



The 2015 Founders Award For Professional Excellence in Language Education

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Ali is the ultimate world language professional educator who lives, breathes world language teaching, learning and researching; who responsibly serves and leads local, regional, national and international organizations; who mentors students, teachers and colleagues; who alone and collaboratively writes articles and books and develops tools that guide our profession.

A CSCTFL member for many years, Ali has served as Program Co-chair; edited four volumes of the Central States Report; contributed to 11 articles in various reports, presented numerous workshops and sessions at our region conference over the years.

Her work in the CSC member states is legendary: from award-winning high school teaching in Lincoln, NE to Outstanding German Teacher in the state of NE, distinguished professor and academic Senate president at the University of NE Lincoln where she chaired 37 doctoral candidates' committees; to workshop presenter in AR, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, OK, TN, WI and more.

A former student aptly noted: "to be in her classes and to work with her one on one is truly to experience what student-centered learning is all about. Through careful scaffolding and guidance, she allows students to discover and co-construct knowledge for themselves and experience those oh so satisfying 'aha' moments that are much more powerful than listening to a lecture or reading from a textbook."

Nationally, Ali has served in every major world language professional organization from ACTFL (board), to MLTA (president), NFMLTA (president), AATG (president), NCSSFL, to AP College Board, to the Goethe-Institut and more. She founded and is director of the German Online Distance Education Network (GOLDEN), a collaborative professional development project with AATG and the Goethe-Institut. She has edited numerous journals; published extensively; served on review, award, advisory, and selection committees; given keynote addresses; received 37 grants totaling over \$3,220,000.00. Ali has been honored with ACTFL's prestigious Florence Steiner and Anthony Papalia Awards.

Ali brings a rare gift to the field of foreign language education in that she excels in all aspects of the profession: teaching, leadership, and research. Her academic achievement, stellar teaching career, enthusiasm for language learning, leadership in the profession and friendly,

caring, nurturing nature exemplify all that is embodied in the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.