

Kirsten Halling, professor of French, is in her fifteenth year at Wright State. Time flies! She is married to Peter Berwald, Art Teacher at Springboro High School, and has two children: Charlotte, a sophomore at Wright State, and Walker, a freshman at Ohio University. Their dog, Mona Lisa, is pretty good at French, as long as there are treats involved. Dr. Halling received her doctorate in French Language and Literatures from the University of Virginia, where she was trained in the Proficiency Approach. Her classroom motto has now become the slogan for the French section: "En français! L'anglais n'est pas nécessaire!" She teaches classes at all levels: she is the director of the FR 1010-1020 Elementary Language sequence, teaches Francophone African Literatures and Cultures, French Civilization, History of French Film, Occupation Cinema, to name a few. She and her colleague, Dr. Pascale Abadie, co-lead annual Ambassador Programs to Paris and Bordeaux. Nous sommes chanceuses! Dr. Halling's current research interests focus on the social and political implications of French and African rap music, literature, film, poetry, and pedagogy.