

# LINGUA FRANCA:

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## NEW LANGUAGES LIVING & LEARNING COMMUNITY



Starting this fall, a group of language students will live and interact with our international visiting language coordinators in South Hall, next to Framar International house. Drop by June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10am-noon, during reunion weekend to sneak a peek at this great space for our students!



*Dr. Scott Powers' French students on their spring break study tour of Québec. Fourteen students participated this year, the fifth consecutive year that Dr. Powers has taken a group of students on this journey.*

## Welcome to our first edition of *Lingua Franca*!

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures has a newsletter now! We want our friends—students, alumni, current and former colleagues, and future students—to know what we've been up to lately. Depending on when you last visited, you might notice some changes in the people or our programs. However, our commitment to nurturing students' interests in language, literature, and culture is always the same. We hope you enjoy reading about a few of our many activities and accomplishments over the past year.

## PROFESSOR NOTES: NEW FACULTY

### Dr. Jennifer Hansen-

**Glucklich** is in her second year as Assistant Professor of German, but she is no stranger to Mary Washington, having served for 4 years as adjunct instructor, supporting Dr.

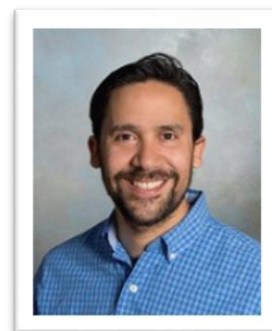
Marcel Rotter and the German

program. Dr. Hansen-Glucklich holds a PhD. in German from the University of Virginia, with a specialty in Holocaust studies. Jennifer tells us about her transition to her new role here: "I am very happy to have found my academic home in such a lively department with wonderful colleagues and students."



Our newest faculty member, **Dr. Gonzalo**

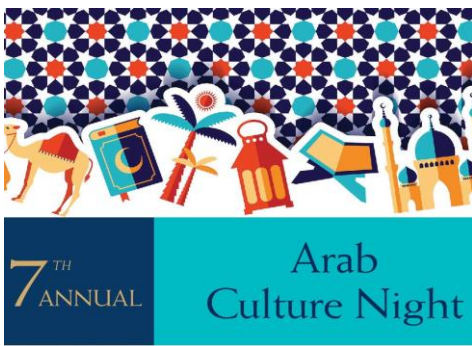
**Campos-Dintrans**, joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Spanish in Fall of 2016. A native of Chile, Dr. Campos-Dintrans earned his PhD from the University of Iowa, with a research specialty in second language acquisition. When asked about his experience at Mary Washington so far, Gonzalo responded: "I can happily say that I found my place, this is where I belong."



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**Alumni and other friends:** Let us know how you are! Contact the Department of Modern Language and Literatures chair, Dr. Elizabeth (Betsy) Lewis, [elewis@umw.edu](mailto:elewis@umw.edu)

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*This annual March event, brings together Arabic music, dance, fashion, and of course, great food!*

course. In addition, Ms. Ángel presented a public reading, donated signed first-versions of her work to the Special Collections of the UMW library, and recorded an interview with student Ana Johnson. In spring of 2017 we hosted author **Donato Ndongo**, originally from Equatorial Guinea and currently residing in Spain, for a public reading from his short stories and poems. Mr Ndongo also donated a signed edition of his work. The German section hosted **Armin Langer** in March of 2017. Langer—an author, journalist and activist in Berlin who coordinates the Salaam-Shalom initiative—spoke on the topic “Jewish-Muslim Alliances and Rivalries in Europe.”

**Senior Spanish Major Lauren Meyers** has had her short story “Mundo nuevo, mundo pequeño” selected to be by UMW for submission to the journal *Metamorphosis*, an on-line publication of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC).

**Congratulations to our all our 2017 graduating seniors!** (French) Sarah Dickshinski, Audrey Livingstone; (German) Kimberly Carbajo, Nathan Anderson, Morgan James; (Spanish) David Alcazar, Heather Banikas, Noelle Carlson, Kameron Davis, Thallya Diaz, Kendra Ganser, Marc Gehlsen, Allison Hobgood, Hannah Locher, Bridget McCormack, Jasmine Mann, Clara Martin, Lauren Meyer, Andrea Mora García, Jacqueline Morillo-Vigil, Lisa Muller, Jessica Mullins, Riska Perez-Castiello, Hannah Smith, Kevin Sol, Stephanie Vega, Sara White

**2017 Departmental Honors Awards:**

**Nathan Anderson (German)**

**Thallya Diaz (Spanish)**

**Marc Gehlsen (Spanish)**

**Delphine Ngo Kattal (Spanish)**

**Riska Perez-Castiello (Spanish)**



**MLL Faculty welcome President Troy Paino!**

**The Italian program** proudly announces that major Emma Oestreicher (Class of 2015), will join the program of Literary Translation (M.Phil.) at Trinity College, Dublin, IRE, in Fall 17. So far the program has placed 50% of its majors in coveted graduate studies programs in the U.S. and abroad.

**WORLD LANGUAGE DAY**

86 high school students from seven Virginia schools came to campus March 25, 2017 for a day filled with competitions in French, German and Spanish (spelling bees, poetry recitation, extemporaneous speech, posters, DVDs), workshops in new languages (Arabic, Chinese, Italian), as well as some fun crafts from friendship bracelets to paper flowers in national colors.

**INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS ON CAMPUS:** In spring 2016, acclaimed Colombian author **Albalucía Ángel** was a guest lecturer in Dr. María Bocaz-Leiva’s Latin American Boom literature



**Dr. Bocaz, Albalucía Angel and Ana Johnson**