

FLAME NEWSLETTER



**Congratulations to Priscille Michaud,
2014 Soeur Solange Bernier Lifetime
Achievement Award Recipient**

Priscille is a graduate of the University of Maine and Middlebury College. She having received her undergraduate degree from the University of Maine and her MA from Middlebury College. Priscille has been teaching for 45 years. She taught at Lisbon High School for 5 years, Buker Middle School in Augusta for 18 years and Cony High School, Augusta for 22 years.

Priscille has been very active in FLAME having served on the FLAME board in many capacities. Most recently she has served as the FLAME Certification Committee Chair and has been AATF Liaison. In addition to this years award, Priscille previously received the FLAME Teacher of the Year Award.

She also established a Rotary International Exchange program for her students with the St. George region of Quebec. Through this program she brings students to Quebec for a 1 on 1 experience with French students

Congratulations to Kirstin Sandreuter Recipient of the 2014 FLAME Student Recognition Award

Kirstin is a senior at Greely High School . While at Greely High School -She has been a member of the Greely High School - French Club for 4 years. Kirstin started an initiative to bring French story time and activities at her public library. She also hosted an exchange student and has traveled to France several times. she finishes high school with a 98 GPA.

While at Greely High School, was enrolled in the IB level of French and placed first in the state in Grand Concours National French Exam for the past 3 years and placed 7th in the Nation. This Fall she will be attending Cornell. We all wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

Other Student Award Winners

FLAME Conference Brochure Cover Design

Karen Swift from Maine Central Institute
student of Wendy Glidden

FLAME Student Poster Contest

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<p>1st Place Margot Andreasen</p> <p>2nd Place Phil McCallum Jake Hunnewell Josh Irving</p> <p>3rd Place Annette Denekas Monica Reno</p>	<p>1st Place Lily Koffman Aiesha Sargent Bella DeSisto Annika Gallandt</p> <p>2nd Place Ben Blood</p> <p>3rd Place Anthony Bottie Garry Morneault Ryan Wells</p>

Web site of interest to World Language Teachers.

FLAME Web site: <http://www.maineforeignlanguage.org/>

This is new FLAME web site and contains information of interest to FLAME members.

FLAME Conference Web site: <https://sites.google.com/site/flameconference2014/>

This site, created by Betsy Hudson serves as an archive of highlights and other events from the 2014 FLAME conference. It also includes a countdown to the next conference. Less than 290 days to go.

Welcome to Jay Ketner
World Language Specialist
Maine Department of Education

Jay holds a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in French, and a doctoral minor in Italian, and has studied in France and Québec. Jay taught French for thirteen years, most recently at Bowdoin College prior to joining the Department of Education. In addition to teaching, he has worn diverse hats as a librarian and a cheesemaker, served as interpreter for asylum-seeking refugees and undocumented immigrants at the Minnesota Center for Victims of Torture, and translated the French national civil union law for the Vermont State Legislature's law allowing for same sex-unions in 2000.

Jay has near-native ability in French, advanced-low in Italian, and novice-low, low, low in Spanish. Ever since he was a small child and his dad regularly travelled to Japan for work, he has intended to learn Japanese.

Like most foreign language teachers, Jay has travelled extensively and is interested in seeing how life is lived in different places around the globe. He loves to hitchhike, and has ticked off countless kilometers in France and Spain especially, riding with chatty truck drivers, vacationing families with whining children, a television dog trainer, and a bride-to-be who had cold feet.

Like all Aries, Jay is great at enthusiastically starting things but not as strong at finishing them, and his interests are varied. He likes organic gardening, volunteering, loves animals, and is currently learning furniture making. In addition to playing with his son (whose photo is forever held in the Buckingham Palace archives!), Jay plays baseball and hockey. He also enjoys wowing people with expert card tricks and sleight of hand. He loves the outdoors in all aspects—biking, kayaking, hiking and camping, and he's an amateur birder and general naturalist.

Jay is looking forward to working with teachers and administrators throughout the state so that all kids of all ages have the opportunity to become exposed to and develop proficiency in a second language, in all corners of the state, and to creating new opportunities in world languages for teachers, students, and communities while raising the profile of foreign languages in Maine. If kids could only learn two subjects at the elementary level, he says he'd want them to be immersed in music and foreign language.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

***MARCH 6th and 7th 2015
FLAME Annual Conference
Holiday Inn by the Bay
Portland, Maine***

***Check the FLAME website for upcoming details
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