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Dear alumni, students, faculty, and friends

Welcome to what promises to be another exciting new year in the Department of World Languages and Cultures!

For those of you not yet familiar with our current programs and course offerings, let me tell you that our department proudly houses courses in 11 languages, complementing the University of South Florida's commitment to global outreach and engagement with others across all regions of the globe.

Research shows that studying another culture and language enables people to connect more deeply with others and to gain a more profound understanding of their own

Dr. Habib Zanzana

Dr. Zanzana presented a paper at the Intersections/Intesezioni Conference in Florence, Italy, in May 2019. His talk focused on contemporary Italian cinema and examined "Art and Nonlinear Temporality in Alice Rohrwacher's Lazzaro Felice"

In September 2019, Dr. Zanzana participated in a conference organized by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese on the theme of Social Justice. The event took place at Wellesley College in Massachusetts and his paper was titled, "Justice for All Disabled: An Analytical View of the Intersection of Disability, Human Rights, and Empowerment in Contemporary Films of Spain and the Americas"

While abroad, Dr. Zanzana took Advanced Italian at the Istituto Europeo in Florence, Italy. He also began studying Portuguese at the Lusó School in Lisbon, Portugal, in July 2019. He quickly became very fond of "pasteis de nata," a custard filled Portuguese tart that is simply delicious. Mitoboni!

Dr. Marzia Caporale

Summer Study Abroad in Florence

By: Dr. Marzia Caporale

New FLTAs, GAs and Instructors (Continues on pages 9-11)

Khadiga AboBakr

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