



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES &
CULTURES

DEAR ALUMNI

Now that summer is here, we would like to take a moment to update you on the goings-on of the Department of World Languages and Cultures. We are planning a reunion event for Homecoming weekend 2022 and we hope that many of you will be able to join us then!

As you know, the pandemic brought with it unprecedented challenges, but we have begun to return to something that feels more like normal; we are grateful for a return to in-person instruction, which we appreciate now more than ever.

In the past year, **Dr. Shinabargar** offered a course on the Supernatural in French literature and has recently collaborated on a dual credit partnership with Rock Hill Schools (more information about that below). **Dr. Glover** has been teaching a tutorial in Greek in addition to his work in Spanish language and literature; he has recently taught a class on Latin American women writers. **Dr. Jepson** piloted a course on Latin American recipes and cooking techniques with this as her guide: <https://wnorton.com/books/Gran-Cocina-Latina/>, and her students concluded the Spring semester by cooking a selection of recipes from the book. **Professor Uricochea** has just offered her popular Spanish film class, and was also recently awarded Winthrop's Outstanding Instructor Award (2022) for her excellence as a teacher and mentor. **Dr. Igou** has taught her course on walking as a creative catalyst for French writers and artists and is looking forward to offering a course on food in French literature & culture again in Fall 2022. **Dr. Gerri Martin** and **Professor Concetta Morris** continue to offer dynamic courses in Spanish with a focus on an immersive language experience in the classroom. We are also fortunate to have **Dr. Lucia Huang** teaching German for us following the 2021 retirement of **Dr. Donald Friedman**.



STUDY ABROAD

We are thrilled that our students have recently been able to resume plans for Study Abroad, which we always encourage them to do, if possible. Kyra Sikorski (French and soon-to-be MAT candidate) has just returned from a semester in Aix-en-Provence, France. Ben Goodman (Spanish, Finance) will be studying in Alicante, Spain this summer and hopes eventually to use his Spanish in an international work setting. Taylor Huddas (International Business, French) will study in Antibes, France this summer, while Caleb Sample (Spanish, French) plans to spend the coming academic year in Seville, Spain. Cody Cook (French, History) is looking forward to Spring 2023 in Dijon, France.

We would also like to mention the gracious gift of the late Winthrop **Professor emeritus Thomas Shealy**, who taught French here for many years. He established a scholarship for students majoring in foreign languages and this fund is now helping high-achieving students from our department in their studies abroad. We are grateful for this characteristically generous contribution from someone many of you will remember as an especially kind man.

Last but not least, beginning this fall, our department is offering courses in Spanish and French to high school students from Rock Hill Schools' language immersion programs. This dual credit partnership will allow Rock Hill high school students to earn college credit while continuing their foreign language studies at an advanced level. The language immersion programs in Rock Hill Schools have provided World Languages and Cultures majors with wonderful internship possibilities, not to mention work opportunities. Jenn Fant Roehl (French '17, MAT '18) is a French immersion teacher in the program at Cherry Park Elementary, and was also the recipient of a teaching award in her first year.

OUR ALUMNI NEWS

Our alumni are engaged in all sorts of interesting work and studies, living in places both near and far. The following WU graduates recently provided us with updates on their post-undergraduate pursuits:

- **Keith Mushonga** ('16 French major, Spanish and English minors) has earned a master's degree in computer science at the Beijing Institute of Technology in China, where he now works for Audi.
- **Jennifer Moxley** ('17 French major, Int'l Studies minor) has lived in Metz, France since graduation, and currently teaches English to native French speakers. This year, she also earned a Master's in French Translation from Kent State University.
- **Francesca Crovetto** ('22 Spanish and Education double major) will be moving to Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic this July to accept a job teaching in an elementary school.
- **Luis Valle-Burguete** ('17 French and IMC double major) lives in New York City, where he works for Bloomberg's Diversity and Inclusion recruitment team.
- **Nicholas McFarland** ('18 Spanish and French double major) is a Linguistics graduate teaching assistant at the University of Iowa, where he has earned a Master's in Linguistics.

FALL ACTIVITIES:
HOMECOMING WEEK WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT! JOIN US
ON NOV. 11, 2022 FOR THE DEPARTMENT ALUMNI GATHERING AT
SLOW PLAY (LOCATED AT 274 COLUMBIA AVE), 5-7 P.M.

Please share your own updates with **Ms. Alexis Roy** for our next newsletter: roya@winthrop.edu. Whether you graduated recently or decades ago, we would love to hear how you are doing and to know how your foreign language studies have influenced your life and work!

We wish you all a wonderful summer, wherever you may be.

If you would like to support our students who wish to study abroad, click [here](#) and designate World Languages and Cultures fund # 1337.



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