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ANNUAL CONVENTION
& WORLD LANGUAGES EXPO

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Experience **ACTFL**

The 2017 ACTFL Annual Convention and World Languages Expo in Nashville provides comprehensive professional development to more than **7,000** language educators at all levels in teaching. Enjoy the focus on innovative programs, research-informed practices, emerging trends in the language profession, and roundtable discussions that can help make your instruction sing.

Highlights include: • An Opening General Session where attendees will be captivated by a keynote address from journalist Bill Weir • More than **800** sessions focusing on innovative programs, research-informed practices, and emerging trends in the language profession • The World Languages Expo, featuring **250+** exhibitors and including more than **60** exhibitor workshops • Full and half-day pre-convention workshops, special ACTFL plenary sessions, a career café, social media lounge, hands-on “collab zones” to learn about ACTFL assessment tools, and much more!

Join in harmony with your colleagues and find innovative ways to strike the right chord with your learners at the most comprehensive professional development opportunity available to language educators today.



Experience **PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS**

FULL-DAY WORKSHOPS

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Developing Language Performance in the Classroom: Novice to Intermediate

Karen Tharrington

Developing Language Performance in the Classroom: Intermediate to Advanced

Cindy Martin

Learning that Lasts: Keys to Effective Unit and Lesson Design

Donna Clementi and Laura Terrill

Integrated Performance Assessment (IPA) from Design to Feedback on Performance

Francis J. Troyan and Bonnie Adair-Hauck

Supporting Language Professionals to Implement Core Practices

Eileen W. Glisan and Richard Donato

Engaging Learners Through Authentic Resources, Authentic Audiences, and Authentic Purposes

Nicole Naditz

Advanced Placement (AP) Chinese Language and Culture

Jianhua Bai

Advanced Placement (AP) German Language and Culture

Linda Zins-Adams

Advanced Placement (AP) Japanese Language and Culture

Motoko Tabuse

Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish Language and Culture

Ken Stewart

Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish Literature and Culture

Maritza Sloan

HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Proficiency as a Tool to Focus Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Linda Egnatz

Motivating ALL Learners, ALL the Time: Facilitating Target Language Comprehensibility

Dawn Samples

Investing in Their Learning: Empowering Students to Take Ownership

Greta Lundgaard and Carmen Scoggins

Heritage Language Teaching in Action: Essential Tools and Strategies for Meeting the Needs of All Learners

María Carreira and Olga Kagan

Can-Do Learning for Intercultural Communicative Competence: Investigate, Interact, and Reflect

Jacque Van Houten and Kathleen Shelton

Transform Your Language Teaching with Digital Tools to Inspire, Create, and Collaborate

Lara Lomicka Anderson and Gillian Lord

1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

The Keys to Strategies for Language Instruction: Engagement, Relevance, Critical Thinking, and Collaboration

Leslie Grahn and Dave McAlpine

Moving Beyond the List: Helping Students ACQUIRE the Words They Need to Communicate

Greg Duncan

Practical Approaches to Presentational and Interpersonal Communication in Today's Latin Classroom

Edward Zarrow

Pathway to Cultural Perspectives: Question, Explore, Verify, Reflect, Question

June Phillips

Transformational Play: Language and Culture Learning Through Games and Game Design

Sébastien Dubreil and Cary Staples

Creating Formative and Summative Assessments to Guide Language Learning

Yo Azama



VISIT [ACTFL.ORG](https://actfl.org) for all convention information and updates

Experience **EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**

The 2017 **ACTFL** Convention is designed to meet the needs of today's language educators with an unparalleled professional development experience.

Following the inspiring Opening General Session on Friday morning, the ACTFL Convention begins its three-day marathon of learning with more than **800** outstanding educational sessions focusing on cutting-edge topics such as supporting learners' use of the target language, assessing language performance, developing interculturality, incorporating new technologies, implementing standards-based learning and grading, applying the latest research and much more. Educational sessions are designed to appeal to educators of all instructional levels and languages, with both language-specific and non-language-specific topics.

If this sounds like "music to your ears," make plans now to join us at the ACTFL Convention for an unforgettable experience in Nashville that will help you hit the right note back home with your language learners.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: TOY Talks

TOY Talks are previous ACTFL National Language Teachers of the Year sharing topics in a quick-paced, entertaining "TED Talk" format. These presentations were so frequently requested that they will be featured again in 2017!

Experience **OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Renowned journalist and TV personality **Bill Weir** will kick off ACTFL 2017 with a keynote speech at the Opening General Session on Friday, November 17 focusing on “Stories from Cultures Around the World.” Weir, the host and executive producer of CNN’s *The Wonder List with Bill Weir*, will share with convention attendees his fascinating experiences while doing this series. Weir is a rare combination of brilliant reporter and passionate adventure enthusiast. Known for his front-line reporting and constant exploration of the unknown, he travels around the world in search of unique people, places, cultures, and creatures on the brink of seismic change.



Weir joined CNN in November 2013 as anchor and reporter after a decade of distinctive broadcast journalism at ABC News. In early 2015, *The Wonder List with Bill Weir* debuted on CNN. Previously, after helping to launch the weekend edition of *Good Morning America* in 2004, Weir was co-anchor of *Nightline* in 2010 while his reporting was featured on *World News with Diane Sawyer*, *Good Morning America*, *20/20* and his own Yahoo! News digital series, *This Could Be Big*. In his network career, Weir journeyed to more than 50 nations and all 50 states, covering breaking news and uncovering global trends.

Join Bill Weir during a meet-and-greet opportunity at ACTFL Central in the World Languages Expo after the Opening General Session.

Experience **PLENARIES**

FRIDAY

Addressing Our National Crisis of Language Teacher Recruitment and Retention

With 44 states and the District of Columbia declaring world language or bilingual teacher shortages, it is imperative that we find solutions to this growing crisis of being able to build teacher capacity. This panel discussion will focus on strategies for recruiting as early as high school and as late as the “career switcher” programs to fill our ranks. In addition, programs that help retain teachers once they enter the classroom will also be featured.

National Commission on Language Learning: Implementation Plan

The national study on languages, ***America’s Languages: Investing in Language Education for the 21st Century***, makes recommendations for moving the language agenda forward in the United States. Commissioned by the U.S. Congress, this study is an in-depth look at where we stand as a nation in building our language capabilities. This plenary will outline an implementation plan that all members of the language field can embrace.

“I think the convention is great! I love the shift towards a more ‘unconference’ option to supplement the traditional formats.”

Come hear high-profile language education experts provide a fresh perspective on important issues in our profession today.

SATURDAY

Research Priorities: Advancing Research for Effective Classroom Practice

What are we learning through the research priorities grants given each year by ACTFL and how can the findings advance our classroom practice? Come hear researchers share the results of their studies and how they can help language educators promote student learning.

Lead with Languages: Advocacy for the Language Field and Beyond

With the launch of the ***Lead with Languages*** public awareness campaign we have seen renewed public interest in building our country’s language capacity. This panel will address the various facets of the campaign and how you and your students can play an active role in helping to promote language learning!



Experience **THE WORLD LANGUAGES EXPO**

Get in the groove of the World Languages Expo, the premier showcase of products, services, and educational venues available for language educators. Located in the convention exhibit hall, the Expo hums throughout each day of the ACTFL Convention with the sound of more than **250** exhibiting companies, organizations, and schools offering exciting information about their products, publications, technologies, and services. ACTFL has scheduled dedicated exhibit hall hours each day so that everyone will have time to tune into the newest products and technologies.



LangEd Hackathon *New this year in the Expo!*

The LangEd Hackathon offers cross-disciplinary, hands-on, collaborative conversations to find ways to solve a problem. Together, we will “hack” into hot button issues, current trends, and best practices that can help you explore solutions for effective language learning. An expert will provide a brief overview of a topic and attendees can apply, create, and design a solution for learners. Topics include: “An IPA is Just What the Doctor Ordered,” “Practical Application of the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines,” “Can You Can-do?” and “Designing Proficiency-Based Stations.”

Exhibitor Workshops

More than 60 exhibitor workshops provide in-depth information about the latest trends and products for your classroom. Whether it is a product or software demonstration, or a discussion with noted publishers, exhibitor workshops offer the opportunity to preview and learn first-hand from the people who designed, developed, and produced the products and services themselves. These are very popular—so don’t miss this experience!





ACTFL Collab Zones

Join us in the ACTFL Collab Zones in the exhibit hall where you'll have an interactive, hands-on opportunity to learn more about ACTFL assessment tools in a relaxed environment.

Social Media Lounge

Come to the Social Media Lounge to recharge your devices and your minds! Join us for mini-byte sessions exploring fun and current tech topics meant to energize your classrooms and liven up your lessons.

ACTFL UnCon

What do you need from this ACTFL Convention? Find it at the ACTFL UnCon: an innovative, unconference model driven by participants. Unlike traditional programming, the 90-minute ACTFL UnCon sessions have no scheduled speakers or predetermined content. Can you talk about an emerging technology or teaching trend that wasn't on the radar when convention proposals were due? UnCon is the ideal environment to lead a dialogue about it!

"The UnCon was an EXCELLENT event. I had some good conversations. Got a lot out of it and it was one of the highlights of the convention for me."

Career Café

Take advantage of this opportunity to learn from and share with other colleagues involved in the career search process in a relaxed atmosphere.

Electronic Posters

Electronic poster presentations provide an opportunity for presenters to share their research or project with attendees as they move through the poster area during a 60-minute period. Presentations are displayed on a laptop computer standing on a high round table where attendees can stand for viewing and interaction. Multiple electronic posters are presented at the same time in the area.

Photo Booth

Have a little fun while you are on the show floor. Come by the ACTFL Photo Booth and get a souvenir picture on the cover of *The Language Educator* magazine to take home with you. Bring your friends for a group photo!

ACTFL Central

This is the hub for all things related to ACTFL. Learn about membership benefits, browse the latest publications, and meet some of your favorite authors during book signings. There will also be a meet-and-greet event on Friday with keynote speaker Bill Weir at ACTFL Central.

ACT NOW TO JOIN US IN NASHVILLE

Register by Wednesday, July 12, 2017 and save! Make your hotel reservations now for the best accommodations. Complete registration and housing details are on our website at www.actfl.org.



Registration Category	Early Bird by 07/12/17	Advance by 10/25/17	Onsite after 10/25/17
Member	\$230	\$245	\$340
Non-member	\$340	\$355	\$450
Daily Registration for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday			
One day member	\$200	\$215	\$310
One day non-member	\$295	\$310	\$405

Registrations may be submitted online, by phone, fax, or mail.

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