



Southeastern Chinese Language Association 2016 Conference

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Olenka Bilash

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10:00am - 11:30am

Troy University

Montgomery Campus

R.P. Auditorium

Rose Park Museum

Olenka Bilash is professor of second language education in the Department of Secondary Education, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta and North American representative to LINGUAPAX, a UNESCO cat-affiliated organization designed to advocate for all languages in the world and plurilingualism. She is a recipient of numerous teaching and research awards, including the prestigious 2010 3M teaching fellowship for national excellence and leadership in post-secondary teaching and education. Multilingual, she has served on teacher education projects on five continents and stresses the importance of teacher planning and preparation and guided reflection for the development of student engagement and linguistic confidence. Her research interests and practice focus on teacher professional development, identity formation and transformation, global citizenship awareness education, qualitative research methodologies, marginalized communities, critical literacy and intercultural competency.

B-SLIM - a healthy teaching diet?

No matter what the subject or lesson teachers are always facilitating and monitoring how students progress with the acquisition (what they 'pick up') and learning (what they need to be taught and learn more explicitly) of language and content. Practice, rehearsal, repetition, tasks, activities, games, worksheets, scaffolding, learning, learned.... teachers use a host of words interchangeably to talk about their practice. CLT, TBLT, PPP, TPR, ALM, blended learning, backward by design...teachers apply a range of approaches to promote student learning in the classroom. Perhaps agreeing on a few common terms can help us more clearly talk about where students are at in their development and increase our professional sharing opportunities? B-SLIM will provide a series of guided questions to help you reflect on your teaching craft.