The Language Teacher Workshop is a collaboration of the following academic departments and centers at the University of Florida:

- Center for European Studies
- Transnational and Global Studies Center
- International Center
- Department of English
- Department of Germanic & Slavic Studies
- Department of Romance Languages and Literatures

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:

Dr. Roger Thompson, Associate Professor of English and Linguistics, University of Florida

Dr. Franz Futterknecht, Professor of German, University of Florida

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CES will provide a stipend for K-12 teachers OR will waive tuition for UF students who complete the two-week workshop. Space is limited.

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**WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION**

The Summer 2005 Language Teacher Workshop is designed for middle school and high school language teachers who would like to cultivate new ideas for creating a more exciting and interactive classroom environment for their students. For two weeks, participants will enjoy morning sessions from 9am to 12pm on various topics related to applied linguistics. Afternoon sessions from 1pm to 4pm will be held in a computer lab and will introduce ideas for using technology as a vehicle to maximize language input in the classroom. Topics will be presented in a comfortable, interactive environment to stimulate discussion of new ideas.

**TESTIMONIALS**

**SUMMER 2004 PARTICIPANTS**

- It was a great experience. I would do it every summer if possible. Now I know how I can really learn how to use and work with computers in the classroom.
- I am very lucky to be part of the workshops. It was lots of fun and great people around. I was very comfortable to speak up my thoughts…
- Overall the workshop was very helpful for me as a language teacher because it made me feel more secure and self-confident about technology. Also, the way it was set with combination of lecture (research-based) and practice (computer lab) added a practical dimension to learning.
- It was very meaningful…the fact that the speakers have vast cultural experience was one thing that made this workshop wonderful.
- This is the best workshop I have been to…I’ve been teaching since 1988.

**MORNING SCHEDULE:**

- Media Presentations
  - Extending the textbook
  - Managing the classroom
  - Taking advantage of multiple levels of proficiency in the classroom
  - Building cultural awareness
  - Setting standards and dealing with errors
  - Building and measuring proficiency
  - Targeting different types of language
  - Brainstorming applications

**AFTERNOON SCHEDULE:**

- Technology Applications
  - Computer orientation
  - Finding appropriate materials on the Internet
  - Creating activities using web materials in accordance with specific languages and levels
  - Creating activities for cultural awareness
  - Course managing systems
  - Basic web page development