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## General News and Announcements

•Continental Coffee Hour on Wednesday, March 25 from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Departmental Lounge.

•Ms. Ashlyn Wedding is MCL's Outstanding Senior for 2008-09 as chosen by an ad hoc committee consisting of Drs. Yelena Belyaeva-Standen, Anthony Daly, SJ, and Reinhard Andress. Ashlyn is a SLU MLK Jr. Scholar majoring in French and International Studies with a minor in Political Science and on the pre-law track (3.60 GPA). Her career goal is a position taking advantage of her knowledge in international affairs and French. She studied abroad in Lyon and was an intern at the World Affairs Council in St. Louis where she was involved with the International Visitors Leadership Program. As President of Pi Delta Phi, she was instrumental in giving new life to this French honor society on campus. She has done service work for the African Refugee Services, the Sister Cities International Conference in Lyon and Alpha Phi Omega, a community service fraternity. She also functioned as the "Volunteer Coordinator" for the successful French Career Day that Dr. Pascale Perraudin organized. Congratulations to Ashlyn and the French Division!

•Ms. Amy Bartmess (Spanish) was selected to receive the Outstanding TA Award and Ms. Lauren Rea (ESL) the Outstanding Adjunct Award. Congratulations! They will be honored at a Special Edition of the Continental Coffee Hour on Wednesday, April 29.

•Dr. Karen Secrist's and Mr. Germán Lorenzo-Ayala's contracts will be extended for another academic year. It will be our pleasure!

•Together with other departments, MCL is sponsoring a lecture on "Is there a mutually acceptable Islamic solution to the Arab-Israel conflict?" at 6:30 on Monday, March 23 in BSC, Saint Louis Room. The lecture will be given by Prof. Jacob Lassner of Northwestern University and has been organized by Dr. Julia Lieberman.

•Plans for our INTERNATIONAL CULINARY TASTING in connection with Atlas Week are moving along. The event will take place on Thursday, April 2 from noon until ??? in the foyer of Ritter Hall. All proceeds will benefit *La Clínica*, a non-profit community health center whose mission is to provide health care to immigrants and refugees. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve a diverse assortment of international dishes. If you would like to share your culinary talents with the SLU community, please contact Dr. Ana Montero at [monteroa@slu.edu](mailto:monteroa@slu.edu) or 977-2615.

•The following MCL faculty members were elected to various committees of the Faculty Council: Dr. Kathleen Llewellyn (Academic Affairs), Dr. Annie Smart (Academic Honesty), Dr. Kara McBride (Technology), Dr. Jean-Louis Pautrot (College Rank and Tenure) and Dr. Larry Schmidt (College Representative to the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee). Congratulations!

### Meetings

### Deadlines

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### Kudos

•Dr. Annie Smart presented a paper on "Exo-tricks: Biodiversity and the Exotic in *Paul et Virginie*" at the Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference in Charlotte.

•Dr. Gregory A. Knott has a forthcoming article on "Transsexual Law Unconstitutional: German Federal Constitution Court Demands Reformation of Law Because of Fundamental Rights Conflict" in the *St. Louis University Law Journal* 54 (2009-10).

### From the Chair

•I will be out of town next week on Monday and Tuesday. I thus will not be able to attend the Faculty Assembly on Tuesday, March 24 at 3 in BSC 170 in order to introduce our new faculty. Dr. Kathleen Llewellyn has graciously agreed to take my place. I encourage you to go so that you can hear directly from the Dean what his take is on the current financial health of the College of Arts and Sciences and the University, and ask him questions if you'd like.