General News and Announcements

Elise Barge, an MCL graduate, will perform “Paris 1940s: Cabaret Songs from the City of Lights and Its Allies” on Saturday, September 28, at 1:00 p.m. in the Huh auditorium of the CGC.

Distinguished scholars in intercultural studies and second language acquisition will speak at the Center for Global Citizenship on Friday, October 4.
  • Dr. Jun Liu will present "From Global Competence to Global Citizenship" from 10:00 to 11:00
  • Dr. Bill VanPatten will present "Theory and Research Informed Language Teaching: Five Principles for Communicative Language Teaching" from 3:00 to 4:00.

The departmental colloquium will take place on November 1, at 3:30 p.m. in the CGC seminar room. Dr. Elena Dalla Torre will present a paper based on her current research.

The MCL Research Group will return this semester. Please contact Dr. Annie Smart if you are interested in participating.

Meetings

The remaining department meetings this semester will take place 3:30-5:00 p.m. on the following Thursdays: October 31, November 14.

Kudos

Congratulations to Dr. Lili Guo, Dr. Claudia Karagoz, Mr. Dan Nickolai, Ms. Angela Rellergert, Dr. Karen Secrist, and Dr. Yaoska Tijerino on their 5-year anniversary at SLU.

Congratulations to Dr. Oscar López on his 15-year anniversary at SLU.

Special thanks to Mr. Dan Nickolai, Mr. Germán Lorenzo-Ayala, Dr. Greg Divers, and Ms. Linda Ritter for their tireless help at the SLU 101 International Café and Academic Fair this past summer.

Dr. Sydney Norton participated in* Kings and Collectors: The Royal Collections of Dresden, a week-long intensive summer seminar (August 17–August 24) sponsored by the Dresden Summer International Academy for the Arts. At the seminar Sydney learned about the history of Dresden and the artworks, both ancient and contemporary, that are housed there. She also presented on the Saint Louis Art Museums's collection of German art and on her latest research project, *Impressionist France: Visions of Nation from Le Gray to Monet.*
The Center for Intercultural Studies at Saint Louis University presents a Forum:

Is Intercultural Dialogue Possible?

Opening remarks:
Dr. Michal Jan Rozbicki, Professor of History and Director of the Center for Intercultural Studies, Saint Louis University

Friday, September 27, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.
At the Conference Room 124 A, Center for Global Citizenship (formerly Bauman Hall)

Participants:
Dr. Rudolf C. Heredia, Society of Jesus, independent writer and researcher in Mumbai, India, currently visiting International Jesuit Professor of Social Justice at Saint Louis University
Dr. Kara McBride, Associate Professor, Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Saint Louis University
Dr. George O. Pidge, Associate Professor, Department of History, Saint Louis University

Successful dialogue among different cultures is one of the greatest challenges of our time. While technology and globalization have made the world more interdependent than ever, people do not live in the world but in their local cultures. Because cultures provide collective identity and make sense of life by supplying order and meaning for people’s experiences, they often resist outside influences. On the other hand, cultures constantly adapt to new circumstances caused by encounters with others. The forum will explore the ways in which intercultural dialogue—one that acknowledges differences, attempts to gain insight into others’ beliefs, and examines concepts and assumptions that frame peoples’ perceptions of the Other—can be pursued, and how obstacles can be overcome.