MAFLT COMMUNITY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome five new members to our MAFLT Community as of Summer 2017: Emine Akgul, Rachel Emery, Paul Nitz, Hilaria Taft, and Amanda Gonzaga. Emine teaches Turkish while Rachel teaches Spanish. Both of them live in Illinois. Paul teaches Ancient Greek in Malawi. Hilaria and Amanda teach Spanish in the Southern U.S. Hilaria lives in Georgia (and is a colleague of Stephanie Bennett '16) while Amanda lives in Mississippi. Welcome to the program!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE MAFLT PROGRAM?

We are always on the lookout for more talent to join our community. Whether you are a seasoned practitioner or an aspiring teacher, we offer the curriculum, the faculty, and the credential for you. Our next admissions deadline is July 1st. If you are interested in starting classes with us in the fall, please go to http://maflt.cal.msu.edu/apply/.

WANT TO KNOW THE LATEST IN TECH & TEACHING?

This year’s e-text Teaching with Technology is available for download at https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/704237. This is the fourth annual volume of this text, which presents content produced by your colleagues in the MAFLT course on teaching with technology, FLT 881.

THINKING ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENTIAL MODULE?

As you get closer to taking FLT 885, you will want to review the guidelines on Experiential Modules, available in the MAFLT Community page on D2L. Dr. Amanda Lanier is the EM mentor in the 2017-18 academic year. For inspiration, we recommend visiting the MAFLT Showcase page, available at http://maflt.cal.msu.edu/showcase/, to view a few examples of completed projects she has supervised. These include Sheila Conrad’s (Class of 2014) ethnographic project on the French school system, Carmen Durham’s (Class of 2016) study of teacher identity construction and intercultural competence, and projects of many other types. Dr. Lanier is looking forward to helping you design your project!

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SUMMER COURSES
This summer, we offer three courses: FLT 807 Methods of Foreign Language Teaching, FLT 808 Assessment, and FLT 860 Foreign/Second Language Acquisition. These courses are open to anyone interested in these topics. For MAFLT students, we also offer FLT 885 Experiential Modules and FLT 898 MAFLT Portfolio each semester. If you would like advice on what courses to take and when, contact Drs. De Felice or Lanier. We’re happy to help!

AT&T INSTRUCTIONAL AWARD
Our director, Dr. Dustin De Felice, was recently awarded a 2017 AT&T Award of Excellence for his outstanding contributions to the use and development of informational technology for teaching and learning at Michigan State University. Dustin received this award for FLT 881 Teaching Foreign Language Technology. The 2017 AT&T Awards were presented April 19 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. For more information, go to http://www.cal.msu.edu/news/atttawards. Congrats, Dr. De Felice!

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SPRING GRADUATION
We are very happy to report that four more students completed the MAFLT program this semester. Raneen El-Bakry, Sean Magee, Carolyn Murray, and Meghan Stevens have successfully completed their final portfolio and filed for graduation. We can now celebrate 27 graduates since the program started in the fall of 2012. Raneen will walk in this year’s advanced degree ceremony on May 5th in the Breslin Center. You can view her walk on our Showcase page We would love to see you come to East Lansing and walk in the ceremony when you graduate, too!

Students nearing the end of the program are reminded to file for graduation in the first week of the semester they intend to complete all program requirements. Those students who intend to complete the requirements over the summer must file during the first week of the spring semester as MSU does not have a summer graduation. For more information go to https://req.msu.edu/StuForms/GradApp/gradapp.aspx

NOTES & NOTABLES
Watch for the completed EM projects from C.J. Hague, Sean Magee, and Carolyn Murray to be added to the Showcase in the next few weeks. C.J. attended this year’s TESOL Conference in Portland, and he completed a number of elements inspired by his experience. Sean, an avid teawithbvp listener, created a series of quizzes and show highlights from season two. Lastly, Carolyn put together an impressive set of resources for language teachers who serve students with learning disabilities. You will want to pay particular attention to her infographics.

And last but not least – we would like to announce the arrival of Adelaide Shupe on Monday, April 24th. She was 7 lbs and 20 inches long. Adelaide’s proud mother is Alona Shupe, who began the MAFLT Program this year. Congrats, Alona!

Have a story, a news item, or achievement to share with us? Send it along. We’d love to include it in the next newsletter. Send your contribution to maflt@cal.msu.edu