



Webinar presenter:

**María Quintanilla** has been successfully teaching all levels of Spanish, including the AP Spanish Language and Literature courses to Native, Heritage, and non- Spanish Speaking students for sixteen years at the NYC Department of Education. She has worked extensively developing A.P. Spanish Language and Culture curriculum and writing day-to-day lesson plans for the AP for ALL initiative. She is a host and facilitator of citywide Lab Classrooms and has worked with the Division of Multilingual Learners, developing curriculum and lesson plans for Heritage Speakers of Spanish to be utilized by NYC teachers. She is heavily involved in the implementation of the New York State Seal of Biliteracy for graduating seniors, College Board Teacher mentor, Model Teacher supporting ECT, and actively promulgates the new NYS standards for World Languages. Ms. Quintanilla is a firm believer in a student-centered classroom and eliciting the unique personal and linguistic qualities of each student in order to create a comfortable and safe learning environment. She is an etymology and linguistics enthusiast.

