Greetings from the newly re-named Department of Modern Languages and Cultures! The past year has been an exciting one, full of positive changes and wonderful accomplishments by MLC faculty, staff, and students.

From study-abroad experiences to publications, from the new Major in Arabic and Middle East Studies to new staff members and faculty colleagues, from the “Great Migration” of offices to innovations in undergraduate research, we have many reasons to give thanks. We are grateful to a wonderful family foundation for funding five study-abroad scholarships. The Ron and Donna Donigan Endowed Scholarship is also making dreams come true for Baylor students wishing to study abroad.

Many of you reading this newsletter have contributed to our MLC Excellence Fund, which helps to fund scholarships as well as student travel to conferences to present scholarly work. This past year, we launched the MLC Undergraduate Research Small Grant Program, enabling student researchers to work alongside faculty mentors.

We continue to foster a close partnership with the Global Community Living Learning Center, where students may live in a residence hall alongside others who share their interest in languages, cultures, world

New Faculty Join Department

Several new faculty members began teaching in the Department of MLC in fall 2013.

Dr. Sanaa Sadek joined the Division of Asian and African languages as Temporary Full-Time Lecturer in Arabic. Sadek received her Ph.D. in Modern History from Zagazig University in Egypt with a dissertation entitled “Civil Disobedience and its Role in the Independence of India from 1917 to 1947.” Sadek is teaching beginning and intermediate level Arabic courses.
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affairs, and global missions. In all of these ways, we are helping to fulfill Baylor’s mission “to educate men and women for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community.”

If you would like to support MLC students and programs, please visit www.baylor.edu/mlc and click “Give to MLC.” Happy reading, and I would love to hear from you.

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New Faculty Join Department continued

Two faculty joined the Division of French and Italian. Dr. Roberto Pesce is a Lecturer in Italian. Pesce received his Ph.D. from Rutgers University. He is teaching beginning and intermediate Italian and will direct the Baylor in Tuscany program. Pesce and his wife Serena have two sons—6 year-old Lorenzo and Alessandro, 9 months.

Dr. Renee-Anne Poulin, a Lecturer, completed her Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Poulin, who is teaching both Italian and French, also plays the violin and once performed for Queen Elizabeth II.

Anja Moehring returns to the Division of German and Russian as “Dr.” Moehring, having recently completed her Ph.D. at the University of Texas-Austin. Moehring’s dissertation is entitled “Argument Marking with Prepositions in German: A Constructional Approach to Auf.”

The Division of Spanish & Portuguese was joined by five new Temporary Lecturers, all with Spanish language teaching duties. They are Makenzi Epps, Audrey Johnson, Louis Maze, Jane Muir, and Andrea Woodard.

Dr. Yuncheng Zhou is Visiting Professor in Chinese from Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. Zhou comes to Baylor under the auspices of the Baylor-Tsinghua Exchange Agreement. Zhou received his Ph.D. from Tsinghua University. His dissertation is entitled, “A Philosophical Study of the First-Person Belief.” Zhou is teaching beginning and intermediate level Chinese classes as well as Chinese for Business.
Three students recently studied abroad thanks to a generous gift from a family foundation.

Rachel Guinn (France) writes: “I’ve only been in France for about a week now, but it has been an absolutely amazing experience.” She notes: “I was really put in a position where I had to rely completely on God, but it was an amazing place to be. There is no way I would be here, if it weren't for the scholarship I received.”

Keith Robertson (Russia) says: “Voronezh was an absolutely phenomenal experience. First and foremost it improved my Russian immensely. By the end of the program I was amazed at how much I could understand, and my program director said that he could hardly detect an accent when I spoke. Second, it was a great experience to be able to live like a Russian.”

Berenice Andaluz Ruiz (France) remarked: “Studying abroad has been everything I always thought it would be and more. I can see my language skills growing more and more each day. […] Not only have I progressed so much in my French, but my relationship with God grows each and every day.”

Over the past two years, three students have been able to study abroad thanks to the Ron and Donna Donigan Endowed Scholarship. Drew Allmon (Russia) wrote: “Russia is AWESOME! The people have been friendly and the country is gorgeous. Thank you for making this dream come true!”

Heather Clyburn also studied in Voronezh, Russia, thanks to a Donigan scholarship in Fall 2012. Gus Holdrich studied at Hosei University (Japan) as a Donigan scholar also in Fall 2012.

### Selected MLC Faculty Publications and Awards

**Publications**


Heidi Bostic Guest editor of a special issue of the journal *Esprit créateur* 52.3 on “The Recent Work of Luce Irigaray,” The Johns Hopkins University Press (September 2012).

Cristian Bratu “Je, auteur de ce livre: Authorial Persona and Authority in French Medieval Histories and Chronicles” in *Authorities in the Middle Ages* (De Gruyter, 2013).


**Guillermo Garcia-Corales** “La cuentística de Ángela López Borrero: un caso paradigmático de intertextualidad y rebeldía en la literatura puertorriqueña.” *International Journal of Hu-

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AWARDS

Frieda Blackwell (Spanish) was named 2013 Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year for Humanities, Arts, and Professional Departments and Programs. Award sponsored by the Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Achievement (URSA) Steering Committee.

Jennifer Good (German) selected to participate in prestigious Baden-Württemberg Seminar for American Faculty in German and German Studies (June 10 to June 23, 2012), sponsored by the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts and the University of Tübingen, as well as the German-American Fulbright Commission.

Ann McGlashan (German) was named 2013 Arts & Sciences “Outstanding Tenured Professor” in the category of teaching.

Casey Stanislaw (Spanish) named Outstanding Professor Award by Baylor Athletics. Award granted based upon voting by Baylor student-athletes.