

The Teaching Support Group
Where We Talk About Language Pedagogy
Fall 2004 Schedule of Meetings

The Teaching Center and The University Center for Excellence in Teaching
Thursday, September 16, 11:45-12:35 in 240A Dauer Hall

Dr. Winifred Cooke, the director of the Teaching Center, and **Dr. Dave Bloomquist**, the director of the University Center for Excellence in Teaching, will tell us about the programs and services they offer to support graduate teaching assistants and faculty in the ongoing effort to improve our teaching. If you're feeling uninspired or overwhelmed (or both), or if you just want to find out about these two important resources, come join us for this session.

Erica Oshier: Fear of Second Language Learning
Thursday, October 14, 12:50- 1:40 in 240A Dauer Hall

Have you ever had a student in tears in the first weeks of class? Have you seen them with trembling voice begging the secretary for the lowest level course in your language? Erica Oshier, a graduate teaching assistant in Spanish, will lead a discussion on the fear of second language learning and how we might effectively deal with it in our classrooms, so that students can move beyond the fear to become successful language learners. If you've ever lost a student who panics or simply gives up when confronted with another language, come discuss some possibilities with us.

Héloïse Séailles: The Culture-Grammar Mix in the First-Year Language Classroom
Thursday, November 18, 11:45-12:50 in 240A Dauer Hall

How do we teach culture in the target language when our students have a vocabulary of 200 words? How do we spark interest in the target cultures by teaching grammar? How do we inspire students to want more of both and to think critically about both? If you've ever asked yourself (or anyone else) these questions, come participate in a discussion led by Héloïse Séailles, the coordinator of first-year French.

<p>All those who teach or hope to teach a language are welcome. Snacks, coffee, and teas are available free at all sessions. For more information or to suggest topics please contact: Prof. Kathy Dwyer Navajas navajas@rll.ufl.edu / 392-2016 ext. 267</p>
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