

# MAFLT @ MSU

Summer Semester 2017

## EVOLVING CAREERS FOR MAFLT ALUMNI

Raneen Elbakry (Class of 2017) signed a contract with Rutgers Pre-School to teach the Arabic senior class for the Fall semester. She will work with the head of the language department to improve enrollment in the Arabic program at the upper school as well. She is anticipating an exciting semester. You can view her walk across the Breslin Center in the spring graduation ceremony [here](#).

## MAFLT COMMUNITY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

In Fall 2017 we will welcome our largest cohort to date, with fourteen new members joining our MAFLT Community from around the U.S. and across the globe: **Luciana Albuquerque**, **Gisele Arevalo**, **Sarah Bolanos**, **Wendy Farabaugh**, **Emilee Holder**, **Catherine Hudson**, **Mahlon Kester**, **Liu Yang**, **Jenna Lombard**, **Matthew Mackley**, **Mihoko Raub**, **Francesca Regalado**, **Tammy Schmidt** and **Xiaozhong Tang**. Our new members reside in twelve different U.S. states, Canada, and China. **Gisele**, **Sarah**, **Mahlon**, **Jenna**, **Francesca** and **Tammy** teach Spanish at various levels. **Luciana** and **Matthew** teach two languages, Spanish for both and Portuguese and German respectively. **Mihoko** teaches English and Japanese. **Wendy** and **Catherine** teach French. Lastly, **Emilee** teaches German while **Xiaozhong** and **Yang** teach Chinese. Welcome to the program!

## WANT TO TAKE ON THE MAFLT? KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

Even though the MAFLT program is growing rapidly, we want to continue to spread the word so that we can bring in a large number of high caliber applicants. You can help by sharing your experience in the MAFLT with your colleagues, past classmates, friends, and others. Our next admissions deadline is **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone interested in starting classes with us in the **spring** can find instructions at <http://maflt.cal.msu.edu/apply/> and answers to common questions under FAQ.

## KEEP CALM AND ASK THE MAFLT LIBRARY GUIDE

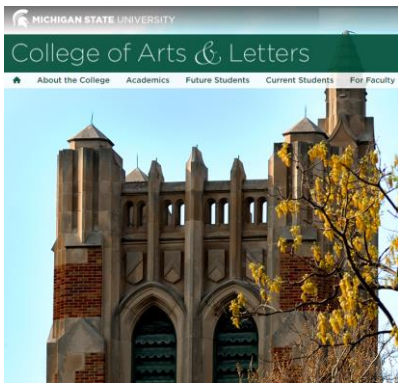
Using the wealth of resources offered by the MSU Library can be a challenge, especially for distance learners. Do you need help navigating those resources? We recommend utilizing two valuable resources *before* you get frustrated: **First**, explore the [MAFLT Online Library Research Guide](#), a site within the MSU Library site custom-designed for our students by our very own subject librarian, **Stephanie Perentesis**. This guide includes links to databases for linguistic and educational topics, help with academic writing and citing sources. **Second**, contact Stephanie directly at [perente1@mail.lib.msu.edu](mailto:perente1@mail.lib.msu.edu). She enjoys working with our MAFLT students and is happy to help via email, phone, or video conference. She recommends contacting her sooner than later! If you are under a tight deadline, go directly to the [Ask a Librarian!](#) link on any MSU Library page to access 24/7 research help through the chat feature as well as phone or email.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Arts & Letters

Master of Arts in  
Foreign Language Teaching

Welcome to the newsletter for the online Master of Arts degree in Foreign Language Teaching (MAFLT) at Michigan State University (MSU). For more information go to <http://maflt.cal.msu.edu/>



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## SUMMER GRADUATION

We are very pleased to report that two more students completed the MAFLT program this semester. **Hanh Do** and **Sara Eggleston** will have successfully completed their final portfolios and filed for graduation. We will be able to celebrate 29 graduates since the program started in the fall of 2012. When you graduate, we would love to see you come to East Lansing and attend the graduation events, too! To watch all our graduates who have attended the ceremony receive their diplomas, click [here](#). 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. For more information go to <https://reg.msu.edu/StuForms/GradApp/gradapp.aspx>

## NOTES & NOTABLES

**Joe Leibson** (Class of 2016) recently posted a [Teacher's Guide for using Nearpod](#). As he states on the welcome page, this is a video to walk teachers through creating a Nearpod account and using it to make interactive slideshow presentations. Check out other resources your classmates have created on the MAFLT Showcase!

Watch for our next newsletter, when our subject librarian, Stephanie Perentesis, will discuss the language of database searching and how we can all master the skill of finding the sources we want.

*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](mailto:maflt@cal.msu.edu).*

## THINKING ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENTIAL MODULE?

As you get closer to taking FLT 885, you will want to review the guidelines on EMs available via the **MAFLT Community** page in D2L. **Dr. Amanda Lanier** is the **EM mentor** for the 2017-18 academic year. Visit the [MAFLT Showcase](#) page to view examples of completed projects for inspiration. These include new additions from Krys Perry's action research project on individual differences, **Maggie Rutkowski's** assessment project with ePortfolios in the language classroom, and projects of many other types. Dr. Lanier is looking forward to helping you design **your project!**

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## FALL COURSES

This fall, we offer **four courses**: FLT 807 Methods of FLT, FLT 845 Language Concepts for FLT, FLT 881 Teaching Foreign Language with Technology, and FLT 841 Special Topics: Sociolinguistics and Spoken Language. These courses are open to anyone interested in these topics. Non-MAFLT students must request an override from the instructor to enroll. For MAFLT students, we also offer FLT 885 Experiential Modules, FLT 890 Independent Study and FLT 898 MAFLT Portfolio each semester.