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**TO:** Deans/Directors of Teacher Preparation Programs  
Deans of Colleges of Arts and Sciences  
Teacher Educators  
Modern Language Staff

**FROM:** Jay Doolan, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Educational Standards and Programs

**SUBJECT: Foreign Languages and Higher Education: New Structures for a Changed World**

The Office of Academic Standards is pleased to invite you to participate in our continuing series of seminars on second language teacher education. *Seminar XIII on Teacher Preparation for World Languages* will be held on **Friday, October 5, 2007** in the **Technical Service Center** at **Middlesex County College** in Edison. Directions may be accessed at: [www.middlesexcc.edu](http://www.middlesexcc.edu) and parking is available in Lot 1 (Student and Visitor Parking).

We are honored to have Mary Louise Pratt, silver professor, New York University, past president of the Modern Language Association (MLA) and chair of the MLA Ad Hoc Committee on Foreign Languages, as the main presenter for this event. Her presentation will focus on the 2006 MLA report entitled: *Foreign Languages and Higher Education: New Structures for a Changed World*. The report, which may be accessed at <http://www.mla.org/flreport>, examines the current language crisis that has occurred as a result of 9/11 and the effects of this crisis on the teaching of foreign languages in colleges and universities. Though largely aimed at structural reform in foreign language instruction in higher education, the report emphasizes that "learning languages other than English must be included in the earliest years of the K-12 system if the United States is to have a citizenry capable of communicating with educated native speakers in their language." It further promotes "alliances between K-12 educators and college and university faculty members to strengthen language learning at all levels and to foster collaboration." As such, this publication will undoubtedly cause a rethinking of current approaches to the teaching of foreign languages at the post secondary level thereby impacting the preparation of preservice teachers.

Given the distinguished speaker and special significance of this seminar for schools of education and departments of languages and literature, we respectfully request that you

participate as a team at this event. The team might consist of a member(s) of the education department, the modern language department and a department chairperson(s). Directors and deans of the School of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences are also encouraged to attend the seminar.

Please note the attached RSVP form, registration/payment process and the **Friday, September 28, 2007 registration deadline.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Janis Jensen, coordinator of world languages and international education, at (609) 777-4658 or at [janis.jensen@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:janis.jensen@doe.state.nj.us).

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#### Attachments

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**AGENDA**

8:30- 9:30     **Registration and Networking  
Continental Breakfast**

9:30-9:45     **Welcome**

Janis Jensen, Coordinator of World Languages and International Education  
New Jersey Department of Education

9:45-11:45   **Presentation**

*Foreign Languages and Higher Education: New Structures for a  
Changed World*

Mary Louise Pratt, Silver Professor  
New York University

**Discussion**

11:45- 12:00   **New Jersey Department of Education Update**

Christopher Campisano, Coordinator of Higher Education Programs

11:45-12:30   **Luncheon**

12:30- 2:00   **Special Committee Meeting**

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Please fax this RSVP form by FRIDAY, September 28  
to Janis Jensen at: (609) 292-7276.  
Please do not send registration fees to Janis Jensen.

**Method of Payment:** Payment at registration table; \$65.00 per person OR 4 university staff for \$240.00

Make checks and purchase orders payable to: FLENJ (Foreign Language Educators of New Jersey)

Registrant #1: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
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