

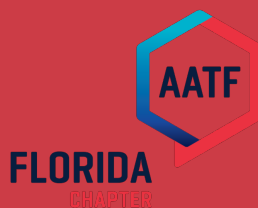
# Welcome, Summer!

## Officer elections, FFLA deadlines and upcoming events

Chères et chers collègues,

With the end of this school year fast approaching, it's time to wind down, pack up, and prepare to enjoy a well-deserved break. I hope that many of you will be able to travel, now that the pandemic seems to be in our rearview mirror. If you do travel to a francophone region, please tell us about it, and share your photos for future newsletters. I especially hope to see you this summer at the Convention in Trois-Rivieres! Profitez-en bien, et bonnes vacances à tous et toutes!!

Victoria Toste  
FLAATF President



## Officer elections

Voting is well underway for our open President and Co-Vice-President positions. If your membership is current, you should have received an email last week. Be sure to check out the awesome candidate bios and vote by Monday evening.

### **FFLA: proposal deadline approaching**

FFLA will be held in Daytona Beach on October 26-28. Be sure to register for the conference before the price goes up on July 1.

**[Register here.](#)**

FLAATF will be offering \$150 scholarships to our presenters. Be sure to **submit your proposal** by the deadline on **May 15**. Please send us a copy as well at **[aatf.florida@gmail.com](mailto:aatf.florida@gmail.com)**.



## April atelier in Melbourne

Our atelier in Melbourne was a success. Read all about it from participant Gerline Smith.

*On Saturday, April 15th, FLAATF members met in Melbourne for a weekend of exchange, learning and camaraderie. After a wonderful breakfast spread prepared by our host, Béren Sacra, French instructor at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, we dove into the learning.*

*During the first round, led by Dawnielle Jacobson, we explored the profession of translators and interpreters as a viable career. In round 2, Geraldine Blattner demonstrated how to incorporate ad-related activities in our classes. Béren Sacra presented on "Etiquette, protocols and good manners" and talked about the evolution of the notion of politeness, in round 3. Deanna Scheffer encouraged us to go beyond the usual depiction of New Orleans and shift the lens from Mardi Gras to francophone identités in minority communities, in round 4.*

*We were able to continue our conversations around a great lunch at the French restaurant Chez Cani.*

*On Sunday, we were delighted to tour Kennedy Space Center with a NASA ENGINEER.*

*We left with awesome new ideas to implement in our classroom.*





## Upcoming events

### *Zoom discussion on **Reine Pokou***

The Boston University African Studies Center K-16 Education Outreach Program invites you to join our Francophone book group discussion (on Zoom) around *Reine Pokou* by French-Ivorian author Véronique Tadjo on **May 10 4:00-5:30pm ET**. This is an adaptable text that can easily fit into the French curriculum. You can read the book (in French or in English) on your own then join us on May 10 to discuss in French with other Francophone teacher colleagues. We will discuss the themes that come up in the book, brainstorm and share ways to approach this book in the classroom and watch excerpts from a short film based on the legend of Reine Pokou

The event is free and open to any Francophile educator. All teachers attending will receive a Certificate of Participation of professional development hours. [Register here.](#)

### **Travel to Senegal**

AATF Vice-President Katy Wheelock is organizing trips to Senegal. Note that this event is not sponsored by AATF.

**Come travel to Senegal with us in 2024!** You can [sign up here](#) to learn more about our specially designed French immersion travel programs. Our next **Informational Meeting on May 15, 7pm EST** will take place on Zoom. *Vive l'expérience* welcomes all French language educators including current, pre-service, those between jobs, tutors, retirees, distance learning, DLI, middle, high, college & university. We are full for this summer; we will travel with 18 teachers. Fourteen people are already signed up for **June 16-26** and **June 30-July 11, 2024**, but we still have room for you and a friend or two.

We also have **two unique Spring Break possibilities**: March 9-18 and March 23-April 1, 2024. These could be teacher-led student trips, a group

of teachers of any discipline or a group of adult friends. If you are interested in leading a group, reach out and we can talk about options.

At our AATF convention this summer, I will present on how travel to Senegal can inform our teaching and engage our students; I'll also have a *Vive l'expérience* booth in Trois-Rivières, so please stop by and say "Bonjour."

Email [Katy](#) for more information.

## French teacher job postings

### New:

Congratulations to Lauren Doyle-McCombs, a longtime member of our Florida Chapter, on her well-deserved retirement! Her full-time French position at Paxon School for Advanced Studies in Duval County will be opening soon, so keep an eye out and feel free to reply to this email for further information.

### Previously posted:

Doral Downtown Charter Elementary School, French teacher, details [here](#).

Seacrest Country Day School, middle-school Humanities and French teacher, details [here](#).

Volusia County Schools, two elementary French programs and one high school French teacher, [send resumé](#)s to Grace Kellermeier, Ed.D.

George Washington Carver Middle School, bilingual teacher (French/English) for Math. Call 305 444 7388.

French positions in New York and the surrounding area. Details [here](#).

### Connect with us!

Do you have any fun and interesting events, lessons or activities happening in your classroom or French Club? We'd love to hear from you. Share your news [here](#).

You can also stay up to date on upcoming events by connecting with us on [Facebook](#) or checking out our [calendar](#).

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