



The French Heritage Language Program presents

“HERITAGE LANGUAGES AND SOCIAL COHESION” CONFERENCE

New York, Saturday 5th November 2011 – 9.00 am
Lycée Français de New York
505 EAST 75TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10021



[Free Registration Online](#)

Gathering renowned research specialists in the fields of bilingual education and Heritage Languages, lending a voice to important actors on the ground from diverse francophone communities, and presenting various educational initiatives currently in place in France and the United States, this conference will examine the richness and diversity of heritage language education and the role of languages and cultures in promoting social cohesion, at school and beyond.

This event is very much about advocacy, demonstrating how multiple disciplines can collaborate, notably through local educational initiatives. Live streaming, recordings, and transcripts of the conference will be available on our website:

<http://www.facecouncil.org/fhlp/index.html>.

A conference sponsored by:

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Conference Program - All Day Event
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- 9.00 **Introduction**
- 9.15 **Welcome Address**
- 9:30 - 10:00 **Keynote:** Marcello M. Suárez-Orozco (The Courtney Sale Ross University Professor of Globalization and Education, New York University)
- 10:00 - 11:30 **Panel 1: Heritage Language Research and Social Cohesion**
- “A central question for research today: how does heritage languages teaching and learning help us to understand and answer issues of social cohesion?”*
- Panelists:* Marie-Michelle Monéreau-Merry (National Heritage Language Resource Center, University of California, Los Angeles), Joy Kreeft Peyton (Center for Applied Linguistics, Washington DC), Christine Hélot (University of Strasbourg, France), Ana Roca (Florida International University)
- Discussant:* Jane Ross (President of the French Heritage Language Program)
- 11:45 - 13:15 **Panel 2: Communities, Heritage Cultures, and Integration**
- “Actors on the ground representing diverse francophone communities speak about the realities of their heritage in an American context”*
- Panelists:* Asnath Fleuriot (Haitian Americans in Action), Joseph Dunn (Council for the Development of French in Louisiana), Julia Schulz (Franco-Americans, Maine), Assetou Sy (Malian Cultural Center)
- Discussant:* Benoît Le Dévédec (Coordinator, French Heritage Language Program)
- 14:00 - 15:30 **Panel 3: Educational Initiatives involving Heritage Languages and Cultures**
- “Discussing some local Heritage initiatives currently in place in France and the United States”*
- Panelists :* Magali Ravel (Centre Académique pour la Scolarisation des Nouveaux Arrivants et Enfants du Voyage, Académie of Paris), Benoît Le Dévédec (French Heritage Language Program), Carole Bergin (Harvard University), Catherine Poisson (Education Française à New York).
- Discussant:* Fabrice Jaumont (Education Attaché, Embassy, of France)
- 15:45 - 17:00 **Film Documentary *Raconte-moi ta langue*,**
Introduced by Mariette Féltin and Christine Hélot
- 17:00 - 17:45 Q&A

LIVE STREAMING + LIVE COMMENT

The panels will be broadcast live using the Ustream.tv platform technology, which also allows for live comments and questions from the audience. Come and join us!

You can watch the conference live on the following websites:

www.frenchculture.org
www.facecouncil.org/fhlp
www.nhlrc.ucla.edu
www.newyorkinfrench.net

You can also broadcast the conference on your own blog or website by copying the conference embed code available on our Ustream channel:

<http://ustre.am/DLaW>

Participate in pre-conference debate online on www.newyorkinfrench.net

For press-related questions, please call 212-439-1438/1408

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About us :

The French Heritage Language Program is a program of the non-profit organization FACE (French American Cultural Exchange), in partnership with the French Embassy. It aims at helping underserved students preserve and enrich their Francophone heritage and cultures, notably through partnership with public schools and community-based centers. About 1,000 students have benefited from FHLP since its creation in 2005. Our program currently serves about 350 students in New York and Miami, and will soon open in Maine. Its mission is to serve not only new immigrants of French-speaking background, but also American francophone communities long established in the United States. All of our programs are specifically designed to meet the linguistic and cultural needs of the communities we work with. Another of our missions is to contribute to scholarly research on heritage language learning in the United States, France, and other countries.

Please find more information about us at: <http://www.facecouncil.org/fhlp/index.html>.

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