



September 23, 2024

Dear CCCFLC Members,

The countdown has begun! A little more than 3 1/2 weeks until this year's conference at beautiful [Glendale College](#), on **Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** [Pre-registration](#) forms are **due by October 10th**. **ADA** accommodation requests are **due by 10/5/24**. Thank you.

We are very excited to announce that this year's keynote speaker will be [Dr. Alegría Ribadeneira](#), winner of the [2020 Open Educator Award](#).

Dr. Alegría Ribadeneira is a Distinguished Professor and Chair of English and World Languages at Colorado State University-Pueblo. Dr. Ribadeneira regularly presents at regional, national, and international conferences where she shares her expertise regarding best practices for language teaching. Her presentations highlight the benefits of project-based, content-based, and community-based instruction paired with open educational practices. She is involved in heritage language teaching advocacy and participates as lead instructor for the NHLRC (National Heritage Language Resource Center) summer workshop. Dr. Ribadeneira is the recipient of several teaching awards including the 2017 Olga E. Kagan Award for advancing heritage language education in institutions of learning, the 2020 Colorado Excellence in Teaching Award from the Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers, the 2020 Post-Secondary Excellence in Teaching Award from the Southwest Congress of Language Teaching, and the Global Educator Award from Open Education Global. Dr. Ribadeneira is currently leading an ambitious new project with her team, code-named "Los Valientes," to develop an all OER, ZTC (Zero Textbook Cost) Spanish language degree program at CSU-Pueblo.

Dr. Ribadeneira will be joining us remotely from [Colorado State University Pueblo](#) where they have created an [inspiring OER program](#). During the first breakout session, she will also provide a follow-up discussion to allow for questions and answers. We are certain she will be a tremendous source of information for everyone interested in OER education, heritage speaker programs, leveraging AI in the foreign language classroom, and more. She will include a wide range of topics in her presentation, something for everyone.

In regard to the breakout sessions, we have now received several presentation applications. However, we are still hoping for a few more. Below we are again sending a list of topic suggestions. It is in no way exhaustive. Please also keep in mind that it does not need to be a one-person presentation. Pairs, groups, discussions, panels, remote presenters (via Zoom) and, especially student participants, are all welcomed and appreciated.

- The incorporation of **AI** in the foreign language classroom.
- Ways to increase enrollment, such as **interdisciplinary certificates, course exchanges** (see below), **ZTC/OER courses, split courses** (Spanish 1A and 1B), **dual enrollment, language courses designed for professionals, heritage-speaker classes** (beginning and intermediate), **etc.**
- **Asynchronous** language instruction.
- **Service/Project-based** learning.

- **Course exchanges**, mini language lessons provided in another discipline, i.e. teaching a foreign language class regarding health in a nursing class. Spark their interest in the language.
- How to **compete with online language** resources (Babbel, Duolingo, Rosetta Stone, etc.)?

Please submit the (editable) [2024 Presentation Application](#) at your earliest convenience. Co presenters and/or panels are welcome. Given the desire for more presentations, we have extended the due date to this Friday, **September 27, 2024**. *¡Manos a la obra!*

We look forward to seeing everyone very soon.

In the spirit of collaboration and mutual support, for any CCCFLC members who would like to advertise an organization or event related to teaching foreign languages, this area is now designated for sharing such information. Simply email us your links and we will include them in our newsletters. Thank you.

- California Colleges for International Education ([CCIE](#))
- The [Heritage Language Exchange](#)
- [Flyer to help promote studying Spanish](#)

P.S. Feel free to bring any **pamphlets or brochures** to share at the conference.

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