

Modern Languages and Literatures

Loyola University Maryland

Fall 2023 Newsletter

Greetings, 你好, Bonjour, Hallo, Buongiorno, Hola, السلام عليكم

Another busy Fall semester is coming to a close in Loyola's Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (MLL). We have a lot to celebrate this semester. We welcomed three new colleagues to the: Dulcinea Muñoz-Gómez (whose profile is below), Robin Bauer Taylor, and Andrea Hernández. Four brand new department Ambassadors have been active promoting multilingualism around campus: Liberty Diaz, Jasmine Diaz-Martinez, Rain Kesler, and Katelyn Folmer. Our first-ever Peer Language Educator, Raneem Odeh, has been hosting conversation hours with students in Arabic 101-104, helping them to practice oral expression. From lectures to a film series, study skills workshops, excursions, and fun club events, there is never a dull moment in our department! We hope you enjoy learning about some of the wonderful events and activities our colleagues and students have been organizing this semester. Come visit us in Maryland Hall or follow us on Instagram!

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2024,

Andrea Thomas

Chair, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures



Modern Languages and Literatures Events

French Week Celebrating Créolité

November 8th

Derek Walcott, Peter Doig, and
the 'Great Noise' of Trinidad
Keynote Speaker Martin Munro,
Ph.D.

November 8th

Soca Sing-Along led by Caribbe-
an Students' Union

November 9th

Haitian Kreyòl Workshop Led
by Komité Ayiti

November 11th

Bilingual French-English Mass

November 15th

Creole and Music

The Regina Ann Haig International Film Series

Fall 2023

September 27th

Peace by Chocolate

Arabic Language Film with talk
led by Dr. Inas Hassan

October 18th

The Wonders

Italian Language Film with talk
led by Dr. Alyssa Falcone

November 29th

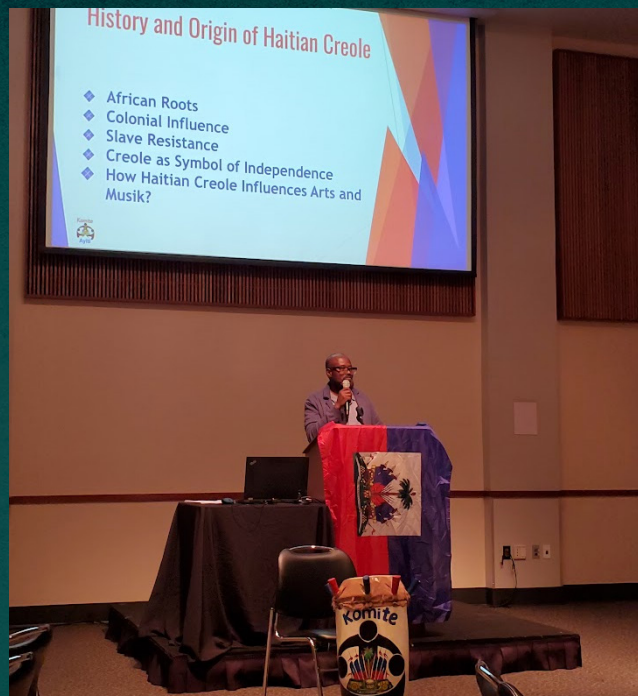
Even the Rain

Spanish Language Film with talk
led by Prof. Emily Iekel

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French Week: Celebrating Créolité

Language Learning Center Events

Workshop Series

sessions offered twice a month in
September, October, and November

Department Informational Events

October 30th

Latin American and Latino
Studies Information Session

November 1st

Modern Languages Career Night

Virtual Language Exchange

Spanish Language

September 8th and 27th

October 9th and 27th

November 8th and 13th

December 1st

French Language

October 11th

November 14th





The Regina Ann Haig International Film Series



Italian Club Trip to The Walters

Department Cultural Events

September 27th

Ambassador International
Translation Day

December 6th

Italian Movie Night

October 2nd

Haiti - Too Rich to be Poor:
1804-2023

Every Thursday of Semester

“Caffè e conversazione”
Coffee and Conversations with
Dr. Alyssa Falcone

October 10th

Columbus: Italian-American
Antihero?

October 18th

Genocide and Identity: De-
struction and Reconstruction
of Self in Me, the Last Tutsi

November 27th and 28th

Modern Languages Essay
Contest



Peer to Peer Arabic Conversation Program



Raneem Odeh

Hi, I'm Raneem, and I'm thrilled to share a little about myself with you! I'm a sophomore majoring in Bio-Psychology hailing from the beautiful land of Palestine.

Beyond my academic pursuits, I'm also actively involved in fostering cultural exchange and language learning. I proudly serve as a peer facilitator in our Peer-to-Peer Arabic Conversation Drop-Ins program. It's an amazing opportunity to connect with fellow students, share my love for the Arabic language, and create a supportive and inclusive environment for everyone interested in learning or improving their Arabic skills.

Feel free to stop by for fun and engaging conversation. See you soon!

Club Events

Chinese Club

September

- Movie: Over the Moon

October

- Lantern Making
- Calligraphy Workshop

November

- Movie: Shanghai Noon
- Chinese Chess
- Game Night

December

- Ping Pong Tournament
- Documentary Viewing

French Club Events

September

- Welcome and Crepe Night

October

- Movie Night

December

- Holiday Celebration

Arabyola Events

October

- Arabic Henna Tattoos & Stickers

November

- Nightshift (Short Film)

December

- Arabyola Bakes Baklava

Italian Club

November

Trip to The Walters

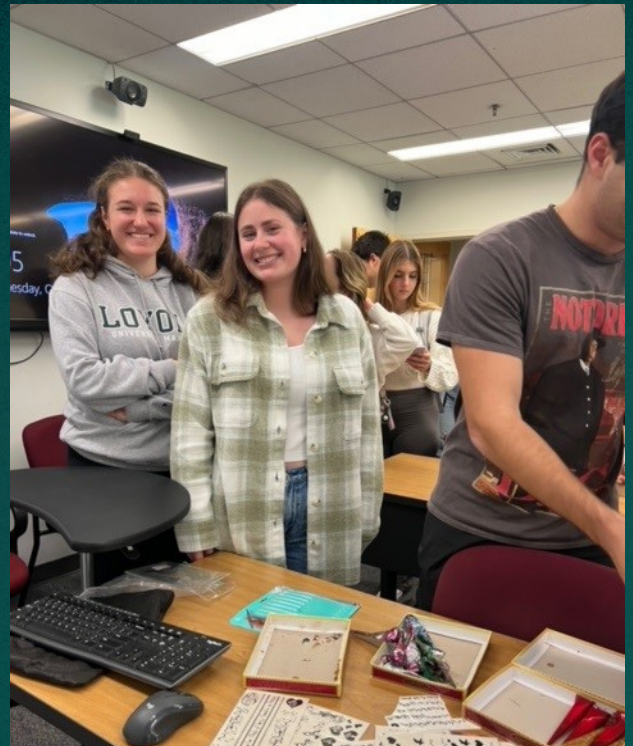
Full details for all events can be found on our departmental cultural event calendar



Spanish Club Events

October

- Film Screening-"No" dir. by Pablo Larrain
- Film Screening-El espinazo del diablo



Arabic Henna Tattoos and Stickers Event

MEET THE AMBASSADORS

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Liberty Diaz

Communications Major, AD/PR specialization, Spanish Minor

Liberty is learning Spanish to connect with his Puerto Rican heritage and the wonderful world of language. On campus, he's the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the Public Relations Student Society of America chapter, and off-campus, he runs a creative writing group for teens and tweens.

"I love the variety of people in the MLL community. I've seen so many different majors in my language classes and am really happy that language skills are being taken to all of these different fields!"



Jasmine Diaz-Martinez

Spanish Major, LALS and Peace & Justice Studies Minors

My first language is Spanish, and I am self-studying German. With English being my second language, language learning became a way to unlock new opportunities and interact with the world from different perspectives.

The MLL department at Loyola is dedicated to providing out-of-classroom language learning opportunities that are available for all students, not just those who are taking a language class with guest speakers, movie nights, teach-ins, and more. There is not only a focus on language, but also the culture and people of the languages presented. The MLL professors are accessible and truly care about their students' success!



Rain Kesler

Communication Major (AD/PR, Media and Society), Chinese Minor

I developed a passion for language through studying Japanese for 13 years from kindergarten to my senior year of high school. I became engrossed in understanding how language systems outside of English operate and the value of being multilingual. This passion led me to choose to minor in Chinese in Loyola!

I love the Modern Languages and Literatures Department because of its value of culturally diverse perspectives and experiences!



Katelyn Folmer

History and Spanish Majors, American Studies Minor

I know Spanish fluently and studied abroad in Spain last fall! I used a lot of Spanish when I was in Spain hehe...

"I love the MLL department because it helps students learn to love languages. It is committed to inclusivity in the languages it represents, and gives students the opportunities and resources they need to dive deeper into various languages"



Faculty Corner

Dr. Dulcinea Munoz Gomez

Written by Rain Kesler

The Modern Languages and Literatures Department is pleased to welcome Dr. Dulcinea Munoz Gomez to Loyola University Maryland! Dulcinea is an assistant teaching professor of Spanish 103 and 104. She attended Universidad de Burgos in her hometown of Burgos, Spain where she earned degrees in economics and business administration and marketing. After undergrad, Dulcinea completed an M.S. in languages, literature, and cultures at Colorado State University.

Having lived in the U.S. for the last ten years, Dulcinea calls Illinois, where she met her boyfriend and many friends, her second home. She also earned her Ph.D. in Spanish in Illinois. While working toward her Ph.D., Dulcinea studied abroad for one year in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. The following year she was a conversation partner at Bucknell University.

As a graduate student in Colorado and Illinois, Dulcinea taught varying levels of Spanish as a teaching assistant. She also was the coordinator of a study abroad program in Barcelona for one semester before the pandemic.

Having attended Catholic schools prior to college, Dulcinea prioritized Catholic institutions when applying to teach at universities after graduate school. She also desired to return to the east coast. Loyola University Maryland was the perfect fit. Dulcinea loves how nice the students, faculty, and staff are at Loyola and appreciates the university's abundant resources. She is certain she will be further involved with the community in no time.

Dulcinea enjoys swimming, painting, reading, and shopping. Her absolute favorite hobby is traveling. Besides Mexico, her favorite places she has travelled are the Grand Canyon and Costa Rica.

