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**CERES Brown Bag Round Table:
AND I CAN DO ALL THIS IN TWO LANGUAGES!
THE VALUE OF LEARNING ANOTHER LANGUAGE
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Most people affiliated with CERES have learned at least one language beside their native language. For most of us, it has opened many doors and changed our lives in ways we could not anticipate when we started learning. Yet, we often associate speaking another language with difficulties communicating that make us reluctant to engage with speakers of other languages more actively and deeply.

In this round table, we would like to discuss how learning another language changed our lives in ways big and small. Attendees will be asked to think about their successes as well as hurdles as we reflect on the language learning experience. From this, we'll discuss how we can motivate all our students to experience the same benefits that learning another language has brought to us.

WHAT YOU'RE REALLY GETTING FROM YOUR LANGUAGE CLASS

Human connections



- Small class sizes allow you to build relationships with classmates and instructors
- You will become part of a learning community

Initiative & Leadership



- You will learn to use your skills to overcome challenges
- You will practice decision making in a variety of situations and environments

Communication

- You learn to communicate effectively across cultural differences
- You will learn transferable skills you can use in your specific area



Risk Taking & Perseverance

- You learn to fail forward in a safe environment
- Language learning requires risks. Your classmates and instructor will support and give you the courage to try



Problem solving



- You learn to consider different perspectives and compensate for language limitations to enrich your problem-solving skills
- You learn critical thinking skills to analyze new material

Collaboration



- You learn to co-construct projects and presentations
- You learn to explore issues from different perspectives
- You learn to listen to others, challenge yourself, and grow