



## PWRFL Spring Conference

*April 9, 2016- Putnam Valley High School*

146 Peekskill Hollow Road

Putnam Valley, NY 10579

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



## PWRFL Conference co-sponsored by NYSAFLT

### *Schedule of Events:*

Schedule	
8:30-9:00	<i>Breakfast</i>
9:00-9:30	<i>Keynote/ NYSAFLT Update</i>
9:30-10:45	<i>1st Session- Choose 1</i>
10:45-11:15	<i>Break</i>
11:15-11:45	<i>Activity Swap</i>
11:45-1:00	<i>2nd Session- Choose 1</i>
1:00-2:30	<i>Lunch/ Raffles</i>

PWRFL is thrilled to welcome NYSAFLT president Candace R. Black for an update from NYSAFLT. In addition, she will discuss the NYS Seal of Biliteracy pilot program and how schools can begin putting into place their own program for 2016-2017. She is the current president of NYSAFLT.

**\*PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE FOR EASY ACCESS TO PRESENTER MATERIALS AND WEBSITES!!!**

**\*Please bring one activity to share during our swap session! 20 copies should be sufficient!**

**\*Breakfast and Lunch are included! Please join us to socialize with colleagues!**

## Session A (2 choices)

### **Option 1: The LOTE edTPA and You- Room 214- Joan Kass**

All LOTE teacher candidates in New York State MUST TAKE and PASS the edTPA in order to become certified. New York State is one of only two states that require the edTPA for certification. The edTPA is a high stakes prescriptive portfolio with several components. The role of the mentor teacher is critical in the student teaching experience and the success of the teacher candidates. A great workshop if you are thinking about having a student teacher!

#### **Biography:**

#### **Joan Kass-**

Currently Joan Kass is Adjunct Faculty/ Clinical Supervisor at the School of Education at Pace University, where she is the seminar

leader for the Adolescent Student Teacher Seminar. Retired from the White Plains School District in 2008, where she had been Coordinator of the District LOTE Program for 25 years and for 20 of those years also Coordinator of the Secondary ESOL Program.

#### **Education:**

B.A. Mount Holyoke College  
M.A.T. Harvard Graduate School of Education  
Administrative Certification – Pace University Education Leadership Program

### **Option 2:- Google Voice-Room 217- Deanna Tessler**

Google Voice is a great tool for speaking practice and assessments in the world language classroom. Learn

how to set up your own google voice account, see and hear examples, and begin creating your own assignments. You will need a google account to get the most out of this workshop. Bring your cell phone and laptop or iPad. Presented in English with examples in French, but applicable to all languages.

#### **Biography:**

#### **Deanna Tessler-**

Deanna Tessler is a French teacher at Irvington Middle School and is chairperson of the World Languages Department. She enjoys incorporating technology in her lessons but is definitely not a “tech-head”.

## Session B (2 choices)

### **Option 1: Vocabulary Acquisition- Room 217- Stacy Bernstein**

Students may have preferred learning styles, but teachers need to incorporate all styles into the lessons. This workshop will present some "tried and true" language learning activities like "I have, who has," "ball game," and "flyswatter," all with a MULTISENSORY twist. Learn how to expand activities that focus on visual, auditory, or tactual/kinesthetic modalities so that you can engage more students in each lesson. The more we experience, the more we learn!

#### **Biography:**

#### **Stacy Bernstein-**

Stacy has been teaching Spanish, French, and ESL for 25 years, including the past 20 years in Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School. Her research interests include differentiation with learning styles and curriculum development for Heritage Language Learners. She achieved National Board

Certification in World Languages Other Than English in 2003 and earned a doctorate in Instructional Leadership from Western Connecticut State University.

### **Option 2: - "Catch of the Day"- Fishbowl Discussion for enhancing conversations - Room 214-216- Milena Hoffman**

This workshop will teach you how to facilitate in-depth classroom conversations through the "fishbowl" discussion method. Students will be able to guide classroom discussions by generating their own questions via Bloom's Taxonomy. You will also be given a variety of assessment activities that will strengthen the interpersonal skills of your students. Time permitting, you will participate in a mock fishbowl discussion to fully understand how it works. The activities presented are suitable for Checkpoint B and C students of any language.

#### **Biography:**

#### **Milena Hoffman-**

Milena Hoffman has taught high school Spanish for seven years. She has presented several workshops at LILT's Annual Conference (2011), the NYSAFLT Summer Institute (2012) and the PWRFL Regional Meeting (2015). She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stony Brook in Hispanic Language and Literature and a Master of Arts degree from Queens College in TESOL. She currently teaches Spanish 3H, 4H and 5H at Blind Brook High School, Rye Brook.

Special Thanks to:

Wayside Publishing for sending in prizes to be raffled!

# Conference Information

*Special thanks to our Regional Conference organizers:*

Alexis Thornton

Roxanne Franquelli- Beras

**High School, Middle School, FLES Contest winners: Will be announced soon!**

**Check the next newsletter for more information!**

**Officers: Our president and secretary were both up for election this year- elections at Regional meeting!**

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