

The Utah Foreign Language Association Newsletter

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Electra Fielding UFLA President

Dear UFLA colleagues and friends,

I hope you're enjoying the longer days and the promise of warmer weather coming our way. It seems difficult to believe, but it's been already over a month since the 104th UFLA Conference. Thanks to all who participated whether by attending, presenting, or helping with the organization of the conference. The event was attended by over 400 world language educators, exhibitors, students and administrators, and the program included over 40 sessions on topics ranging from translation and comics, to teaching culture in the classroom. The sessions I attended were extremely well prepared, enjoyable and full of innovative ideas for the foreign language classroom. During the luncheon program, we honored our Teacher of the Year for Secondary Education, Ryan Wells (Taylorsville High School), and our Teacher of the

Year for DLI, Emmanuel Collins-Peynaud (Churchill Jr. High). We also recognized the recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award, Dave Nielsen, Chantal Thompson and Jeffrey Jackson, and the recipients of the Friends of the Profession Award, Sydney Dickson and Stuart Adams. Dr. Scott Sprenger, current dean of the Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts and Humanities at Weber State University, gave the keynote address on "Humanities Plus," emphasizing the flexibility and opportunities that language learning offers students, stressing the importance of thinking outside the box when guiding students in their career choices, and highlighting the strengths of the state of Utah in the area of world languages. Also, congratulations to Greta Moses, the 10th grade student from Layton High who won this year's overall poster contest. Her design graced the cover of the 2019 UFLA conference program.

This March, SWCOLT will take place in Fort Worth, Texas, and Utah will be well-represented at the conference. Dr. Diego Batista from Weber State University is our Teacher of the Year for the state of Utah and we wish him the best of luck! Also at SWCOLT, Ryan Wells will be presenting "Consistent Conversation: The Key to Engagement and Rigor," which was chosen as the Best of Utah presentation from the 2018 UFLA Conference. Jill Landes-Lee will also be attending as the

UFLA Delegate to SWCOLT.

Only one week after the conference, the UFLA Board met in a two-day retreat to plan for the year ahead. It was an intense 24 hours of planning and networking, but it was all well worth it. We are very excited about the 2019-2020 year and the events that we are in the process of finalizing, such as the UFLA annual workshop in Southern Utah, and the 2020 UFLA Conference (more information coming soon!). One of the changes you will notice is that we have amped up the number of Newsletters from three to four. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of the UFLA Board: Dr. Kacy Peckenpaugh (Weber State University) as the American Association of Teachers of German representative, Tomono Adachi (Weber State University) as the Utah Asociation of Teachers of Japanese representative, and Lori Zaremba (Maple Mountain High School) as the Utah American Sign Language Representative. Stephen Van Orden leaves us as the AATG representative, but will continue on the board as our UFLA Historian. Jared Nebeker is going to serve this coming year as past-president, and he will also be the new LILL representative (Leadership Initiative for Language Learning). A big thanks to Jared for his leadership in the UFLA board this past year, I have learned a lot by watching him work with us and leading the board.

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And finally, many congratulations to Dr. Blair Bateman who is the new UFLA President-Elect. Blair has many years of experience working with the UFLA Board as the BYU representative. He is a professor of Spanish and Portuguese at BYU, and also teaches methodology and curriculum.

I am looking forward to the opportunity of serving as UFLA President this year, and I wish all of you a great end of the semester/school year!

Best regards,

Electra Gamón Fielding UFLA President

# 3rd Annual Southern Utah Fall Workshop

UFLA will continue our fall workshop series this fall with a two-day workshop, November 1st and 2nd at Dixie State University. Our speaker will be Dr. Greta Lundgaard. Put it on your calendar now and registration information will be made available in early May.

#### **UFLA Teacher of the Year**

The deadline for Teacher of the Year nominations is October 15th. Remember that a Curriclum Vitae and letters of recommendation are needed! If you have any questions, please contact Electra Fielding. (electrafielding@weber.edu)

# **Utah ASL Teachers Association**

ASL Teachers, my name is Lori Zaremba and I am the newly selected representative for ASL teachers on the UFLA board. I plan to represent the needs of ASL teachers at all levels and seek to keep you connected to information that will help you and your students. I invite you to contact me if you have information to share, suggestions for workshops, or ideas to help ASL teachers. I am currently seeking to collect the contact information of our ASL teachers throughout the state so information can be delivered to everyone. Please visit the "Utah ASL Teachers" Facebook page to find and enter your contact information into the form. I hope you will share this newsletter with those who are NOT-YET members of UFLA and encourage them to join.

# ASL teachers who are members of UFLA have the opportunity to:

- Receive information about workshops, conferences, and activities that benefit you and your students
- Publicize your events, workshops, activities in our quarterly newsletter or via email list
- Apply for Grants offered through UFLA (<a href="http://organizations.we-ber.edu/ufla/Awards/grants.html">http://organizations.we-ber.edu/ufla/Awards/grants.html</a>)
- Plan and provide workshops that benefit ASL teachers

#### **Upcoming ASL Events**

"Night of Sign Language Comedy" featuring Dack Virnig and Wing Butler takes place March 29th at Westlake High School (see next page)

High School ASL competition takes place at West High School on Saturday April 13th. Find information here: https://aslcomp.wordpress.com/

The ASLTA Conference is in San Diego June 30-July 3. Find more information here: <a href="https://www.aslta2019.com/">https://www.aslta2019.com/</a>

# CONGRATULATIONS

The Education Office of the Embassy of Spain awarded two 2019 two-week summer course MESTER scholarships in Salamanca, Spain to Maria Luisa Spicer Escalante and Susana Anderson, two of our amazing Utah teachers! The scholarship includes tuition, full room and board accommodations, medical insurance and additional cultural activities.

We congratulate them and hope they have a wonderful summer experience.





WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM MARCH 29, 2019 7:00-8:30 PM \$10 ADMISSION

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Please register on MIDAS - <a href="https://usbe.midaseducation.com">https://usbe.midaseducation.com</a>

### **SOUTH**

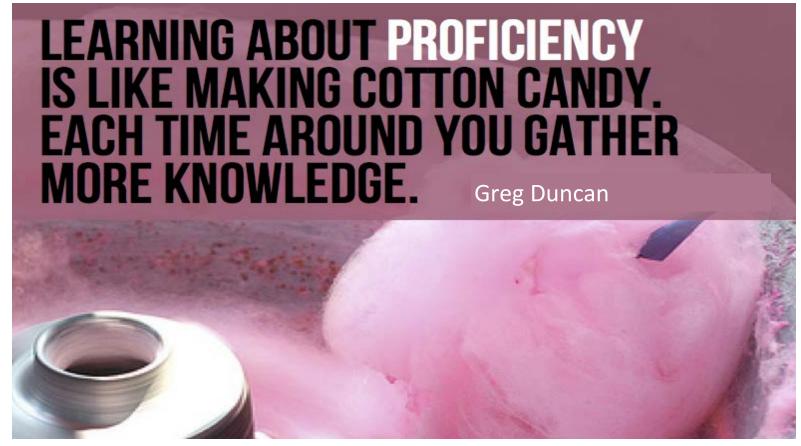
APRIL 23 – 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Washington County School District 121 W Tabernacle-Woodward Rm 102 St. George, UT 84770 MIDAS #50478 Section 1

## **CENTRAL**

APRIL 24– 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Jordan JATC South Bldg
12723 S. Park Ave.
Riverton, UT 84065
MIDAS #50478 Section 3

### **NORTH**

APRIL 25– 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Davis Conference Center
1651 N 700 W
Layton, UT 84041
MIDAS #50478 Section 2



# Summer Program for Spanish Teachers Brigham Young University

**2019 Summer Workshop For Spanish Teachers** 



Plan now for next year!

# Thursday & Friday, June 20-21, 2019

Best Practices for Proficiency and Culture Learning

USBE 1 Credit \$20 tuition (includes materials & lunches)

Register at:

http://spanport.byu.edu/blog/program/byusummer-workshop-for-spanish-teachers/

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# For more info:

Dr. Nieves Knapp knapp@byu.edu (801-422-3196)



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## **TUITION**

Before May 3	700.00	
May 4 - June 7	750.00	
June 8 - July 8, and on-site registration\$	800.00	
Continental breakfast and lunch are provided.		
\$50 additional lab fee for studio art and science of	courses	

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#### **UFLA Mission**

The UFLA exists to stimulate the interest of all people everywhere in the learning and preserving of skills in foreign languages, and all languages other than English and to foster discussion and interchange of ideas relative to the duties, responsibilities, and problems of teachers and students engaged in the study of foreign languages in order to aid and promote the advancement and mutual understanding of teachers and students.