



Honoring our grads



OUTSTANDING MAJOR GRADUATES

Joanne Baldwin, International Studies - Management Studies

Shylah Shostak, International Studies - Political Studies

Brady Nordstrom, International Studies - Communication Studies

Leann Wolley, International Studies - Asian Studies

Elyssa Gage, International Studies - European Studies

Whitney Larson, International Studies - Latin Studies

Joanne Baldwin, International Studies

Shaun Lillard, Italian

Gary Darakjian, Spanish

ISL OUTSTANDING DIVISIONAL GRADUATE

Sarah Chevallier, Spanish



Delta Phi Alpha, the German Honor Society

New members, from left to right: Zakary Ostertag, Ashley Tinkler, Lisa Porter, Jeff Wohlgemuth., and Spencer Thürling. **Not pictured:** Chelsea Bayley, Marc Capule, and Hillary Harpster.

ISL FACULTY PUBLICATIONS 2009-2010

Dr. Rebecca Golbert, PhD.

"A Comparison of International Commercial Arbitration and Conciliation", *California International Law Journal*, Vol. 18, #1, 2010
 "An Anthropologist's Approach to Mediation", *Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol.11, #1, Fall 2009

Dr. David Simonowitz, PhD.

"A Modern Master of Islamic Calligraphy and Her Peers", *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, Vol. 6, #1, Winter 2010

Dr. Robert Lloyd, PhD.

"The Caprivi Strip of Namibia: Shifting Sovereignty and the Negotiation of Boundaries", *Borderlines and Borderlands*, 2009
 "Southern Africa: Security Amidst Uncertainty", *The Wright Stuff, Air University Journal*, Volume 4, Issue 5- March 5, 2009

Dr. April Marshall, PhD.

"Onomastic Emphasis in Julia Alvarez's *Saving The World*", *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*, Vol.57, #4, December, 2009

Dr. Paola Lorenzi, PhD.

"Italia: Civiltà e Cultura", University Press of America, 2009

Celebrating Hispanic Culture: Sigma Delta Pi Connects with the Community

The National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society Sigma Delta Pi recognized our Pepperdine Chapter Omicron Alpha as one of the nine Honor Chapters awarded across the country for the 2008-2009 academic year. This year, our chapter has been active in cultural and service events that foster appreciation of the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures. The officers **Jayde Ashford**, **Larissa Crownover**, and **Sarah Chevallier** have led the chapter and inducted twenty-six new members this year. This past September, Sigma hosted a reception for Professor Raymond L. Williams, from UC Riverside, who visited Pepperdine to give a lecture on Latin American literature. In February, Sigma hosted a Hispanic Film Night, and we screened the award-winning, quirky comedy *Whiskey* from Uruguay. In March, Professor Luisa Blanco, an economist in Pepperdine's School of Public Policy, gave a keynote address on current economic issues in Latin America. Also that month, Sigma members volunteered at Malibu Labor Exchange Language Connection and taught English classes

to Spanish-speaking workers. In April, we will enjoy food and music with Language Connection at their spring fiesta. Sigma Delta Pi plans to continue to offer fun and educational opportunities for its members and the ISL Division to celebrate Hispanic culture. Students must have an excellent GPA and take Upper Division Spanish literature or culture courses to apply for membership. Contact **Dr. Lila Carlsen** (lila.carlsen@pepperdine.edu) for more information about Sigma Delta Pi.



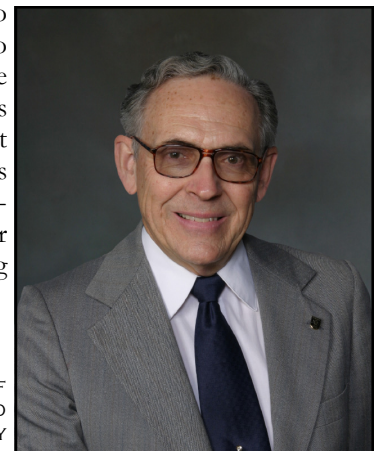
PEPPERDINE REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK FOR MODEL UN:

DARREN CINATL, ZOE NYSTROM, CHRIS CASILLAS, ZACHARY DELAP, LARENA ALLEN, GABRIEL SAHEB, JULIA STEGGERDA

Doctor Dowdey's Dealings

In the summer of 2008 **Dr. David Dowdey** was invited by the Evangelical Alliance and Jews for Jesus to present a paper on Johann Callenberg's work of evangelizing among Jews in eighteenth-century Germany. The conference was held in Berlin. Dr. Dowdey has a book review forthcoming in the next *Less-*

ing Society Yearbook. He was also recently invited to be a member of the board of the Center for White Rose Studies. Dr. Dowdey's ongoing research interests include two projects. One is to examine approaches to teaching about the Holocaust. The other is to discover more about the work of Hans Georg von Mallinckrodt and his newspaper publications expressing resistance to the Nazis.



PROFESSOR OF GERMAN, DR. DAVID DOWDEY

New Professor, New Student, New Standard



DR. DAVID SIMONOWITZ

In December 2009, first-year Abigail Nelson submitted a research paper written entirely in French for "Visual Culture of the Modern Middle East," a new course taught by **Dr. David Simonowitz**, visiting assistant professor of Middle East Studies. The decision to write in French, which is not Nelson's first language, was nevertheless logical, as her study critiqued images of the Middle East and North Africa produced by the French during the colonial period in Algeria. To this end, she used primary and secondary sources in French

and in English and titled her paper, "L'Algérie vue par les Français." Nelson is majoring in French and International Studies, and this was her first foray into issues concerning the Middle East and North Africa. Although new to the field, she produced an exemplary research paper in terms of form and analysis. **Dr. Michelle Langford**, coordinator of the French program, was impressed with the essay, too. Nelson's paper is an example of the inspiring projects young scholars in Pepperdine's multidisciplinary International Studies and Languages Division (ISL) are carrying out under the joint tutelage of



FIRST-YEAR ABIGAIL NELSON

professors trained in different fields. Indeed, **Dr. Phillip Thomason**, chair of ISL, commented that Nelson's project is "a perfect example."

Update from the German Program

Three of last year's graduates received Fulbright Awards and are now in Germany. **Leslie Reed**, who majored in German and Spanish, is spending a year in Germany teaching at a high school in Ludwigshafen, Germany. **Anjel Helms**, who minored in German and majored in

biology, is spending a year on a research project at the University of Jena. The project is directly related to the doctoral program research she will pursue on a scholarship at Penn State University after her year in Germany. **Lindsey Banister**, who majored in International Studies,

is spending a year teaching in Germany. **Tony Shaver**, a student of German who will graduate next year, received a research award from the prestigious Deutscher Akademischer Austausch-Dienst (DAAD) and is spending a year working in a lab in Germany.

NEW ISL PROFESSORS 2009-2010

Dr. Rebecca Golbert
Visiting Assistant Professor
Jewish Studies

Dr. David Simonowitz
Visiting Assistant Professor
Middle Eastern Studies

Dr. Joanna Stimmel
Visiting Assistant Professor
German

The Recent Accomplishments of Dr. Robert Lloyd

- Selected to become a member of the editorial board of AMEA's *Journal of the Middle East and Africa*.
- Selected as a 2009-2010 Academic Fellow with the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, a Washington, DC think tank. As part of this fellowship he went to Israel to study terrorism and counter-terrorism in a democratic state.



Dr. Robert Lloyd recently published a chapter entitled "The Caprivi Strip in Namibia: Shifting Sovereignty and the Negotiation of Boundaries" in the edited volume entitled *Borderlines and Borderlands: Political Oddities at the Edge of the Nation-State* by Rowan and Littlefield. He contributed a chapter on governance in Zimbabwe for Freedom House's *Countries at the Crossroads: 2009* edition. The results of this study are used widely by scholars and policymakers and were recently pre-

sented in a panel discussion at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. In the Fall 2009 he was a discussant in Washington, DC on an African panel at the conference, *The Middle East and Africa: Historic Connections and Strategic Bridges* hosted by the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA). Finally, Dr. Lloyd was selected as a participant for the Schusterman Center's Summer Institute for Israeli Studies to study Israel at Brandeis University and in Israel.

A Note from the Division Chair

Welcome to all and congratulations to our recent graduates. The faculty and staff of the division are honored to have played a role in your successes at Seaver College, and we are proud of the accomplishments of each one of you. We also congratulate your parents, other relatives, and friends for their influence in encouraging you along the way and, now, as you look to the future. Graduates, remember the sky is the limit and with the help of God, you create and fulfill your own destiny.

One of the goals of ISL is to foster international perspectives among the

students we teach. Seeing one class leaving and another arriving precipitates a time of reflection for us. We must continually ask ourselves questions such as, "Did we meet our goals with the outgoing graduates?" "Has each one grown into a more productive, thinking adult?" "What could we have done better to provide our students with a broader base of knowledge and the skills to negotiate life?" "Have we instilled in our students the desire for learning and understanding?"

We faculty members, like our students, are learners, and we learn a great deal

from our students. If we do not, then we become irrelevant and unable to connect with those whom we teach. At this time, graduates, you remind us of the importance of change and relevance. At the same time we hope to remind you of the importance of life long learning, the value of failure, the joy of success, and the necessity of effort. With these thoughts in mind, we wish you every success in the future and hope you will maintain contact with us.

May God bless your future endeavors.

Phil Thomason

ALUMNI NEWS

JESSICA DICARLO, 2008 INTP GRADUATE, CURRENTLY TEACHING PHONETICS, WESTERN CULTURE, SPEAKING, WRITING, AND ENGLISH LITERATURE AT DALIAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, ALSO A RECIPIENT OF A PRINCETON IN ASIA FELLOWSHIP

SONNET FRISBIE, 2008 IECO GRADUATE, CURRENTLY OCCUPIED AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER FOR THE US STATE DEPARTMENT IN JUAREZ, MEXICO

ANDREA RUIZ, 2008 SPANISH GRADUATE, CURRENTLY WORKING FOR UNIVISION COMMUNICATIONS

ERIN SHITAMA, 2008 INTC GRADUATE, CURRENTLY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT OF SUNSET PUBLISHING

HOLLY STIVERS, 2007 SPANISH GRADUATE, CURRENTLY A SPANISH TEACHER AT ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL IN SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

MATT THOMAS, 2007 INTP GRADUATE, CURRENTLY PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR SHALOM OF OAKLAND

SAMUEL HEDLUND, 2006 INTS & SPANISH GRADUATE, CURRENTLY SERVING AS A BOGOTÁ FELLOW FOR ATLAS SERVICE CORPS IN BOGOTÁ, COLUMBIA

BRYAN KEENE, 2006 ROMANCE LINGUISTICS GRADUATE, CURRENTLY AN ART HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENT AT SYRACUSE.

MATT STEFFEN, 2006 INTM & SPANISH GRADUATE, CURRENTLY A GRADUATE STUDENT EARNING AN MBA IN MARKETING AT SAN DIEGO

CARLINA JOHNSON, 2005 SPANISH GRADUATE, CURRENTLY ASSOCIATE CLIENT MANAGER FOR THE NIELSEN COMPANY

NICHOLE SKELTON, 2004 SPANISH GRADUATE, CURRENTLY A GRADUATE STUDENT IN PEPPERDINE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY, WORKING FOR PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



DR. PHIL THOMASON
ISL DIVISION CHAIR

Join the ISL Student and Alumni Facebook group. We encourage ISL students to contact existing alumni to inquire about the working world, graduate school, fellowships, living in a new state or country, or other things they are involved in. We also encourage ISL Alumni to contact current students. Perhaps you'll be able to answer some of their questions or inspire them.