

Persian Teachers' Workshop for Materials Development at the University of Pennsylvania
February 5-7th, 2010

Co-sponsored by Startalk, the National Middle Eastern Language Resource Center (NMEELRC) at BYU, the Penn Language Center, The Middle East Center at the University of Pennsylvania, and the American Association of Teachers of Persian (AATP)

Schedule of Events

201 Fisher Bennett Hall (corner of 34th Street and Walnut Street)

Friday, February 5th:

“National Standards for Foreign Language Learning and the Standard Based Approach”

1:30PM-2:00PM Registration, 201 Fisher Bennett Hall

2:00-2:15 **Welcoming Remarks**
Pardis Minuchehr, Coordinator for Persian Studies, University of Pennsylvania
Christina Frei, University of Pennsylvania, Academic Director of Penn Language Center

2:15-4:00 Christina Frei, University of Pennsylvania
“Speaking from Experience: What makes a strong program?”

Kirk Belnap, Birgham Young University
"Engaging the Brain: Implications of recent research for maximizing learning"

3:30-3:45 Coffee Break

4:00-5:30 **“Standards-Based Approach and Persian Heritage Language Learners”**

Jaleh Pirnazar, University of California, Berkeley
“Issues and Main Challenges in Teaching Persian Heritage Learners”

Latifeh Haghghi, University of California, Los Angeles
“Suggestions for Authentic Materials Development”

Maryam Borjian, City University of New York
“Best Practices for Materials Development”

5:30-6:00 Open Discussion

8:00 p.m. (optional) Shabahang Meeting: Iranian American Cultural Center of Philadelphia
Lawrence Hall, **Rosemont College**, 1400 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA

Saturday, February 6th:

“Integrating Technology in Persian Language Teaching”

9:30AM-10:00AM Breakfast, Fisher Bennett Hall 201

Van Pelt Library, Goldstein Room

10:00-12:30 Edward Dixon, Director of Technology, Penn Language Center

“Incorporating Authentic Content and Hands-On Experience”

12:30PM-1:30PM Lunch

1:30PM- 3:30 Edward Dixon, Director of Technology, Penn Language Center

“Online Collaborative Spaces for International Activities, Second-Life, Ning/Facebook, Eyejot”

3:30-4:00 Coffee Break

4:00- 5:30 Ramin Sarraf & Azita Mokhtari, National University

“Online Persian Materials Development”

5:30-6:00 Wrap-Up Session

Sunday, February 7th:

“Assessment, Vocabulary-Building and Various Level Standards”

9:30-11:00

Simin Mohajer, American University

“Recently Developed Material and Assessment Issues”

Mahvash Shahegh, Johns Hopkins University

“Increasing Vocabulary in Advanced Levels”

11:00-11:15

Coffee Break

11:15-12:30

Haideh Sahim, Hofstra University

“Defining Level Standards”

Pardis Minuchehr, University of Pennsylvania

“Ideas for Future Collaboration Amongst Teachers of Persian”

Workshop Adjourned