

Language Links

Summer 2014

2014 Graduation Awards



Above: clockwise from left: Katie Reif (l) and Dr. Carolina Moctezuma; Dr. Karen Rauch (l) and Kristy Peronace; Mrs. Shafer (l), Jenna Shafer and Dr. Lynn M. Kutch

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES

On Tuesday, April 29, 2014, members of the Modern Language Studies community gathered to celebrate our May 2014 graduates. We also announced our departmental awards for outstanding achievement.

Recipients were: Katie Reif, the Linda Oswald-Bogert Award for Excellence in Modern Language Studies; Kristy Peronace, Excellence in Spanish Award; and Jenna Shafer, Excellence in German Award.

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MLS FACULTY MEMBER RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP



NECTFL Awards Ceremony, Boston, MA, March 28, 2014: *Left to right:* Peggy Carlson, PA Teacher of the Year and Finalist NECTFL Teacher of the Year; Nancy Zimmerman, 2014 SANS, Inc./Mead Leadership Fellow; Jan Stewart, President, PA State Modern Language Association.

Dr. Nancy Zimmerman, Assistant Professor of Spanish, was a 2014 recipient of one of the prestigious SANS, Inc./Mead Leadership Fellowships awarded by the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (NECTFL). According to the NECTFL website, this fellowship “is provided to support an individual in the development of a project that contributes to the foreign language teaching profession and advances quality language instruction.” Dr. Zimmerman’s project calls for the creation and distribution of a bilingual

children’s book that is co-written by university students. The second stage of the book project, which pairs a heritage speaker of Spanish with a student who is a native speaker of English, involves the publication of the book in electronic format and the distribution of the e-book to local libraries and after-school programs. Dr. Zimmerman is working with Raquel Luis, a BSEd Spanish major, to design the prototype. In March, Dr. Zimmerman traveled to Boston to receive her award from the NECTFL board during the organization’s annual conference. Congratulations, Dr. Z.!

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE IN GERMAN STUDIES



Hannah Leidich (2014), BS Psychology, German minor, presented at the Undergraduate Research Conference in German Studies, held at Lafayette College on April 12, 2014.

She presented a version of a paper she had written in her German Literature class in fall 2013. She expanded her seminar paper, “*Der Blaue Engel*: The Bird Motif and the Regression of Professor Rath,” into her capstone project for KU’s Honors Program.

At left: Hannah Leidich and Dr. Lynn M. Kutch at Lafayette College.

The psychological study of one of film history’s most studied protagonists allowed Leidich to apply and synthesize knowledge from both her major and minor.



Emil Jannings as Dr. Immanuel Rath in *Der Blaue Engel* (1930)

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HISPANIC HONOR SOCIETY

The Department of Modern Language Studies was pleased to host the 13th Sigma Delta Pi (SDP) National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society induction ceremony for the Upsilon Chi chapter on April 21, 2014. Faculty advisors Dr. Christine Coleman Núñez and Dr. Carolina Moctezuma organized the event while current SDP student officers and members conducted the ceremony in Spanish. We were particularly pleased to welcome back two of our MLS graduates and SDP members: Mr. Willie Montepeque (BS, Secondary Education in Spanish, Magna Cum Laude, '07), who is currently a Spanish teacher in the East Penn district, and Mr. Ryan Breisch (BA, Spanish, '05), who is the Executive Director of the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks. They both shared fond memories and sage advice with our new initiates, their family and friends, current SDP members, and MLS faculty members.

But, most important of all, we were very pleased to recognize the academic achievement in Spanish and the dedication to Hispanic cultures exhibited by our new SDP members: Jacqueline Barnes, Matthew Bello, Elyse Boniscavage, Raquel Campanelli, Jacqueline Cortes, Catherine Espinal, Kelly Esslinger, Sarah Fields, Erienne Galvin, Athena Heck, Matthew Kuna, Raquel Violeta Luis, Natalie McSwain, Breanna Murray, Kristy Peronace, Leola Tracy Shearer, Jordan Thomas, Amber Weber, Bram Wilusz. If you see any of these students, be sure to tell them "¡Felicitaciones!"



¡Enhorabuena!



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