

CLTA Online Newsletter

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Welcome to the CLTA Online Newsletter
Summer 2017 Edition



It's summertime, summertime, sum sum summertime, summertiiiiiiiiiiiiime!

The season for _____ and SHARING. (you fill in the blank with whatever you are looking forward to)

We know what our government and foundation grant winners are doing – travelling and learning - maybe you can join them next year! The winners will write articles about their experiences and share with you by presenting an interest session at the Annual Conference in Ontario next March.

We invite you to share your summer experiences, in your work, learning, play, travel, study, or whatever you think your colleagues might like to hear about. Please send a short description of your adventures (photos are always welcome, jpg preferred) to Tanya at exec-director@clta.net.

To find out what everybody is talking about, and to sign up for a most transcendent experience, see Summer Seminar (below).

CLTA wishes you all a happy, productive season.

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Summer Seminar Heats Up for July 14-19



Relish a magical week of learning and networking, working and playing, as you delight in the enchantment of Santa Barbara itself.

CLTA/CWLP Summer Seminar 2017 at U.C. Santa Barbara offers a variety of strands for teachers of world language and culture. Focused on the theme of *Core Practices for World Language Learning and Global Competence*, the seminar will offer participants general sessions exploring a number of topics that support this year's theme and seven strands where the participants engage with their peers and facilitators in applying concepts learned in the general sessions. Participants will jointly develop instructional strategies, assessment tools and lessons/thematic units of study that they will implement with students in their own classrooms.

JOIN US for an intensive week of sharing, learning, growing, on the U.C. Santa Barbara campus, July 14-19. **REGISTER FOR SUMMER SEMINAR NOW!** <https://www.tfaforms.com/408473>

Find more information in the brochure at <http://clta.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/SS-BROCHURE-2017-Final-April-2017.pdf>

Please register by June 9th to access your favorite strand.



Susan Watson named L.A. County Teacher of the Year

Our own Susan Watson, teacher of Japanese and CLTA affiliate representative to the Board from MCLASC (Modern and Classical Language Association of Southern California), was named L.A. County Teacher of the Year on September 16. Susan has been teaching for 20 years and is at Long Beach Polytechnic High School in the Long Beach Unified School District. Susan was one of only 16 teachers chosen from the region.

According to the online news announcement, "Susan's high school students learn about math, history, English grammar, even science--all in Japanese. And she reassures parents who worry they can't help with homework, explaining that if she does her job correctly, the students won't need their help." A parent noted that "All of Ms. Watson's time and effort have inspired our daughter to love the Japanese language and culture."

Leadership Keeps Growing



Melisa Robison, CLTA Membership Chair will attend ACTFL LILL (Leadership Initiative for Language Learning) program in the Chicago Area at the end of June, as CLTA representative to the Emerging Leaders group.



Tonja Byrom attended as one of the first attendees and was invited back due to her outstanding program plan and implementation in California, and is now one of the veteran leaders. CLTA is proud to have these two outstanding educators as participants in LILL 2017.

As a result of the original LILL training, CLTA hosted our own CALI (California Leadership Training Initiative) two years ago, and thirteen members "graduated" from the program and are now serving their communities according to their plans developed at that two-day session led by Tonja Byrom and Svetlana Lazarova, CLTA Past-president and Awards Chair.

CLTA has many other deserving "emerging" leaders who are working every day for the benefit of students in world language and culture, and their teachers. For more information on the LILL program, go to <https://www.actfl.org/assessment-professional-development/lill>

CONSIDER NEW KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS to implement what you have been meaning to do, but haven't yet. **REGISTER FOR SUMMER SEMINAR NOW!** <https://www.tfaforms.com/408473>

CLTA Membership

Can't hurt to become a member or renew now – member dues have been reduced from \$50 to \$45 and are **now currently \$35**. We are working hard to make it easier for you to become a member.

To join CLTA click <https://www.tfaforms.com/4612991>

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Visit us on the web at www.clta.net

CONSIDER TIME to focus on something important to you and your classroom. **REGISTER FOR SUMMER SEMINAR NOW!** <https://www.tfaforms.com/408473>

CONSIDER TAKING TIME FOR YOURSELF.

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BILL WATCH

It is worth noting that Governor Brown has proposed that \$1 billion funding to schools originally proposed for 2018 be delayed until 2019. For more information:

<https://edsource.org/2017/gov-browns-proposal-delays-giving-schools-1-billion-in-next-years-budget/582299>

Here are three bills to follow for now. See CLTA's position on AB 169 (O'Donnell), AB 410 (Cervantes) and AB 952 (Reyes) [\[here\]](#)

Meet Thomas Beeman New CLTA Advocacy Chair



A CLTA Outstanding Teacher 2017, Thomas Beeman, has agreed to take over the demanding job of Advocacy Chair, and was approved the May Conference Call Board meeting. Duties of the Advocacy Chair are many and varied, including reading legislative bills, collecting the recommendations of the Advocacy Committee and sharing with our Legislative Advocate, Kathy Lynch. As the bills work their way through the legislature, the Chair coordinates key information to key individuals and committees as needed.

In addition, Tom is already working on bringing back many of the regional programs that were in existence several years ago, and hopes to bring them to many areas in California. Tom already has at least one volunteer for the "Read Around the World Program" developed by Nicole Naditz – maybe you will be next!

[For more about Thomas and why he was chosen as one of the Outstanding Teachers, read [here](#)]

Intriguing News from Global Navigator and CIEE

NEW CLTA/CIEE Student of the Year Award coming this Fall

In a mission to recognize student achievement in language learning, to elevate the importance of communicative and experiential language learning, and to provide exceptional experiences for exceptional students, CLTA will be partnering with CIEE to honor students who excel in learning a world language and to acknowledge the teachers who teach them. This Language **Student of the Year Award** will provide world language teachers in California an opportunity to put forth the endeavors of their best students, highlighting their own endeavors as well. The runners-up, and the winner will all become Global Navigator Students by being awarded incremental scholarships for CIEE Summer High School Abroad Language and Culture programs, and the winner will be honored at the annual CLTA conference. CIEE High School Summer Abroad programs integrate ACTFL and California World Language Content Standards into the immersive environment of a four-week program in one of seven languages. Full details will be available for the CLTA Summer Seminar in July 2017.

Student World/Study Travel Scholarships

CIEE (Council on International Education Exchange) has been partnering with schools across CA and the U.S. over the last three years to provide exciting and very substantial scholarship funding for students to participate in Summer Abroad Experiences (<https://www.ciee.org/high-school-summer-abroad/>) to supplement

public high school language proficiency and global competency objectives. **For summer 2017 - 5+ million dollars in scholarships have been awarded to over 1,000 students to travel.**

For 2017-2018 CIEE anticipates adding another 8 partner schools in CA, working with a private donor who has committed very substantial funds for students to travel abroad exclusively through CIEE. If you would like to learn more about how your school/district can be considered for this scholarship program, please contact Kelly Britt at kbritt@ciee.org. For a view, go to: <https://vimeo.com/p3maine/review/219010042/840332de5b>



CONSIDER A DOSE OF CALIFORNIA COASTLINE'S MYSTICAL MAGIC to recover your teacher power. REGISTER FOR SUMMER SEMINAR NOW! <https://www.tfaforms.com/408473>

Continuing News from The California Department of Education: California Global Education Network

If you are interested in receiving regular updates and resources related to Global Education you can join the CGEN listserv by sending a blank e-mail message to join-global-education@mlist.cde.ca.gov. If you would like to contribute a resource, share information about a professional learning opportunity, or spotlight your school or district's global education efforts, please send an email to lkraus@cde.ca.gov.



California Language Teachers' Association

June 2017

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Important June Dates:

June 6-9, 2017

4-Day ACTFL OPI Workshop at LARC-SDSU

The Language Acquisition Resource Center (LARC) will host an American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) sponsored Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) workshop this summer and is only one of four institutions to offer this training. The workshops will take place June 6-9, 2017 at San Diego State University and will offer training for Arabic, Chinese, English/Mixed Languages, Spanish, and Portuguese languages.

Information and Registration Link: <https://www.actfl.org/assessment-professional-development/professional-development-workshops/actfl-sponsored-workshops>

CONSIDER SEEING OLD FRIENDS AND MEETING NEW ONES.

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Important July Dates:

July 14-19

Summer Seminar 2017 in Santa Barbara is just around the corner, July 14-19!

[2017 Summer Seminar Brochure](#)

[Register online now](#)

Registration only: \$650

Double Occupancy: \$1,150

Single Occupancy: \$1,250

Already Registered and you want to pay? Click on the link:

[Pay for Summer Seminar 2017](#)

REGISTER BY JUNE 9, 2017

To view California Language Teachers' Association's entire ***monthly calendar of important professional development events*** click [here](#).

If you would like to submit your professional development events please send the information to Barbara Bowden, Webmaster at webmaster@clta.net. Be sure to include the following information:

- Date of event
- Name of event
- If you have additional information on the event, send a PDF with the information (we will link this PDF to the event).