



# Welcome to the Modern Languages Department!

## Meet Our Staff



### Department Head: Patricia Neves

Patricia Neves was born in Canada, but she grew up speaking Portuguese before learning how to speak English! She loved learning French in high school and decided to become a French teacher. At UBC she decided to take some Spanish courses as electives and fell in love with the language. Patricia holds a Bachelor of Arts with a Major in French and a Minor in Spanish, a Bachelor of Education, and a Master of Educational Technology from UBC. She has been teaching Spanish and French at Burnaby Central for over 18 years. This year she has become the Languages department head and is excited for her new role.



### Katherine Clinton

In addition to American Sign Language, Ms. Clinton teaches English, and has been known to take on the occasional Drama course. In the era B.C. (Before Central), she worked as a Visual Language Interpreter and as an actor.



### Keymo Nedd

Keymo Nedd demonstrates a passion for excellence in French. He holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Education and a Master of Education from UBC. He has taught French in BC for 16 years. He has travelled extensively and makes his lessons authentic by including samples of French culture from all across the globe. He enjoys teaching young people and inspiring them through excellence and positivity, as they make their way through the world.



### Leanne Pedersen

Leanne Pedersen was born in Quebec, moved to Burnaby and later to Cordoba, Argentina. She returned to Canada and completed Grade 11 and 12 at Burnaby Central! She holds a Bachelor of Education from SFU. She has taught French and Spanish in Burnaby for 11 years. With a deep passion for languages and culture, she relies on a variety of activities to teach her students the importance of learning a second language.



### YiWei Yu

Yi Wei Yu was born in Beijing, China. After graduating from middle school, her family immigrated to Canada. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, from UBC. She received her Bachelor of Education from UBC. This is her fifth year teaching Mandarin at Burnaby Central Secondary.



### Abigail Zakus

Abigail Zakus is from Northern BC. She is a high school graduate of the French Immersion Program. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from SFU. She received a Bachelor of Education from SFU. She completed her student teacher practicum at Burnaby North, in 2005. She started as a TTOC, then worked at Burnaby North for 10 years. She moved to Burnaby Central where she has remained for 6 years teaching Core French.



## What Can WE Teach YOU?

Gr. 8

Gr. 9

Gr. 10

Gr. 11

Gr. 12

Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr. 10	Gr. 11	Gr. 12
French 8	French 9	French 10	French 11	French 12
	Spanish 9	Spanish 10	Spanish 11	Spanish 12
	Mandarin 9	Mandarin 10	Mandarin 11	Mandarin 12
	Japanese 9	Japanese 10	Japanese 11	Japanese 12
			Intro ASL*	ASL 11
			Intro Japanese 11	Japanese 11
			Intro Mandarin 11	Mandarin 11
			Intro Spanish 11	Spanish 11

\*Intro ASL can be taken in grade 9 or 10