

Online Workshop: Effective methods to advance Heritage Spanish teaching

Thursday, June 25, 2020 - Friday, June 26, 2020

Day 1 – Thursday June 25, 2020

- 8:30 Zoom room will open 30 minutes before the workshop begins
- 9:00 **Welcome!** From Jocelly Meiners and Flavia Belpoliti
- 9:15-10:30 **Opening Up FL Education: The Affordances of OER and OEP for Language Learning**
Carl Blyth (University of Texas at Austin)
- 10:30-11:00 **Break**
- 11:00-12:15 **Small Group Literacy Instruction in the Native and HL classroom**
Alana Kubeczka (Klein Independent School District)
- 12:15-1:15 **Lunch on your own**
- 1:15-2:00 **Online Poster Session**
Moderated by Lilian Cano; Poster presenters: Judith Bautista, Angela Contreras-Wise, Michael Kay, Sendy Rhone, Emily Bernate, Veronica Leon, Maria Chavez
- 2:00-3:15 **Core Issues in SHL Assessment**
Encarnacion Bermejo (Houston Baptist University)
- 3:15-3:30 **Break**
- 3:30-4:30 **Round table: Heritage Spanish and online teaching: a new normal?**
All presenters

Day 2 – Friday June 26, 2020

- 9:00-9:15 **Welcome back!** From Jocelly Meiners and Flavia Belpoliti
- 9:15-10:30 **Mapping for Success: Alignment in the Spanish Heritage Curriculum**
Flavia Belpoliti (Texas A&M Commerce)
- 10:30-11:00 **Break**
- 11:00-12:15 **SHL Reading Strategies in and out of the Classroom**
Edna Velásquez (Sam Houston State University)
- 12:15-1:15 **Lunch on your own**

- 1:15-2:00 **Online Poster Session**
Moderated by Luis Avilés; Poster presenters: Judith Bautista, Angela Contreras-Wise, Michael Kay, Sendy Rhone, Emily Bernate, Veronica Leon, Maria Chavez
- 2:00-3:15 **How to Advocate for and Promote your Heritage Spanish Program**
Delia Montesinos & Jocelly Meiners (University of Texas at Austin)
- 3:15-3:30 **Break**
- 3:30-4:30 **Round table: what do you take home?**
All presenters



About the Workshop Facilitators



Flavia Belpoliti (PhD), was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She is Assistant Professor of Spanish and the Director of the Spanish Graduate Studies at the Department of Literature and Languages at Texas A&M-Commerce. Her undergraduate and graduate courses are related to the areas of Spanish Language Pedagogy, Teaching Methods, and Hispanic Linguistics. Her primary areas of research include Spanish as a Second and as Heritage language, Curriculum Design, and Spanish Sociolinguistics.



Encarna Bermejo, a native of Spain, is an Associate Professor of Spanish and the Study Abroad (Spain) Program Coordinator at Houston Baptist University. Her primary areas of teaching are Spanish as a Second and Heritage language, and Bilingual Education. She also oversees the L2 Spanish Placement and the Heritage Spanish Credit by Examination. Her field of study explores Heritage Language Education, Second Language Education, Bilingual Education, and Sociolinguistics with an interest on U.S. Spanish.

Alana Kubeczka started her journey in education 22 years ago. She graduated from Texas A&M with degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies and Spanish. She has spent the majority of her years in education teaching upper elementary bilingual students, both in California and Texas. More recently, she made the move to teach Spanish to English speakers, and continue her work with heritage and native speakers of Spanish in middle and high school. She started the Spanish for Spanish Speakers program in her school and has enjoyed establishing and refining the program.



Jocelly Guie Meiners is a native of San José, Costa Rica. She is currently a Lecturer in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at UT Austin and specializes in teaching courses for Heritage Spanish learners. Her research interests include pragmatics and emotion in second language acquisition, heritage Spanish learners and pedagogy, as well as linguistic attitudes and language maintenance regarding Spanish in the US. Jocelly currently serves as co-director for the Texas Coalition for Heritage Spanish (TeCHS).

Delia Montesinos was born on the Mexico US border. She received a BA with a major in Spanish from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. She lived in Valencia and Castellón, Spain, for sixteen years. She taught Spanish with the Brownsville Independent School district for several years and received an MAIS from the University of Texas Pan American. In 2000 she received a PhD in Spanish Literature from the University of Texas at Austin where she is currently a Senior Lecturer in heritage courses. She is the author of two textbooks for teaching Spanish as a heritage language.



Edna Velasquez is an Assistant Professor of Spanish and Coordinator of the Spanish Teaching Minor at Sam Houston State University. She was born in Colombia and earned her PhD in Hispanic Studies from the University of Houston. Edna has a broad range of experiences in K-12, as a teacher and teacher-trainer. Her main research interests include advanced biliteracy for Heritage Language Learners of Spanish and Spanish teachers' training. She teaches face-to-face and online courses in Spanish at all levels.



Carl Blyth is the Director of the Center of Open Educational Resources and Language Learning (COERLL) and Associate Professor of French Linguistics at UT Austin. His research interests include applied linguistics, French sociolinguistics, and discourse studies.