

Cherice Montgomery – 2024 Utah Teacher of the Year

Cherice Montgomery is the Teacher of the Year for the Utah Foreign Language Association. She is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Spanish & Portuguese at Brigham Young University where she coordinates the Spanish Teaching Major Program and teaches courses in language pedagogy, assessment, literacy, and technology. Her professional activities are grounded in her experiences as a high school language teacher and instructional facilitator.

Cherice's current professional endeavors include service on the Advisory Board of the National Foreign Language Resource Center at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and work on the Executive Planning Committee for the 9th International Conference on Immersion and Dual Language Education. She also frequently facilitates summer institutes, workshops, and webinars for language teachers, school districts, and professional organizations.

Dr. Montgomery's teaching is informed by her research on the design of compelling language learning experiences in immersive contexts such as Dual Language Immersion (DLI), Playable Case Study simulations (PCS), and Project-Based Language Learning (PBLL). She has published in journals such as *Foreign Language Annals*, *Die Unterrichtspraxis*, *The CSC Report*, *The ADFL Bulletin*, and *The Language Educator*. She has also received numerous awards for excellence in teaching, including the *ACTFL/NYSAFLT Anthony Papalia Award for Excellence in Teacher Education* and the *Kansas Foreign Language Teacher of the Year* award.