

## NATI 2023 Annual Conference Report: Redefining Our Focus

We were thrilled to present the NATI Translator and Interpreters Association's Annual Conference, which was held at the prestigious University of Nebraska at Lincoln. This two-day event took place on Friday, August 25th, and Saturday, August 26th, and it redefined our focus and showcased the incredible opportunities for professional growth and collaboration within the language industry.

The NATI 2023 Annual Conference featured a diverse range of educational sessions, keynote speakers, and networking opportunities, all designed to empower language professionals and embrace the everchanging landscape of translation and interpretation. Participants had the chance to delve into various topics, including health literacy for medical interpreters, interpreting for Nebraska's courts and probation, CAT tool introduction (featuring Trados and MemoQ), bridging cultural gaps, and effective cross-cultural communication strategies.

## Featured Speakers

- On August 25th, 2023, the conference was honored to welcome State Senator George Dungan and Kelly Varguez as featured speakers. Their insights and expertise provided valuable perspectives on the language industry and its impact on society.
- On August 26th, 2023, Chief Master Sergeant T. Kearny Vertner, III honored the conference as the featured speaker, sharing insights from their distinguished career and inspiring language professionals to reach new heights.

## Community Keynote Panel

Yoanna Esquivel Greenwood, Lara Armenteros-Garrido, Zanib Al-Razaq, and Ana Tudela formed a
community keynote panel, representing diverse voices within the translation and interpretation
community. Their collective expertise shed light on important issues and inspired attendees.

The conference provided ample opportunities for networking and collaboration, enabling participants to connect with fellow language professionals, industry experts, and potential clients. Attendees engaged in lively discussions, exchanged ideas, and forged meaningful connections, fostering a strong sense of community within the translation and interpretation industry.

The NATI 2023 Annual Conference was a resounding success, offering language professionals an unparalleled platform to expand their knowledge, network with industry experts, and stay at the forefront of the ever-evolving language industry. We looked forward to welcoming you to future conferences as we continued to empower translators and interpreters to deliver exceptional language services in a rapidly globalizing world. Be sure to mark your calendars and stay tuned for updates on our upcoming conference, where we will continue to redefine our focus, break barriers, and embrace the diversity that fuels our profession.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of the NATI Association and join us for an extraordinary experience at our next conference!

THANK YOU!!!



Presenter: Yuridia Igbokwe

"Bridging Cultural Gaps: Effective Cross-Cultural Communication Strategies for Language Professionals"



Presenter: Prof. Piet Koene.

Presentation on: "Consecutive Interpreting: Basic/Intermediate", "Introduction to Conference Interpreting" & "Consecutive Interpreting: Advanced level (with notetaking, Spanish only)"



Presenter: Alicia Roeth. "Interpreting for Children (medical)" & "Interpreting for families not fluent in Spanish".



Presenters: Tom Fennell: "CAT tool Introduction - Trados and MemoQ"



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