The Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages 2007 Conference, *Learning Languages in a Digital World,* **is proud to present our keynote speaker:**

David Warlick

Flattening World & Flat Classrooms

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM, Friday, March 9, 2007

You can not attend any kind of conference today without someone standing in front of you and saying, "You must read "The World is Flat." In this enormously popular and talked about book, New York Times columnist, Tom Friedman makes the case for a world that is increasingly global, where industry is crossing political borders not only for natural resources and cheap labor, but also contracting for the intellectual talent. The emerging and increasingly ubiquitous Internet is promoting a world where geography means very little when it is talent that helps you accomplish your goals.

Over the past two years, we have also seen an enormous flattening of the information landscape where more and more of the content that resides on the Internet comes from conversations than from formal publishing. Individuals are writing and publishing their own digital magazines (blogs) and some of them are making a living at it, entirely independent of publishers and printing.

So what about our classrooms. Are they flat too?

Who is David Warlick?

David Warlick's unique voice and message combine a wide range of experiences, both in and outside the education arena. He ran two businesses before graduating from high school and spent more than a year in manufacturing before completing his undergraduate work. He worked for nearly ten years as a middle school social studies, math, and science teacher, during which he also wrote award-winning instructional software and introduced hundreds of teachers to the educational potentials of desktop computers.

In 1984, David moved to a central office position, as Director of Technology and then on to the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction where he served as a technology integration consultant and built the nation's first state department of education web site.

Since 1995, Mr. Warlick has been the owner and principal consultant of The Landmark Project, a professional development, web design, and innovations firm in Raleigh North Carolina. During this time David has spoken at conferences and delivered workshops for educators in nearly every state of the U.S. and audiences in Europe, Asia, and South America.

David Warlick has been an innovator and leader in the field of educational technology and a prolific programmer, writing some of the most popular interactive web tools available for teachers on the Internet — most of them free. He created and maintains the second oldest continuing online project, Global Grocery List, and writes for publications that include Technology & Learning Magazine, ALA's KnowledgeQuest, Education World, and CUE Online. He has also written three books, *Raw Materials for the Mind: 3rd Edition, Redefining Literacy for the 21st Century*, published by Linworth, and most recently, *Classroom Blogging: A Teacher's Guide to the Blogosphere*.

What makes David a highly effective and sought-after speaker is that, at heart, he is a teacher with a contagious passion and enthusiasm for helping people discover a brand new world of teaching and learning.

Read more about David Warlick at http://davidwarlick.com/blog

Innovator, visionary, businessman, and educator, David will be a highlight of your conference experience – don't miss him!

Be sure to attend David's sessions and workshop:

An Educator's Guide to Blogging, Friday, 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Description: It is a sign of our times that such an awkward term as "blogging" should integrate itself so quickly and so powerfully into our culture. This session will acquaint educators with the concept of weblogs (blogs), ways that they are affecting many aspects of our culture, and strategies for using weblogs to promote better teaching and learning. Participants will also learn how to provide a safe and secure blogging experience for students.

An Educator's Guide to Podcasting, Friday, 2:00 PM – 3:15 PM
Description: Podcasting is a rapidly growing practices where individuals, using free and inexpensive hardware and software, produce audio (and video) programs that are broadcast (podcast) to a global audience through the world wide web. Learn how teachers and administrators are using podcasting to promote learning and community involvement and how students are producing their own podcasts to share their knowledge. This presentation is highly interactive, and part of its process will be the production of a podcast program, with involvement from the audience. Great fun!

An Educator's Guide to Web 2.0, Saturday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Description: The nature of information has changed dramatically since the advent of the World Wide Web. However, that change has accelerated during the past 12 to 18 months, thanks to a family of web tools that are so changing the way that we think about information that it is increasingly called, Web 2.0. This enlightening presentation will help educators to understand how the Web is emerging as a platform for collaboration, knowledge building, and problem solving that is affecting our world, and it is guaranteed to have teachers on the edges of their seats. Topics include: weblogs, podcasting, RSS, wikis, social bookmarks, photo and other content environments, and more.