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# MIDWEEK NEWS

WHILE YOU'RE WAITING FOR THE NEXT  
WTL PODCAST EPISODE TO COME OUT...



## Preview of the Next Episode

EPISODE 100: CELEBRATING OUR FIRST 100 EPISODES

A little over two years ago, We Teach Languages launched with the intention of making great conversations about language teaching publicly available for anyone to listen and contribute. If you want to hear the big ideas behind this podcast, consider listening to episode 0: By way of introduction..., available on our website here: <https://weteachlang.com/2017/03/24/we-teach-languages-episode-0/> It's only about five minutes long, and was the very first thing WTL ever released onto the Internet.

I (Stacey) recently re-listened to episode 0 myself and was absolutely thrilled to look back at my initial hope that people might want to participate in the podcast. As of today, WTL has had over 150 different people contribute to the podcast as interviewers, guests, and newsletter contributors.

For our 100th episode, we'll be looking back at listeners' favorite episodes. There is still time for you to include YOUR voice in the podcast! Please call our Google Voice number (629) 888-3398 and leave a comment as a voicemail that we can include in this week's retrospective!

## RESPONSE TO EPISODE 99: CULT OF PEDAGOGY WITH JENNIFER GONZALEZ

This response is by Tim Eagan, Rebecca Blouwolff's colleague and Department Head and officer on the MaFLA Board of Directors. You can find him on Twitter @tjeag.

"I was wondering what your thoughts might be..." was the opening line in an email I wrote to Rebecca Blouwolff during the summer of 2014, asking her if she would consider submitting something to ACTFL's "The Language Educator." She had just begun the National Board Certification process and I thought it would be useful for her as a reflection tool. She agreed and shared some drafts with me before submitting for publication. It was not a surprise when she wrote me some time mid-winter of 2015 announcing that her article had been accepted. Check out her article in the March/April 2015 edition. Who knew the inspiration she would become to so many? I think it was the summer of 2015 when she began her blog (<https://mmeblouwolff.weebly.com/revolutionized-teaching>), and around the same time that she caught the professional development presentation bug (she's since been a regular session and workshop presenter at MaFLA, NECTFL and ACTFL conferences, winning "Best of MaFLA"). She was named Teacher of the Year by MaFLA in 2018 and by NECTFL in 2019. She's got almost 2,500 followers on Twitter (@MmeBlouwolff) —and I expect many more after this, her fourth appearance on We Teach Languages. Paraphrasing from her 2015 TLE article, "How can I sustain this work for my next 15 years in the profession?" For me, Rebecca and so many others like her who give of their time to share, inspire, and motivate others are the reasons that after 28 years, I still wake up every day excited for the challenges ahead.

What motivates you to continue learning and teaching languages? We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to us on Twitter or Facebook @weteachlang or find our contact info on our website.



## Reactions to past episodes:



Janina Hanson  
@janina\_hanson

Following

When two of your favorite #podcast get together, it calls for #feetupfriday and #icecream... especially after a long week. Are you a fan of @cultofpedagogy and @weteachlang What are you waiting for? It will change your #teacherlife 🙌 #langchat #teacher #CI #spanishteacher



Frau Rill  
@FrauRill

Following

Always a fan of the strategies and insight from @cultofpedagogy and the self-reflection and inspiration that follows. @HCPSSWorldLang @FrauPritch @mme\_ghezzi



Scott Estes  
@scestes1

Following

Replying to @weteachlang

Great podcast! One of these days, maybe I'll take a third MOPI training with @TeachArriba

## Updates from Contributors



GWATFL's spring conference in DC is coming up April 27! Luis Deocares discussed this wonderful conference on episode 95 and Erin Whelchel will be presenting on Lead with Languages (episode 68).



A.C. Quintero (episode 41) appeared on the Inspired Proficiency podcast this week to discuss FVR (free voluntary reading). The episode includes a giveaway of three of A.C.'s books! Check it out wherever you listen to podcasts.