

*A collection of information and links to
websites concerning
Early Language Learning*

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NNELL at ACTFL

*Increasing Students' Communication
through Partner Gap Activities*

This session showcases the use of information gap activities, which increase the amount and level of communication in world language classes. Presenters will share examples of gap activities, along with ideas and materials for immediate implementation. Attendees learn how to develop activities that can be easily incorporated into their curriculum.

Presenters: Tammy Dann and Lindsey Cornwell

Fri, Nov 20, 6:15-7:15pm

NNELL Annual Swap Shop Breakfast

This annual breakfast provides attendees an opportunity to network with early language learning professionals. A plethora of activities from colleagues in the profession will be shared. Email an activity to Nathan Lutz prior to November 10th at: nlutz@mph.net. Include your name, grade, objectives, and permission to share your materials.

Saturday, November 21, 2009, 7:30-9:30 am

*NNELL Annual Business Meeting and State
Representatives Networking Session*

Everyone is invited to attend this session to gain important insight into the mission and workings of NNELL. Regional and state representatives will be introduced and report on initiatives supporting early language learning. Participants will be able to discuss

the implementation and maintenance of programs.

Sat, November 21, 2009, 10:00 am - 11:15 am

*Starting a State Early Language Learning
Network*

This presentation will feature the genesis of the Indiana Network for Early Language Learning, one of the most successful early language learning organizations inspired by the National Network for Early Language Learning. We will explore the "How to's" of organizing, recruiting, leadership, and advocacy.

Presenters: Patricia Hannah, Joanne Jones, Frank Regich, Pamela Valdez

Sat, Nov 21, 1:00-2:00pm

*Let's Make Music: The Power of Many
Voices*

This session will focus on the value of music as a tool for instruction and learning. Participants will have a unique opportunity to work interactively on song development with other teachers. Each participant will come away with materials for classroom use as well as guidelines and ideas for curriculum integration.

Presenter: Amanda Seewald

Sat, Nov 21, 4:15-5:15pm

ACTFL Talk Radio

The last ACTFL Talk Radio program was "Technology Applications with Toni Theisen". You can listen to the program which was dedicated to 21st century skills and technology applications used by Toni Theisen, ACTFL National Language Teacher of the Year.

Click here to listen to "[Technology Applications with Toni Theisen](#)".

In the show, Toni mentioned many websites. Click here to access the [websites](#) discussed during “Technology Applications with Toni Theisen”.

Spanish curriculum**

Included in this website are a multitude of teacher-created activities, the program’s scope and sequence, content-related units, and assessments from a grade 1-6 Spanish FLES program in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Click here to access the [West Des Moines FLES curriculum](#).

**Link provided by Lindsey Cornwell, Central States West Regional Rep.

Languages in the News

*Engaging the World: U.S. Global Competence in the 21st Century***

“*Engaging the World* chronicles the origins of HEA-Title VI and Fulbright-Hays programs 50 years ago, and showcases beneficiaries who are using foreign language skills and international knowledge in a variety of professions in ways that make a difference in their work, their lives and the world. They demonstrate the importance of global competence in a working world where diversity, global engagement and competition are the norm.”

“*A 21st Century Imperative* makes the case that U.S. global competence in the 21st century is not a luxury, but a necessity. Whether engaging the world, or our culturally diverse homeland, the United States’ future success will rely on the global competence of our people. Global competence must become part of the core mission of education—from K-12 through graduate school.”

Also available are more interview segments from Title VI and Fulbright-Hays beneficiaries about global competence, their education and international experiences. Some clips include:

- **Dana Banks**, Foreign Service Officer, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- **Lynne Campbell**, K-12 Foreign Language Teacher, Glastonbury School System, Glastonbury, Connecticut.
- **Michael Dunne**, Managing Director JD Power Associates Asia
- **Michele Dunne**, Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, *Former U.S. Department of State Officer*
- **Elizabeth C. Economy**, Director for Asia Studies, Council on Foreign Relations
- **Robert Gates**, United States Secretary of Defense, *Former President of Texas A&M University*
- **Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Kelley**, Chief of Defense Cooperation, U.S. Embassy, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Link submitted by Marcela Summerville, Pennsylvania state rep.

Information Gap Activities

This ESL site has sample information gap activities. The communicative activities can be changed and used in any language, or created to fit culturally to any language.

Click here to access the [Information Gap activities](#).

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