



My name is Lori LeVar Pierce and I teach French, German, and Latin at The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. This is my fifth year teaching, after a prior career doing corporate market research. After my first career, I stayed home with my three children for ten years. I have a BA in French and German Teaching and an MBA from Brigham Young University. I am a native speaker only of southern, having learned even to speak standard English in graduate school. I grew up in Florida and Arkansas and am happy now to call Mississippi home for the past 11 years.

I am serving as the President of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German, which puts me on the MFLA executive board. In addition, I am a member of the American Association of Teachers of French and the American Classical League.

My goals for both AATG and MFLA are to support teachers. I know as a new teacher entering the profession after a couple of decades of dormant language use and lack of attention to teaching pedagogy, I looked for support from my fellow teachers. And, as the only teacher of French, German or Latin in my school, I looked across the state for colleagues with whom I could collaborate. My hope is that the teacher organizations can be that support for all teachers in Mississippi. I look forward to working with the great members of the executive board, some of whom were the very ones who supported me directly as a new teacher.