

KSWLA CONFERENCE 2026: SCHEDULE
November 7, 2026 at Hayden Catholic High School in Topeka

8:00-10:00	Check-in & Registration	
8:30-9:30	Welcome & Business Meeting (cafeteria)	60 minutes
9:30-9:40	Exhibitors & Morning Break	10 minutes
9:40-10:40	Session 1 (plenary) Keynote (cafeteria)	60 minutes
10:45-11:35	Session 2 (concurrent, choice of 5)	50 minutes
	Living Between Worlds: Bilingual Voices, Identity, and Belonging in Rural Kansas Dr. Herrera Socorro & Dr. María Teresa DePaoli	Room 100
	Learning Starts Here: Place-Based Pedagogy for Intercultural Competence Dr. Andie Faber & Denisse Muñoz	Room 101
	Bridging Biographies & Classroom Talk to Build Community & Enrich Classroom Discourse Dr. Melissa Holmes	Room 105
	Cultivating Human Connection and Communication Through World Languages Melissa Clark (Best of Kansas Encore Presentation)	Room 107
	Heritage Spanish: Now What? Building Pathways to AP, College, and Careers Dr. Marta Silva	Room 109
11:40-12:30	Lunch - Past President Remarks & Awards	50 minutes
12:35-1:05	Session 3: (concurrent) AATs and Networking <i>Please attend your assigned group based on your subject/language area.</i> Group 1 – Chinese Mandarin Teachers (room:100) Group 2 – ESOL Teachers (room:101) Group 3 – French Teachers (room:105) Group 4 – German Teachers (room: 107) Group 5 – Spanish Teachers (room: 109)	30 minutes
1:10-2:00	Session 4 (concurrent, choice of 5)	50 minutes
	Sustainable, Proficiency-Based World Language	Room 100

	Teaching: Lighten the Load Jimmy Moorhead (Lingco)	
	Designed to Acquire: AI for Acquisition-Focused Lessons Kate Sanders (Wayside)	Room 101
	Global Connections: Cultivating Cross-Cultural Understanding Kathrin Frenzel-Luke (Klett)	Room 105
	The Tiles that Bind: A Journey into Mahjong for Educators Jean Chen	Room 107
	Teaching French Sounds for the 21st Century: A new OER for French pronunciation Dr. Kimberly Swanson	Room 109
2:00-2:15	Exhibitors & Afternoon Break	15 minutes
2:15-3:05	Session 5 (concurrent, choice of 4)	50 minutes
	CSCTFL Extension Workshop: Assess with Finesse in Kansas (part one of presentation) Dr. Grant Moss	Room CATS Center
	Sustainable, Proficiency-Based World Language Teaching: Lighten the Load Jimmy Moorhead (Lingco)	Room 101
	The Wi-Fi Is Down: Quick Pivots for Real Communication Kate Sanders (Wayside)	Room 105
	ChatGPT and the WL classroom Alexander Olinger	Room 107
3:10-4:00	Session 6 (concurrent, choice of 5)	50 minutes
	CSCTFL Extension Workshop: Assess with Finesse in Kansas (part two of presentation) Dr. Grant Moss	Room CATS Center
	Beyond Etiquette: Turning Intercultural Misunderstandings into Meaningful Language Learning Hélène Perriguet-Keene & Jim Hillen	Room 101
	Products, Practices, Perspectives: Rethinking the World Language Classroom Jaun M. Patino Jimenez	Room 105

	Using Microlearning to Build Proficiency in the World Language Classroom Billie-Renee Knight	Room 107
	Integrating Culture for Lasting Learning: Retrieval and Transfer Strategies Kimberly Hoglund	Room 109