

Presentation Bio:

After teaching for more than 15 years, both overseas and in the U.S., Dr. Westphal now works as an independent gifted and educational consultant nationwide. She enjoys developing and presenting staff development on differentiation for various districts and conferences, working with teachers to assist them in planning and developing lessons to meet the needs of their advanced students. Laurie currently resides in Houston, TX, and has made it her goal to convert as many teachers as she can to the differentiated lifestyle and share her vision for real world, product-based lessons that help all students become critical thinkers and effective problem solvers. She is the author of over 40 books including the *Differentiating Instruction with Menus* series, the *Literature for all Learners* series, and the *Ready to Use Differentiation Strategies* series.