

2010-2010 COLT Officers

President

Maureen Geagan

Maureen Geagan is completing her eight year teaching French at Draper MS, Mohonasen CSD. Teaching is her second career after working in New York's Garmentc enter. Maureen has extensive background in French. She spent her junior year abroad studying fashion design in Paris. In graduate school, she won a scholarship to study and travel in France for three months. Maureen's most recent trip to France in 2006 included a two-week volunteer service project with an international group. The purpose of the project was to restore section of a river near Verdun to its original state. Project participants lived in an environmental education center and worked with area residents. Maureen most recently served at vice president of COLT. Maureen is a current member of AATF, NYSAFLT, and COLT. For the past three years she has been an active member of the COLT regional meeting planning committee. She works with her colleagues at the district, regional, and state levels to promote LOTE. She looks forward to serving COLT as president.

Vice President

Leslie Kudlack

Leslie Kudlack received her BS - SUC at Onenta and her MS at SUNY Albany. She has been teaching in Greenville since 1999. Leslie also taught in Schenectady City Schools from 1998-1999, Germantown Central Schools from 1986-1998. Leslie is a 30 + year NYSAFLT member and conference attendee. For the last four years Leslie has been Chair/co chair of registration for NYSAFLT annual meeting and conference. She has also served as a member of the following committees: Annual Meeting and Conference Planning Committee, COLT Member, Regional Conference Planning Committee. She is a teacher of Spanish, a Mentor- New Teacher Program Coordinator and a member of NNELL. Most recently, Leslie served as Secretary of COLT.

Secretary

Lisa Bourassa

Lisa Bourassa is a LOTE teacher at Scotia-Glenville Central School District. Depending on the year, she teaches French at the high school and middle school, and often teaches the introductory LOTE program to 6th graders. A graduate of Bowdoin College, the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, and SUNY-Albany, Ms. Bourassa also spent six months living with a French family and studying at the Sorbonne. As a member of NYSAFLT, COLT, and AATF, she has participated in the Annual Meetings, the Spring Colloquium, the Summer Institute, and the Immersion Weekends at Skidmore. She feels strongly that the ideas, information, and camaraderie that these activities offer are a great source for becoming re-inspired and renewed professionally. In 2009, Ms. Bourassa was the runner up for NYSAFLT's scholarship to the Teacher Training Program at the University of Québec at Montréal. This year, she was selected as the recipient, and is eagerly anticipating the three-week stay in the second-largest Francophone city in the world! Ms. Bourassa's leisure pursuits include traveling, reading, music and dancing. She looks forward to working with her COLT colleagues.

Treasurer

Lisa Serafini-Alonzi

Lisa Serafini-Alonzi is an Italian Teacher at Hudson Junior High School in Hudson, NY. She lives in Guilderland, NY with her twin boys who study French. As a member of NYSAFLT and COLT, she has presented workshops at the Annual Meetings and was the recipient of the 2008 Summer Institute Scholarship. In 2009 she was selected to participate in a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute: "The Art of Teaching Italian through Italian Art in Rome, Italy" and helped her school win two grants to benefit the Italian program. She is active in several Italian-American organizations and directs a 3-week summer program for children to learn Italian language and culture. She is also the treasurer for the Fort Hunter Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. In her free time she enjoys cooking, gardening, reading and spending time with her boys.