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Revitalizing Foreign Languages in the Academy

A variety of strategies will be presented as options for revitalizing foreign language programs in post-secondary settings. Drawing on the recent experience of the University of Minnesota, including that of CARLA (the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition), the presenter will suggest a range of options for foreign language departments to consider in drafting a sustainable plan for the future. Among those options are the strategic use of proficiency testing to assess the ability of programs to produce graduates with advanced low proficiency (ACTFL); the provision of professional development opportunities for language teachers to transform the curriculum; the collaborative development of languages across the curriculum programs; and the reimagining of the goal of the foreign language curriculum to focus on critical thinking skills in the context of international disciplinary content.

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