

## **Portuguese Language Division**

### **Candidate for Treasurer: Elena Langdon**

Since I entered the field, both the ATA and PLD have been integral to my professional growth and visibility. I went from jotting down “Trattus? Trodus?” in my notebook at my first conference to owning translation memory tools, and from seeing the profession as a solitary activity to recognizing the sizable community around the globe that enriches our work. As treasurer, I would like to contribute to this sense of union and help all members of the Division feel as welcome and enthusiastic as I do.

Born in the United States, I grew up in southern Brazil, where my family still lives. I currently live and work in New England as an interpreter, translator and interpreting instructor. I hold a Masters degree in Translation Studies and I am ATA-certified in Portuguese to English translation.

Working in conjunction with the other board members, I would focus on the following aspects:

- ❖ Increasing member integration through participation, regardless of age, experience, specialty, and national origin;
- ❖ Continuing to focus energy on selecting original and interesting speakers for the national and PLD meetings;
- ❖ Attracting new members;
- ❖ Reviving the Division newsletter and website in order to share more resources and knowledge;
- ❖ Implementing new features such as webinars and book reviews, according to members’ interests;
- ❖ Encouraging outreach activities to spread word of our work throughout the community at large;
- ❖ Increasing the PLD’s visibility within the ATA.

It is an honor to be nominated and I hope I can serve the Division and the ATA as your next treasurer!