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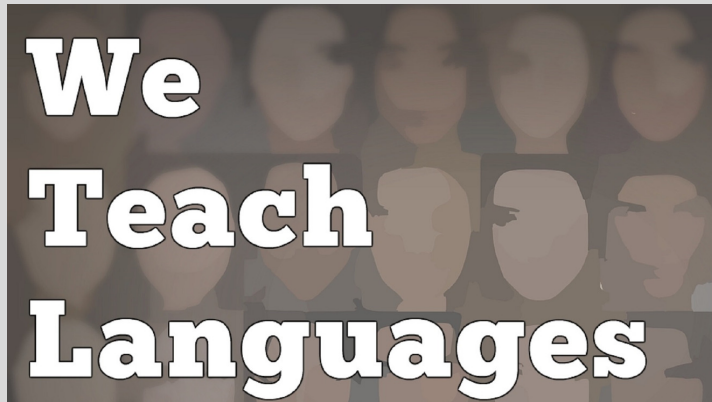
Preview of the Next Episode

EPISODE 104: A CONVERSATION ABOUT ESL AND ASL WITH 2018 NATIONAL TEACHER OF YEAR MANDY MANNING AND NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALIST AMY ANDERSEN, PART I

This Friday's episode is the first half of Stacey's recent interview with Mandy Manning, who teaches English as a new language to new immigrant and refugee students in Washington, and Amy Andersen, who teaches American Sign Language to hearing students in New Jersey. As different as these two kinds of language teaching might seem at first glance, language teachers everywhere will be able to relate to this conversation about how and why Mandy and Amy teach and how they bring culture into their language classrooms.

If you're not already familiar with Mandy or with the Teacher of the Year program, we highly recommend this 6-minute interview (click on the photo) she did with CBS This Morning last year. You'll get to meet Mandy's students and learn a bit about her work before hearing about her approach to language teaching on Friday's episode!

CBS THIS MORNING
A CLASS ACT
SPOKANE'S MANDY MANNING IS 2018 NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

RECAP OF EPISODE 103: TECH TOOLS FOR THE LANGUAGE CLASSROOM WITH HEIDI TRUDE

Heidi Trude brought all the tech tools for this conversation with Maris Hawkins. There were quite a few that that I haven't tried, and a few that are genuinely amazing to think about. Heidi said, "If you have Google Cardboard viewers, you can take your learning and really look at culture. So we do a lot of virtual field trips in here in my classroom using Google expeditions. We go on Expeditions... and we are also creating our own."

Do you use Gimkit? Are you using virtual field trips through virtual or augmented reality or through some other tool? What tips do you have for teachers just getting started? What tools do you recommend? We'd love to hear your feedback on social media or in the comments section on our website!

Reactions to past episodes:

> **Joe Dale** @joedale   *Following* ⌄
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> Listening to @Marishawkins interviewing @htrude07 about tech tools for the languages classroom on the We Teach Languages Podcast produced by @staceymargarita

> **Tim Eagan** @tjeag   *Following* ⌄
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> Listened on my way into work this morning. I've used several of these tools. Love @Flipgrid for student presentations. So much more interesting for the kids. Also, tried @gimkit for 1st time today for last few minutes of class. HUGE hit!

> **Natalia DeLaat** @natadel76   *Following* ⌄
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> Replying to @mme_wagstaff @weteachlang
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> I listened to this episode in awe of the level of collaboration, trust, & interconnectedness of this team. My department has been on the road of unifying our curriculum with common units, essential questions, & contexts. Planning lessons is a whole another level. We'll get there!

> **Denise Wagstaff** @mme_wagstaff   *Following* ⌄
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> Great episode! Question: How did you come to a consensus on what the topics/themes would be for each unit at each level? I can only imagine how difficult it would be for my department to do this! #langchat @weteachlang

Resource Corner

- Heidi discusses more about GimKit in this post.
- Heidi also shares some of her recent presentations from FLAVA.
- In this post, Maris discusses how she app smashes Flipgrid, Adobe Spark and Goosechase.

Updates from Contributors

Congratulations to Caroline Schlegel (episodes 86 and 94) who recently welcomed a baby girl into this world! We are so happy to have this newest bundle of joy join the WTL family!

Congratulations to Elena Mangione-Lora (episode 92) for receiving the Rev. Edmond P. Joyce C.S.C Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching! She earned this award due to her "profound influence on undergraduate students through sustained exemplary teaching."