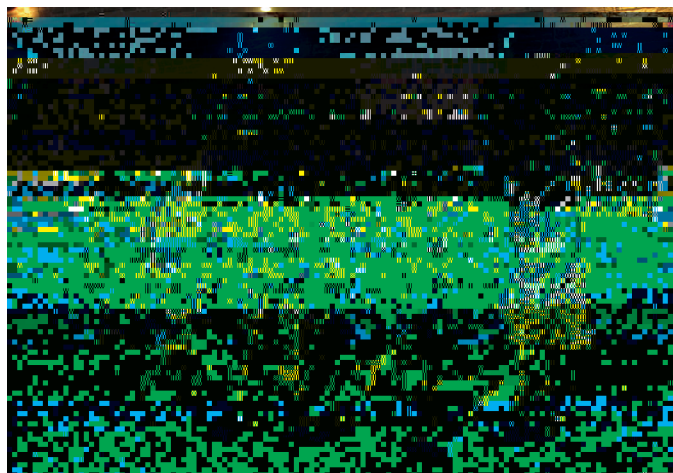
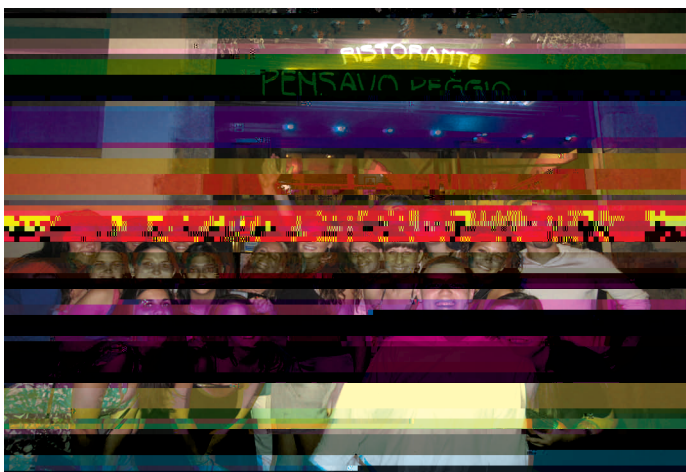

World Languages and Cultures Faculty & Staff Activities

Dr. Linda Ledford-Miller:

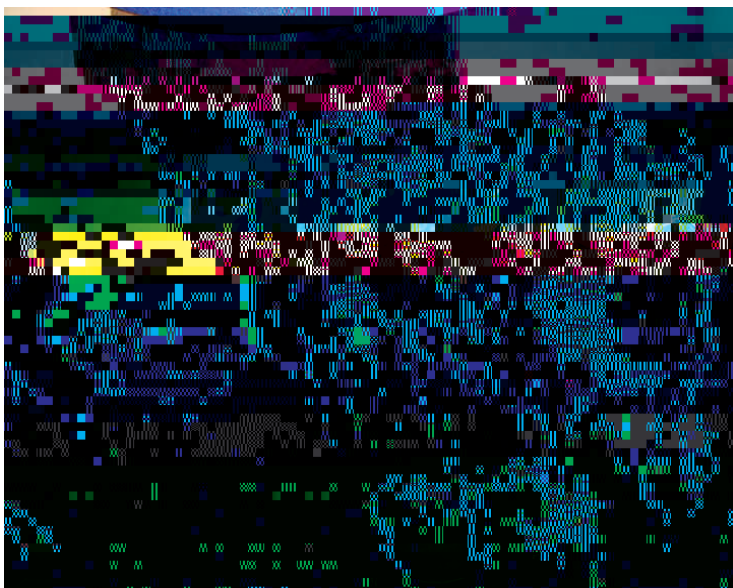
Dr. Ledford-Miller gave a paper in Madrid in June entitled: “Ephraim George Squier en Perú,” at the X Congreso Internacional de Caminería Hispánica. Her presentation at the IX Congreso (June 2008) came out recently in the refereed proceedings: “Aldous Huxley en Guatemala: Una actitud ambigua para con los indígenas.” *Actas del IX International Congress of Caminería Hispánica*, Cádiz- of Caminería Hi/D

Summer 2010: Third Annual Study Abroad in Italy

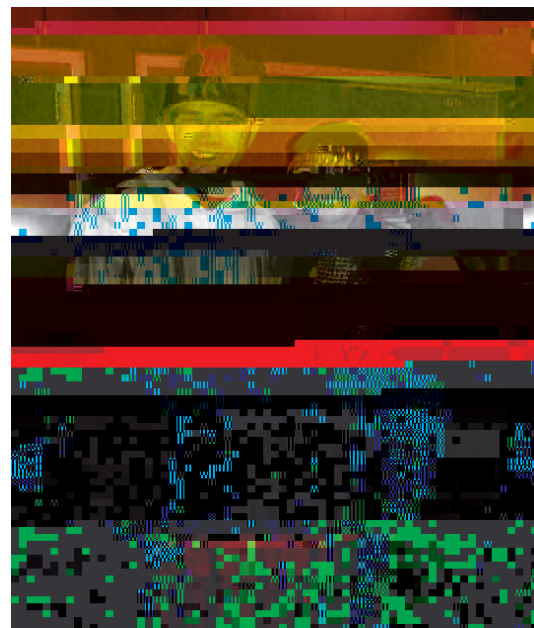


Dr. Virginia Picchietti: In June 2010, Dr. Picchietti and Dr. Caporale led the Third Annual Study in Florence Summer Program. Twenty students participated and took language and culture classes in Florence

Arabic Puppet Show



Cast and puppets in the Moroccan sitting room.



Kevin Schofield and Jackie DeFilippis wearing traditional Moroccan clothing.

Dr. Habib Zanzana: On April 30th, 2010, the students of Arabic 101 performed the Arabic Puppet Show, "Leila and the Miraculous Lake of Tears" under the direction of Dr. Zanzana. The event was well attended and very successful. Included in the event was a Moroccan style sitting room, a display of photographs from Morocco by photographer Heather DiPaolo, and a belly dancing performance by Diana Shahein. At the end of the play desserts and refreshments were also served.

Dr. Habib Zanzana recently published an article entitled, "Domestic Violence and Social Responsibility in Contemporary Spanish Cinema: A Portfolio View of Behavioral Dynamics." This article was published in the September 2010 Hispania Journal. In addition, Dr. Zanzana will be presenting the topic of "Motherhood, Identity and Exile in Contemporary Maghreb Cinema" at the Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference in Virginia.

Dr. Marzia Caporale:

In the Spring 2010 semester, Dr. Marzia Caporale directed a play entitled *Oh les Beaux Jours!* by Samuel Beckett. The students of French 431 participated as actors in what is a classic example of the “Theatre of the Absurd.” The play was well attended and students, faculty and community members enjoyed learning more about the French language and culture through the humor of Samuel Beckett. The play was performed at the University of Scranton and followed by a reception.

The World Languages and Cultures Department welcomes a new addition to our faculty—Professor Yique Zhao, our new Chinese Professor! Professor Zhao grew up in the Henan Province of China where he says people like to play sports such basketball and practice Kung Fu. Professor Zhao received his B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature in 1994 from The Henan College of Education. Afterwards, he taught Chinese at a middle school in China. Later, in 2004, he received his Master’s degree at Guangxi University in Chinese Language and Literature. His academic interests include studying the different Chinese dialects and in particular the Henastin dialect. When he is not working, Professor Zhao enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter, playing basketball, reading, and exercising. However, he says that right now his main focus is on improving his English, especially in the first two months of the semester. When asked about the Scranton area, he says, “I love the Scranton area and the University of Scranton is very nice and

News From Alumni

Marny Blaire Smith attended Clarence Senior High School in East Amherst, New York. She has majored in both International Business and Spanish with a Finance minor, as well as a Latin American Studies concentration. In keeping with her studies, Marny studied abroad in Spain and hopes to study in Latin America in the future. While she has been an active member of several campus organizations, Marny's main activities revolve around service work such as volunteering as an interpreter in the Leahy Medical Clinic. Marny has been inducted into the National Honor Society for first year students, the Foreign Language Honor Society, the Women's Business Honor Society, and the Collegiate Business Honor Society. In addition, she is also the Secretary of the Economics Honors Society.

While at the University, Marny has been a Presidential Scholar and was named to the Dean's List all four years. In 2008, she received the President's Fellowship for Summer Research to fund the study of "Chinese Export Safety Issues and Child-centered Non-profit Organizations: Local, National, and International Implications." After graduation, Marny will be joining Epic Systems, a privately held healthcare software company, to gain work experience before going on to pursue her MBA.

Michael Canaris a 2002 graduate and former student of Italian, is completing a Ph.D. in Theology at Fordham University. He is also an adjunct instructor in Fairfield University's Center for Faith and Public Life. In addition, he teaches philosophy at Sacred Heart University and is a travel consultant for Pinnacle Tours, which has an office in Rome, Italy.

Richie Santosdiaz (IL/B Spanish, 2008) completed his international MBA at Foro Europeo in Pamplona, Spain, in June 2009. After a three month internship with a French transportation company located in Pamplona, he worked until this past July for a Spanish manufacturing firm, also based in Pamplona. In September of this year he began a one-year Master's program of Globalization and Corporate Development at the Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy Department at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London, England.

Liz McDyer: *A letter from Graduate*

I just wanted to share some of my excitement as I completed my M.A. in Literatures in Spanish (at Indiana University Bloomington)! Attached is a picture of me and two crazy people who drove 12-13 hours just to see me stand up and sit down again (my parents, of course). As I celebrated my own hard work and coming this far, I couldn't help but think of not only my parents, but also everyone at Scranton who helped prepare and shape me during my undergraduate career. Thank you!

Graduation was last Friday and we had Elinor Ostrom, the Nobel Laureate (for Economics) from last Fall speak at the Commencement Ceremony (she is Faculty at IU). She gave a speech on sustainability that spoke about the importance of diversity and no one size fits all solutions in biology, and the search for ways to solve environmental problems. I believe that everything she said could have easily been good advice to deal with just about anything in life!



Graduate Liz McDyer with her parents

Meet the Graduate Assistants and New Graduate Teaching Assistant!

Anisa Gharbi: I am a Graduate Assistant in the World Languages and Cultures Department and I am majoring in Community Counseling. This is my second year as a GA for the department. My goal is to work as a counselor in a higher education setting. I am currently doing research on the effects of re-entry and re-entry shock on returning study abroad and international students. I have my minor in Spanish, studied French for several years and I also know a great deal of Arabic including reading and writing. When I'm not working and studying, I like to spend time with my family, watch movies, read and discover new places.

Jackie DeFilipis: I am from Morristown, New Jersey. I graduated from the University of Scranton in 2008 with a B.S. in Counseling and Human Services. I am now a second year graduate student in the School Counseling program at the University and I am also working as a Graduate Assistant of Spanish in the Department of World Languages and Cultures. My future career goals are to work as a bilingual school counselor in a low-income school and to one day teach as well. I also plan to work abroad and I dream of traveling extensively throughout Central and South America...And of course, Spain!

Estefania Gonzalez: I am from Guadalajara, Jalisco México: The Land of Tequila and Mariachi. I completed my undergraduate studies in teaching English as a Foreign Language at La Universidad de Guadalajara and taught EFL to children, teenagers and adults in public and private institutions in my hometown for five years. I first came to the University of Scranton in the 2009-2010 academic school year as a Fulbright FLTA. I am currently a Graduate Teacher Assistant working at the Department of World Languages and Cultures and pursuing a Master's degree in English as a Second Language; this fall semester I am teaching Spanish 101 and 211, activity which I absolutely adore. I have always found teaching foreign languages as a very interesting and fulfilling profession, and it has become my passion. I love going to the movies and spending time with my friends and family. My future career goal is to become a language learner trainer and to teach Applied Linguistics in a higher education setting in Mexico or in the United States. Working and studying at the University of Scranton has positively changed my life personally and professionally.



From left-right: Anisa Gharbi, Estefania Gonzalez and Jackie DeFilipis



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