

Friend of the Profession

Dr. Kristy Brugar

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Dr. Kristy Brugar is a key stakeholder, staunch advocate and dedicated supporter for world languages education. As Chair of the Department of Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum at the University of Oklahoma, she leads bringing cohesiveness to the College of Education and promoting interdisciplinary collaborations. She has played a pivotal role in strengthening the world languages program. Her commitment to supporting both pre-service and in-service teachers is evident in her numerous contributions to the field and in shaping leadership.

Dr. Brugar has been instrumental in creating and sustaining tenure-track positions for world language educators, ensuring the continued growth and development of the program. She has also fostered strong partnerships between the university and organizations like OFLTA, providing support for conferences, workshops, and other professional development opportunities.

Dr. Brugar's constant advocacy for world languages in Oklahoma, from growing the world languages education program at OU to helping sustain our state world language teacher organization, OFLTA, has been invaluable. Her belief in the importance of multilingual education has led to significant investments in the program. Her leadership and advocacy have had a profound impact on world language education in Oklahoma, and her dedication to the profession is truly inspiring.