

The Why and How of Incorporating Intercultural Learning into the Elementary Italian Language Classroom

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A Workshop with Professors Janice M. Aski and April D. Weintritt

Offered by the Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago in collaboration with the Consulate General of Italy, Education Office and the Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago

In this workshop, April Weintritt and Janice Aski begin by discussing why intercultural competence needs to be incorporated into the language classroom and how language classrooms are a perfect fit for developing intercultural competence, focusing in part on how the full-immersion language learning environment targets particular skills, qualities, and attitudes of intercultural competence. They will present multiple effective classroom activities and then discuss strategies that ensure activities align with chosen intercultural learning goals. Finally, a portion of the workshop will be dedicated to opportunities to brainstorm and create activities specific to participants' classroom goals and assessment types, supported by the workshop leaders.

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She specializes in World Language Pedagogy focusing on critical, intercultural language learning. She has earned an Inclusive Teaching Endorsement at OSU and is currently directing a COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) exchange between OSU students and language students in Siena, Italy.

Janice M. Aski: Director of the Italian Language Program and Interim Director of the Center of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at The Ohio State University.

She has a dual specialization in Historical Italian/Romance Linguistics and World Language Pedagogy. She is co-author, with Diane Musumeci, of the first-year Italian text, *Avanti!* Her most recent research focuses on the incorporation of intercultural competence training in elementary-level language courses and she has co-produced, with April Weintritt and colleagues from Purdue University, a webinar series dedicated to this topic: <https://frit.osu.edu/initiatives/intercultural-competence>