning (NNELL). A frequent presenter at state and national conferences, she is a Distinguished Alumna of SUNY Cortland (2005) and a recipient of the Palmes Académiques from the French Government for her work in French education in the United States.

### **Deb Carlson, Sweet Home Middle School**

Debbie currently holds the position of NYSAFLT 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and previously held the positions of NYSAFLT Treasurer, Regional Director and WNYFLEC Treasurer. Debbie has taught Spanish & French at Sweet Home Middle School, Amherst for the past 10 years, serves the district as a mentor teacher, and has written and published teaching materials for Poster Pals.

### **Victoria Gilbert, Ed.D., Saint David's School**

Victoria has taught Spanish, French and Science for over 20 years. She is currently the chair of the Foreign Language Dept and has been the chair of the Science Department. Her department is currently in the process of rolling out a FLES program from K-5. Victoria holds a B.A. in Art History and Fine Arts with a minor in French at UVA. A heritage speaker of Spanish, Victoria received her doctorate in 2005 from Teachers College-Columbia University in the Curriculum & Teaching Department. Her dissertation focused on teacher efficacy in private, parochial, public and public chartered schools. Victoria also founded East River Community Recreation and Education on the Water. She is most interested in helping teachers design learning environments that engage students' minds and in supporting teacher and student efforts to reach the learning goals of the classroom.

### **Sue Hochmuth, Sackets Harbor Central School**

Sue Hochmuth has been teaching Spanish for 33 years. She is a teacher at Sackets Harbor Central School where she currently teaches Spanish in grades 5, 6, 7, Spanish 1 and Spanish 4. When the need arises she also teaches Spanish 221 and 222 to her students so that they may receive college credit through Jefferson Community College. Sue keeps herself very busy these days with her duties as NYSAFLT President.

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### **Mary Holmes, New Paltz CSD**

Mary is currently teaching French in the New Paltz School District and presents professional development regionally and nationally on current language practices. She is serving as First Vice-president on the NYSAFLT Executive Board. Mary was recently the Associate for Foreign Language at the New York State Education Department where she worked on standards revision, curriculum, certification and professional development, winning the 2008 NYSAFLT President's Award for her work there. Previously, Mary taught French and Spanish for over 13 years in the Marcellus Central School District and was a presenter for Blaine Ray Workshops. She earned her BA and MA from Syracuse University.

### **Toni Johnson, Penn Yan Academy**

Toni Johnson is currently a French teacher at Penn Yan Academy, grades 9 – 12. She holds a BA degree in French and Economics from Bucknell University, teaching certification from Va Tech and a MS degree in Secondary Education/French from SUNY Geneseo. She spent her first fifteen years of teaching at the Middle School level (grades 6 - 8) and has been at the high school level for the past 8 years. She has had training in the Thoughtful Education model of learning styles and was a LOTE consultant for Silver, Strong and Associates and literacy with Dr. John O'Flahavan. She has presented at several NYSAFLT conferences, including the Annual Conference, Colloquium and Summer Institute. She has received the ISE Award and the NYSAFLT President's Award and has served NYSAFLT in several roles, including Regional Director, Nominations Committee, committee chairperson and is currently serving as NYSAFLT Secretary.

### **Nancy Ketz, Holland Patent High School**

Nancy Ketz taught French for 33 years, most recently at Holland Patent High School, where she currently coordinates the Mentoring and New Teacher Program. She facilitates the CNYNBC Support Network and the Center State LOTE Professional Network. Nancy is currently President-Elect of NYSAFLT.

### **Eliane McKee, Ph.D., Buffalo State College**

Eliane McKee, Ph.D. is Professor Emerita in foreign language education & French. After retiring in 2007 from the State University of NY College at Buffalo where she continues to teach, she started a FLES French class for home schooled children in the Jamestown, NY, area. Children opt to remain in her class even after switching to public schools. She is a frequent presenter at conferences, and author of several books and articles.

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### **Vickie Mike, Ed.D., Horseheads High School**

Vickie Mike, the 2009 New York State Teacher of the Year, has been a Spanish teacher for over 30 years. She began her teaching career in the Rochester and Buffalo areas. In 1980 she returned to Horseheads High School to teach Spanish. A graduate of Horseheads High School Vickie received her Bachelor's degree from Brockport State, her Master's degree from State University of New York at Buffalo, and her Doctorate in Education from Binghamton University.

### **Jean Rincon, Hunter College Elementary School**

Jean Rincon has been the FLES (Spanish) Specialist at Hunter College Elementary School in New York City since 1991. HCES is a publicly funded school for students who have been identified as intellectually gifted. Jean has been a presenter at several Northeast Conferences and the Annual Trevor Conferences on Early Language Learning.

### **Amanda M.G. Seewald,**

#### **MARACAS Spanish Programs for Young Learners, Scotch Plains, NJ**

Amanda Seewald is the creator and director of MARACAS Spanish Programs for Young Learners. This program is taught in several preschools and elementary schools in New Jersey. Amanda is the current NNELL N.J. State Representative, serves on the Executive Board for FLENJ, and was elected to the Board of Directors for NECTFL. She has presented at numerous conferences and was MEAD Fellow and Best of NECTFL finalist in 2007. Amanda loves to work with educators and empower them to reach all language learners in a fun and meaningful way!

### **Diana Zuckerman, Rondout Valley CSD**

Diana Zuckerman holds a B.A. in Spanish and Psychology and an M.S. in Education from SUNY New Paltz. She is certified Spanish N/Pre K-12. She has been teaching Spanish at Rondout Valley CSD in Accord, NY, since 1998. Currently teaching K-4, 6 and 8, she also taught English in Spain for five years. Diana has recorded five Spanish music CDs with her 5th grade FLEX students. Diana serves on the Board of Directors of NYSAFLT, is the NYS Representative for NNELL and is President of ALOUD (Association of Language Teachers of Orange, Ulster, Dutchess and Surrounding Counties).

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