

AATF of Virginia Bureau Report (2014-2015)

August 2015

Annual Meeting

The Executive Committee held its annual meeting on June 1st, 2014 in Charlottesville. The general assembly, as well as the annual luncheon were held at FLAVA in Williamsburg on the 27th of September 2014. The minutes of the two meetings are available on the AATF of Virginia website (www.aatf-va.com).

Elections

Fabrice Teulon (**President**) and Isabelle Reeves (**Vice-President**) were reelected for a mandate of four years (2014-2018).

Executive Bureau : Michael Moore was reelected for a mandate of four years(2014-2018). Two new members : Karine Boule, Teacher at Saint Anne's Belfield School in Charlottesville and Nirva Vernet, French Teacher, were elected for a mandate of four years (2014-2018).

Forfaits

Every year the AATF of Virginia offers members the opportunity to receive \$65 in order to offset the cost of attendance to the French Film Festival in Richmond, VA. This three day event makes it possible for the public, and in particular French Teachers from the state of Virginia, to meet directors and actors/actresses who come to present their films. Mark Rankin, Kristine Keeney, Jennifer McKendree, and Anna Collins each received \$65.00.

Le Grand Concours

1800 students from the AATF of VA participated in the Grand Concours this year. They did remarkably well as they received among them three platinum medals (top 1% of the entire country!), 70 received gold medals, 113 silver medals, and 142 bronze medals. We are very proud of the achievements of our students, and we appreciate the devotion and excellence of our French Teachers in the state of Virginia.

Activities of the AATF of VA

Director Fabrice Bracq sponsored by the AATF-Virginie

After showings of his films in numerous secondary schools, colleges and universities (Randolph-Macon College (Ashland), Randolph College (Lynchburg), St. Catherine's (Richmond), Virginia Tech (Blacksburg), Old Dominion University (Virginia Beach), Saint Annes' Belfield School (Charlottesville)), Fabrice Bracq came to present three short films at FLAVA, *Split Time*, *Time to Split* et *Diagnostic*. These short films have already received various prizes from film festivals around the world. As in the past with other directors, Fabrice Teulon organized a showing of the director's films as a

part of his French classes at Virginia Tech, which also included a series of Skype teleconferences with Fabrice Bracq.

Bourses

Catherine Mazzola, now French Teacher in Chesterfield County Public Schools, received a grant of \$500.00 from the AATF of Virginia in order to help her organize, with the help of other French Teachers from throughout the region, the Congrès français for French students from Central Virginia. The congrès took place at James River High School. This event brought together nearly 400 students on the 14th of March 2014 for a series of competitions, various workshops, and for the French luncheon. See more on their web site:

<<https://sites.google.com/site/lecongresfrançais/what-is-congres>>.

Catherine was also chosen by the Bureau of the AATF of Virginia to participate in the *Future Leaders Fellowship* program which took place in New Orleans right before the National Conference of the AATF in 2014. She received a \$500 grant in order to participate in the program. Heartfelt congratulations to Catherine Mazzola!

Communications présentées à The Foreign Language Association of Virginia (FLAVA) les 26 et 27 septembre 2014

As in the past, members of the AATF of Virginia presented excellent sessions at FLAVA. Here are their names and the sessions that they presented:

Francesca Chery, (Fred M. Lynn Middle School/Prince William County Schools)
Exploring the rich historical heritage of the storytelling and music of Senegal

Catherine Mazzola, (The Appomattox Regional Governor's School)
Comment se servir de l'authentique

Isabelle Reeves, (Saint Anne's Belfield)
*Immigration espagnole au cours des Trente Glorieuses à travers l'étude du film **Les femmes du 6ème étage***

Beth Marshall, (French Teacher at Riverbend High School/Spotsylvania County Schools)
Get to know Van Gogh!

Karine Boule, (French Teacher - Saint Anne's Belfield)
On est les meilleurs!

Warren Warsaw, (French Instructor - Norfolk Academy)
Skills-Centric Teaching

Jennifer Shotwell, (Instructor of French and Director of the Butler Multimedia Learning Center - Randolph-Macon College)

Not Just Another Composition: Writing for Children in the L2 as Community-Based Learning

Dr. Ruth Ferree, (Assistant Professor - University of Virginia)
Les chanson que nous aimons.

Twyla Kitts, (Teacher Programs Educator - Virginia Museum of Fine Arts)
The Artful French Classroom: From Paris to the Côte d'Ivoire!

Antoine Guibal, (Graduate Teaching Assistant - UVA)
A Content-Based Approach to Advanced French Language Classes: Three Examples

Schuyler Stephens, (Loudoun County Public Schools)
Beyond the Menu: Using Authentic Materials in Integrated Performance Assessments

Kathryn Sheely Wheelock, (World Languages Dept. Chair, French Teacher -
Arlington Public Schools, Wakefield High School)
Améliorer l'enseignement de Français Langue Etrangère (FLE): SPCD en France

Katy Jones, (Directrice, 2014, - Governor's Foreign Language French Academy)
L'Immersion française à l'Académie Française

Dr. Fabrice Teulon, (Associate Professor of French - Virginia Polytechnic and State
University)
Alexandre Dumas en cuisine

Dr. Patricia Cummins, (Professor of French - VCU) Brahima Kone, (Instructor - VCU)
Lindsey Fitzgerald, (Pre-Service Teacher - VCU) fitzgerallg2@vcu.edu.
La culture de la Côte d'Ivoire: Société