

OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Rebecca Blouwoff has taught French at Wellesley Middle School in MA since 1998, but fell in love with middle schoolers while serving as a Fulbright teaching scholar at a collège in Saint-Omer, France. Novice students inspire her to create engaging, age-appropriate lessons focused on global awareness. She served as 2020 ACTFL Teacher of the Year, 2019 MaFLA and NECTFL Teacher of the Year, and is a National Board Certified Teacher and certified MOPI tester.

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Disrupting the Single Story: Toward Anti-Bias Education in World Language Classrooms

Selecting resources to use in our classrooms is a weighty responsibility. As the "experts" in our languages and cultures, we must ensure that materials provide "mirrors, windows, and sliding glass doors" in the words of Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop. Knowing our students and the target cultures allows us to be thoughtful curators. This year, let's audit our classroom materials for bias and bring diverse texts to the center of our lessons and units.