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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Since our final *Newsletter* of the semester coincides with final exams and looks ahead to graduation, we thought we would share some news from our graduates about the kinds of jobs they have found. As usual, we do have a number of "Clarkies" involved with teaching and advanced graduate studies. Over the years, however, our graduates have held a variety of positions in fields both logical and unusual with regard to the study of language and culture.

Among the creative uses of their language/culture preparation are positions as: lawyers, ESL instructors, tour directors, hotel operations personnel, doctors, medical assistants, paralegals, international grants officers, managers in businesses that have foreign branches or are in neighborhoods with a strong immigrant population, foreign student advisors, social workers, translators, interpreters, and therapists (one that repeats here is art therapy combining psychology, language, and art).

Many are now expressing interest in a combination of Business Management and Language/Culture, thinking of positions such as English language consultants, international grants officers, international communication specialists, or managers/sales representatives in this global economy. The Graduate School of Management endorses our notion that, in order to be successful in dealing with a foreign concern, one must understand not only the client's language but also their culture.

We offer congratulations to this year's graduates and wish them well in all future endeavors.

Carol D'Lugo

HONORS AWARDS

Two graduating seniors received Academic Honors at convocation this year: the Theodore and Phyllis Barbera Award for Excellence in German is awarded to HEATHER SENSIBAUGH and the Barbera Award for Excellence in Spanish to ANNE SLACK.

GERMAN HONOR SOCIETY

On Friday, Apr. 19, seven graduating seniors were inducted into Delta Phi Alpha, the national honor society for students of German: Briera Dale, Thomas Dobrowolski, Kimberley Ezold, Elise Langenohl, Christopher Marshall, Heather Sensibaugh, and Leah Vecchione. Our warmest congratulations.

MONTROSS WINS AWARD

CONSTANCE MONTROSS, Instructor of Spanish and director of our Language Arts Resource Center (LARC), is one of four Clark recipients of this year's Excellence in Service Awards. Well known in the Department for her intelligence, collegiality and seemingly endless reserves of energy, especially in community service work, Connie was a clear choice for this prestigious award.

FAUST REDIVIVUS

Prof. WALTER SCHATZBERG and the students in his German capstone course, Briera Dale, Heather Sensibaugh and Leah Vecchione, attended a performance of *Faust 2002* at the Boston Center for the Arts on April 24. *Faust 2002* is a "contemporary confrontation of the ancient legend inspired by Goethe, Marlowe, Stein, Sands, Blake, Byron, Murnau..."

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

BRIERA DALE, German major, has been offered a summer internship with the Austrian Mission of the United Nations in New York City.

CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL, German major, has received a DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) fellowship for a year of study and research at the University of Munich.

LEAH VECCHIONE, German major, has been accepted into the graduate program in German language and literature at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

ACADEMIC SPREE DAY

Under the sponsorship of Marvin D'Lugo, three students from Foreign Languages gave presentations on Mexican cinema at the University's Academic Spree Day program on Friday, April 26:

ALEJANDRA MOLINA '05, "Luis Buñuel's *Los olvidados* and the Poverty of Modernization"

JESSICA SMITH '03, "The Ideology of Cultural Representation in Mexican Films of the 40's"

MEREDITH SINGER '03, "Political and Sexual Power in Arturo Ripstein's *El lugar sin límites*"

Profs. Paul Burke and Everett Fox sponsored: BROOKE CARRERAS '02 and EDWARD HERMAN '02, "The Four Quarters of Jerusalem"

Also on the program was a presentation by BRIELLEN PRICE '02: "Journey to Jerusalem: Armenian Arrival and Life in the Old City"

ALUMNI NOTES

MIKE ARISTIDE and ANTHONY BUTLER [both Spanish '00] are finishing their second year teaching high school at St. John's in Shrewsbury, MA. Anthony will be leaving next year to earn a Master's degree in Spanish from the Middlebury College program in Madrid.

JUDITH BROWN [Spanish '98] reports that she has decided to leave her position as a tour guide for European travelers and go back to school for a doctorate in Counseling, thus combining her love for psychology and Spanish.

MEGAN WYNER [Spanish '95] continues to teach Spanish at St. Marks in Marlboro, MA. For the past three summers Megan has pursued a Master's Degree from Washington University's program in Madrid.

IDA COLON [Spanish '89] thrives on her work as an insurance lawyer with a specialty in firms with branches in Latin America.

LAUREN COLWELL ['03] has been offered a job for the summer working with disturbed teens. She will receive a bonus in salary because she can speak Spanish.

PATRICIA MESITE [French/Spanish '01] has accepted a post as teaching fellow in the Department of English and American Studies at the University of Versailles, France.

HARRIET TENENBAUM [Psychology/Spanish '93] has completed a Ph.D. in psychology. Her current research involves issues of language and culture, with an emphasis on Spanish.

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