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Preview of the Next Episode

EPISODE 93: MOVING TOWARDS PROFICIENCY WITH KARA
PARKER AND MEGAN SMITH

NECTFL Teacher of the Year and WTL contributor, Rebecca Blouwolff, joins the podcast again to lead a discussion with the ladies from the Creative Language Classroom: Megan Smith and Kara Parker. You might remember Rebecca from episode 47 and Kara from episode 41 nearly exactly one year ago!

In this super-size interview, Rebecca asks Megan and Kara about current trends in proficiency-based teaching, how teachers can avoid burnout, and other topics related to teaching for proficiency.

If you're wondering if you are on the right track or hoping for a few more tips on your path to proficiency, don't miss this episode!



RESPONSE TO EPISODE 92: META-REFLECTION, ASSESSMENT, AND EPORTFOLIOS WITH ELENA MANGIONE-LORA.

Do you give a final exam? Maybe because you want to create a summative assessment to cap off the term? Or maybe because you HAVE to give one? In either case, Elena Mangione-Lora from the University of Notre Dame talks about her work using meta-reflection and ePortfolios as a final assessment in her classes. We would love to hear from you about what kinds of final assessments you use and why. Reach out to us on Twitter, Facebook, or on the comments page of this episode!

Resource Corner

- Ashley Uyaguari has posted about the digital portfolios she uses in her middle grades
- Shelby County Schools in TN developed a portfolio scoring guide that describes in detail what portfolios should include and how they should be scored.
- Check out this huge list of 27 resources on using portfolios



Reactions to past episodes:

 **Vivek Tripathi** shared a post.
February 9 at 1:07 PM · 🌐

Featured in WTL Podcast- about Hindi language teaching (which I do 😊) and my experience. Hear here :-

 **Lisa Joy Oglesbee**
February 15 at 7:36 AM · 👤

My colleagues are doing some important work in the area of language teaching, and Elena Mangione is one of the best of them. Plus she's super sweet and makes my day happier every time I see her.

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👍👍 Elena Mangione, Tatiana Botero and 5 others 4 Comments

 **Rebecca Blouwolf**
@MmeBlouwolf Following

Replying to @weteachlang @tjeag

Thanks! I'm so grateful for the opportunities to deepen my practice while I commute, listening to @weteachlang. Here's to more collaboration going forward!

 **Arianne**
@dowd124 Following

What a great listen full of brilliant advice!
[@Rebekah_Sledge](#)

 **Lydia Roca**
@LYD1013 Follow

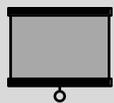
This woman changed my Lang teacher world @PDX I cannot thank her & @HargadenTina enough for the transformative experience.
[#lifelonglearner](#) [#langchat](#)

Diane Neubauer @DuYanzi
There are mentions of my online Chinese language learners, The Agen Workshop, and the @actfl Comprehension-based Communicative Language Teaching SIG in my part of this episode. I look forward to hearing the rest of the episode!
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 **Matthew Miga**
@Migas4Edu Following

Another homerun for @weteachlang! This week's episode about portfolios is so thoughtful. I'm exploring portfolios by creating my blog as a first step towards adapting portfolios in my classroom and with students! Thanks for the ideas!

Updates from Past Contributors



Heather Sherrow (episode 87) presented at NECTFL as well this year! She discussed social justice in the classroom and how teachers can begin to incorporate these practices into their units and lessons.



Many past contributors traveled to Washington, DC to advocate for language education this past week. We want to send a special congratulations to Amanda Seewald (episode 29) for being elected as the new president of the Joint National Committee for Languages! Check out their webpage for more ways to advocate for languages.