

The Kentucky World Language Association is pleased to welcome Dr. Jon Valentine as its 2019 keynote speaker. Join us during the general assembly as Jon addresses the conference on career readiness and World Languages.

Dr. Jon Valentine is the Director of Foreign Languages and Dual Language Immersion for Gwinnett County Public Schools in Suwanee, Georgia where he supports both world languages and dual language immersion programs. Prior to his tenure with Gwinnett, Jon served as Program Manager for Languages and Global Initiatives for the Georgia Department of Education where he spearheaded development of state-level international partnerships, led educational and business delegations abroad, and oversaw the creation and implementation of the Georgia Workforce Development Initiative – a multi-agency program linking international businesses in Georgia with partners in education both in Georgia and abroad.

He is a certified-advanced speaker of German and has served on various local and national foreign language and educational governance boards. Jon received his Doctorate in Education from the University of Wyoming, Laramie, his M.A. in Applied Linguistics from Georgia State University, Atlanta, and bachelor's degrees in Education, International Studies, and German from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Jon has lived in Atlanta for twenty years.