

# School of Languages & Cultures

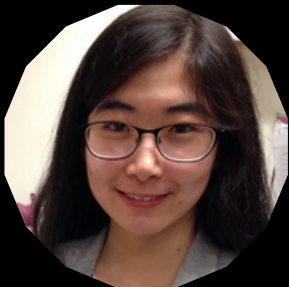
Fall 2023



**PURDUE**  
UNIVERSITY

School of Languages and Cultures

**WELCOME TO OUR  
NEW SLC COLLEAGUES!**



**YAN CONG**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF  
COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS AND  
SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION /  
CHINESE



**BRETT BOGART**

LECTURER IN ITALIAN



**SAYED ISSA**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF  
COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS AND  
SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION /  
ARABIC



**ELIZABETH ZAMORA DORRIBO**  
LECTURER IN SPANISH



**VIŠESLAVA ("VISHKA") RAŠAJSKI-ŠAŠIĆ**  
LECTURER IN GERMAN



**VANESSA FELTEN**  
LECTURER IN GERMAN



**NOLAN WARDEN**  
LECTURER IN SPANISH AND MUSIC



**OXSANA KARBASHEVSKA**  
VISITING UKRAINE SCHOLAR

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEAGUES PROMOTED IN 2023!

## FACULTY

**ERIN MOODIE**

*ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CLASSICAL STUDIES*



ERIN MOODIE



DANIEL J. OLSON

**DANIEL J. OLSON**

*PROFESSOR OF SPANISH LINGUISTICS*

## LECTURERS

**AKIKO BRENNAN**

*SENIOR LECTURER IN JAPANESE*



AKIKO BRENNAN



AMINA GABRIELOVA

**AMINA GABRIELOVA**

*SENIOR LECTURER IN RUSSIAN*

# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS TEACHING AND RESEARCH AWARDS FOR SLC COLLEAGUES IN 2023

## TEACHING AWARDS

**DR. DANIEL CONNER, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF TEACHING, CLASSICS**

*COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS' KENNETH T. KOFMEHL OUTSTANDING  
UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD*

**DR. HUAI-RHIN KIM, LECTURER IN KOREAN**

*COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS' OUTSTANDING LECTURER AWARD*



DR. HUAI-RHIN KIM

## RESEARCH AWARD

**DR. ALEJANDRO CUZA, PROFESSOR OF SPANISH AND LINGUISTICS**

*COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS' EXCELLENCE IN DISCOVER AND CREATIVE  
ENDEAVORS RESEARCH AWARD*



DR. ALEJANDRO CUZA



**PURDUE  
UNIVERSITY**

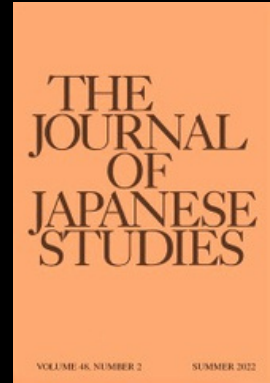
School of Languages and Cultures

**KUDOS TO THESE  
SLC RESEARCHERS  
ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS!**



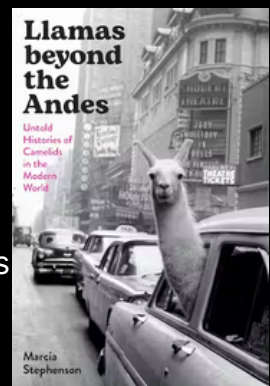
**Dr. Hongjian Wang Route**, Associate Professor of Chinese, won the 2022 Gordon White prize for her article in *The China Quarterly*: "From Court Fools to Stage Puppets: Country Bumpkins in the Skits on CCTV's Spring Festival Gala, 1983-2022."

**Dr. Pedro Basso**, Assistant Professor of Japanese, was selected to receive the 2022 Kenneth B. Pyle Prize for Best Article for his essay: "Life Through the Lens: Ozaki Kōyō and the Birth of the Photographic Imagination in Japanese Literature," published in the *Journal of Japanese Studies* in summer 2022.



Congratulations to **Dr. Beate Allert**, Professor of German and Director of Comparative Literature, and her co-authors, SLC and Comparative Literature PhD alumni Dr. Niall Peach and Dr. Ricardo Quintana-Vallejo, as well as Dr. Christopher Clason of Oakland University, on the recent publication of their book on the scientist and explorer Alexander von Humboldt (Purdue University Press, 2023).

**Dr. Marcia Stephenson**, Professor Emerita of Spanish, published *Llamas beyond the Andes: Untold Histories of Camelids in the Modern World* (University of Texas Press, 2023). The book explores camelids' global roles in science, commerce, and culture.



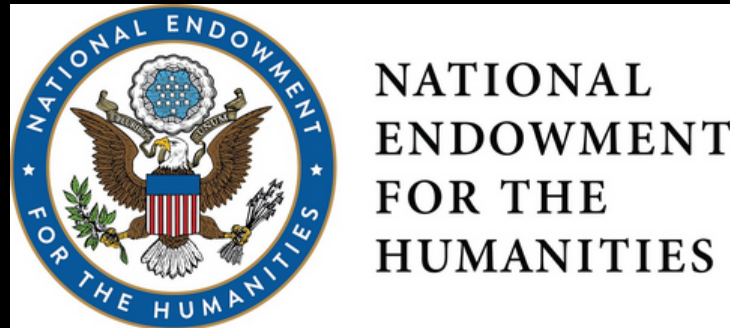
*Many more publications can be found  
on the SLC Bookshelf for your enjoyment!*



**PURDUE  
UNIVERSITY**

School of Languages and Cultures

## SLC GRANT NEWS



The NEH Humanities Connections Implementation Grant of \$150,000 was awarded to project P.I. **Lori Czerwionka** and her project team in April 2023, following the \$35,000 NEH Humanities Connection Planning Grant that the group had received in 2020.

The team, which includes **Elena Coda**, **Gabriel Ríos-Rojas**, and **Jen William** from SLC, along with **Kirsten Davis** from Engineering Education and **Joe Tort** from the Office of Professional Practice and GEARE, is currently refining and implementing several research and curricular initiatives that work toward the integration of a humanities perspective into engineering coursework and experiential learning.



**DR. LORI CZERWIONKA**



## CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

**Dr. Lori Czerwionka**, Associate Professor of Spanish Linguistics, was selected by the Indiana Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) as its 2023 Indiana Teacher of the Year in the University Category! She will now represent AATSP Indiana at the IFLTA Conference in the 2023 Indiana Foreign Language Teacher of the Year competition (along with the Teachers of the Year in five other languages).

**Dr. John Sundquist**, Professor of German Linguistics, has been appointed for a five-year renewable term as Chair of the Editorial Committee of the *Journal of Germanic Linguistics*!

**Dr. Patricia Hart**, Professor Emerita of Spanish, received the “Walk the Talk” Award, for which she was nominated in 2021, from the Office of Ethics and Compliance on April 4th!



**Dr. Marcia Stephenson**, Professor Emerita of Spanish, was inducted into Purdue’s Book of Great Teachers on September 26th!



## RECENT ALUMNI UPDATES!

- **Dr. Martha Berry King** (BA in German, 2006) received a [College of Liberal Arts Emerging Voice Alumni Award](#) in September.
- **Dr. Tyler Gabbard-Rocha** (PhD in Spanish Literature, 2020) was one of only seven faculty at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse to win a [2023 Eagle Teaching Excellence Award](#).
- **Dr. Michelle Medeiros** (PhD in Latin American Literature and Cultures, 2017) received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor at Marquette University.
- **Dr. Esther Teixeira** (PhD in Latin American Studies, 2017) received tenure and promotion at Texas Christian University.
- **Dr. Mai Takeuchi** (PhD in Japanese Linguistics, 2020), currently a lecturer at UCLA, received the [Hamako Ito Chaplin Award for Excellence in Japanese Teaching](#) from the Association for Asian Studies.
- **Jaider De La Hoz García** (MA in German Linguistics, 2022) has been accepted into the PhD program in German at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign.
- **Dr. Gladys Francis** (PhD in French and Francophone Studies, 2008) received the [2023 Distinguished Purdue Alumni Scholar Award](#).
- **Dr. Eduardo M Huaytán-Martínez** (PhD in Spanish, 2023) holds a Visiting Assistant Professor position at West Texas A&M University.



GLADYS FRANCIS



MARTHA BERRY KING

# UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH NEWS

## SLC Success at the 2023 Spring Purdue Undergraduate Research Conference (PURC)!

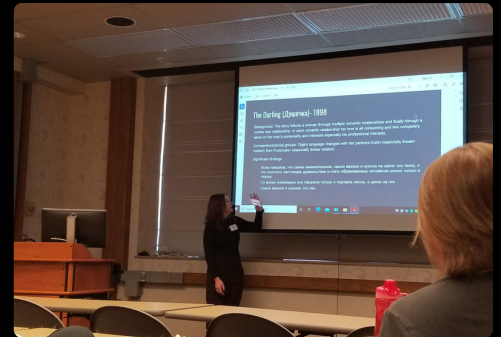
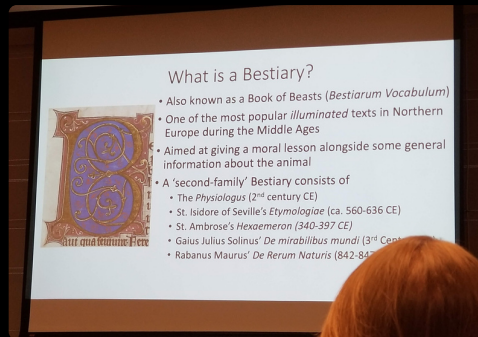
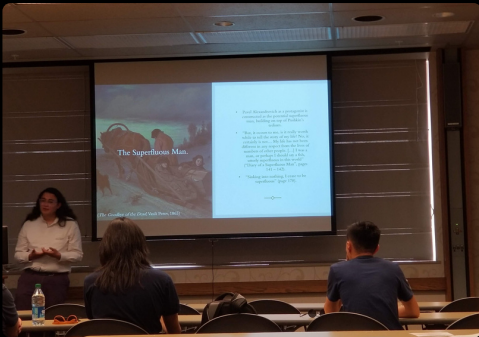
### Winners of Literature, Linguistics, Languages, and Culture (LLLC) Colloquium

#### RESEARCH TALKS

- **1st Place:** "I am a Specialist in Black Magic: A Comparison of Four Russian Fausts" by **Juan Nicolas Galindo Mantilla** (Mentor: Dr. Jeff Turco)
- **2nd Place:** "Cultural Comparison: US vs France basketball marketing" by **Sophia Hoffmann** (Mentor: Dr. Jessica Sturm)
- **3rd Place:** "Kafka's Intentional Vagueness, and the Challenge of Translation" by **Steven Bass** (Mentor: Dr. Jen William)

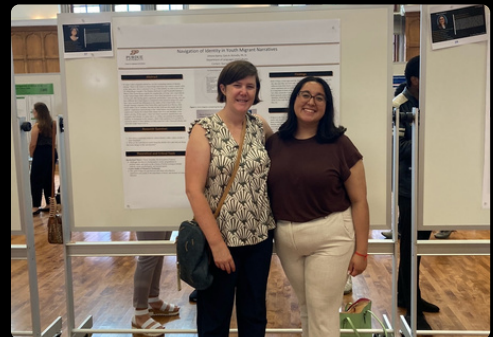
#### POSTERS

- **1st Place:** "Changes in Russian Media Language in Turbulent Times" by **Evan Landau** (Mentor: Dr. Olga Lyanda-Geller)



### 2023 Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)

Mentored by **Dr. Cara Kinnally**, undergraduate student Jimena Ibarra from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX participated in SROP with SLC this summer. Her fascinating research project was titled "Navigation of Identity in Youth Migrant Narratives."



# STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

## KOREAN SPEECH CONTEST

Three SLC students of Korean, who were winners from each level at the 3rd Annual Purdue Korean Speech Contest, participated in the 4th Annual Midwest Korean Speech Contest at Northwestern University in Chicago. Representatives from 17 schools participated in the contest, and Ming Ti from Purdue received the Honorable Mentions Award. Thank you to our Korean Lecturers, **Dr. Muni Jean**, **Dr. Huai-Rhin Kim**, and **Dr. Jungeun Kim** for their mentoring!



REPRESENTING THE KOREAN PROGRAM AT PURDUE!



MING TI RECEIVING THE HONORABLE MENTION AWARD

## LITERARY AWARD

**Lorena Piña Palacio**, PhD Candidate in Latin American Literature, won the Purdue Literary Award for best literary or cultural analysis of texts written in a language other than English in March 2023.



## SCHOLARSHIP

**Arden Woodall**, English Education major with minors in Spanish and Creative Writing, received a prestigious Beinecke Scholarship in Spring 2023. She is Purdue's first Beinecke Scholar since Purdue became an eligible institution in 2014.



## LEADERSHIP IN ACTION AWARD

**Roseline Adebimpi Adewuyi**, PhD student in French Literature with a concentration in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, received this award from the Butler Center for Leadership Excellence in November 2022.



**PURDUE**  
UNIVERSITY®

School of Languages and Cultures



# COMMUNITY, CAREERS, AND OUTREACH

## LANGUAGE CAREERS WITH NSA

Two representatives of the NSA's Senior Language Authority Office met with our students on March 24th and again on October 11th to introduce them to career and internship opportunities with the NSA for those who speak languages that are critical to national security such as Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Russian.

## SLC CAREER DAY

During the second annual SLC Professional Panel in April, four SLC alumni members joined a conference room full of current students from a variety of Language for Specific Purpose (LSP) courses. Learning about their successful careers and advice was gratifying and inspirational for those who attended.

## OPEN HOUSE FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

Students from four different local high schools and some of their teachers attended our 4th annual SLC Open House for high schoolers on Feb. 25th. All of our departments showcased their creativity and made this another educational and fun opportunity to some of our prospective students!

## SPRING FEST

The weather could not have been better on April 13th for the annual celebration of Purdue Spring Fest. A full day of engaging activities for the little, and not so little, ones was organized and supported by our always wonderful SLC volunteers.

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

**Ayuda y Aprende, Aprendiendo a Leer & Spark for German**, three of our experiential learning programs through which SLC undergraduate students help students in local elementary schools, keep growing and receiving accolades!



PURDUE SPRING FEST,  
APRIL 2023



SLC OPEN HOUSE,  
FEBRUARY 2023



APRENDIENDO A LEER  
CLOSING CEREMONY, APRIL 2023



PURDUE  
UNIVERSITY

School of Languages and Cultures

## EXCITING NEWS FROM AROUND STANLEY COULTER HALL



The inaugural SLC Advisory Board consisting of five dynamic Purdue alumni had their first on-campus meeting on October 2nd! The group is excited to start working with us on various projects to further enhance our students' experiences while at Purdue and beyond; to increase the visibility of SLC's research, teaching, and community engagement; and to help us actively promote the study of languages and cultures.

Contemporary Chinese Scrolls, originally a gift to Purdue's 11th President, Dr. France A. Córdoba, arrived in SLC from Westwood this summer and are now beautifully displayed in our Stacks Lounge. They depict the Classical Chinese literary artistic motifs of the "Four Gentlemen" through the images of the plum blossom, the orchid, the bamboo, and the chrysanthemum; each represents a season of the year and together they symbolize the noble qualities of the traditional Chinese scholar.



SLC's Classics faculty held a wildly successful book sale in October: more than **600 books** were sold! The revenue from the sale will be used to enhance programming in Classics, such as bringing in a speaker for the Indiana Classical Conference that Purdue will be hosting again in April 2024.

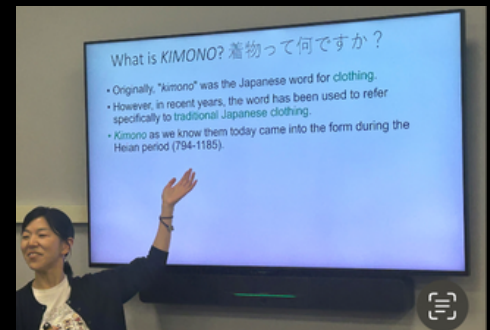


**PURDUE**  
UNIVERSITY®

School of Languages and Cultures

## CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR INNOVATION

The new course "Introduction to Global Cuisines" (LC 281) is being taught this semester by Senior Lecturer **Cecilia Tenorio**, who had the opportunity to do some preparation for teaching the course by attending a cooking school in the Basque Country! SLC is currently working on a **Certificate in World Food Cultures**.



Students learned about Japanese kimonos during a Japanese Tea Hour in October with Lecturer in Japanese **Sayuri Ogiuchi!**



The School of Languages and Cultures warmly welcomes the students and faculty of the **Comparative Literature** program, which has come to us from the School of Interdisciplinary Studies starting this Fall! Pictured here is the program's Director, **Dr. Beate Allert**.



**PURDUE**  
UNIVERSITY®

School of Languages and Cultures

## IN MEMORIAM



*SLC extends its deep and heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of our recently deceased colleagues.*

**Dr. Robert ("Bob") Hammond** passed away in May this year. Bob was on the faculty in Spanish Linguistics from 1988 until his retirement in 2012. Bob's academic specializations included Cuban Spanish Dialectology and he mentored many undergraduate and graduate students concentrating on this field as well as other areas of study.

SLC alumnus **Dr. José Newton de Seixas Pereira Filho** (PhD, Spanish and Portuguese, 2008) passed away in April this year in Brazil, where he had resided after graduating from Purdue. José was a Professor and Head of the Germanic Department at the Federal University of Southern Bahia.

Alumna and Lecturer **Erika Gautschi** passed away in March this year. Erika received her MA from the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures in the early 1980's and then became a Lecturer in the department, where she taught German courses for many years. After her retirement from Purdue, she remained active as a tutor and translator.





**GIVING TO SLC**

enriches our students' experiences  
by funding many activities and  
events that enhance their learning  
of languages and cultures.

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!*



**FOLLOW US  
@PURDUE LANGUAGES!**



School of Languages and Cultures