

COUNCIL ON TEACHING
Follow-Up Report for
Teaching in Higher Education Conference Award

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Conference Attended: Global Black French Studies in Boston, Massachusetts

Date of Conference: October 1-3, 2024

Award Amount: \$800

Briefly summarize how your attendance at the conference enhanced your professional development and allowed you to gain a better understanding of teaching in your discipline or trends in higher education in general.

I presented the paper, "Teaching 'Black France' through the Lens of Sport: Lilian Thuram, *Les Bleus*, and the FIFA World Cup" on a panel about teaching "Black France." During the Question-and-Answer session, I received a great deal of helpful feedback about two courses that I teach regularly, FREN:4750: "Sport and Society in the French-speaking World" and FREN:1006: "Global Sports and National Cultures." Afterwards, I had discussions with several attendees about my courses, who made suggestions about additional materials that I could incorporate. I also received three e-mails from colleagues asking to see my syllabus, because they were interested in developing a similar course at their institution. Overall, the conference was very fruitful and allowed me to network and have intellectually stimulating discussions about my teaching.

How have you been able to share what you learned about teaching with your department, the University of Iowa, and/or beyond?

After returning from the conference, I shared my experience with some of my colleagues in the Department of French and Italian. They were pleased to learn that my course had piqued such interest from colleagues at other institutions. I look forward to keeping in mind what I learned as I continue to teach and revise FREN:4750 and FREN:1006.