



OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS

Angel To - INTS, Economics Specialization: Involvement in Project Serve, Model United Nations, Student Government Association, and The Well ministry have helped Angel refine her commitment to a life of genuine service - one which pursues justice.

Ashlie Benson - INTS, Intercultural Communications: Worked for the Graphic newspaper, volunteered with America Reads and the Los Angeles County Board of Education, member of Pi Delta Phi French Honor Society, studied abroad in the Switzerland program. Ashley hopes to pursue social advocacy through NGOs and non-profits in an international landscape.

Miyelle Aiken - INTS, Latin American Studies: Worked in the Volunteer Center for three years, volunteered in Dominican Republic and Nicaragua for Project Serve, member of Sigma Delta Pi National Spanish Honor Society. In the future, Miyelle hopes to share her passion and love for Latin America.

Michelle DuBois - INTS, Management: President of the Pepperdine Acting on AIDS club, member of Pepperdine Microfinance Club, volunteered for Step Forward Day, Project Serve, Campus Ministries, and the Foodshare program.

Madeline Landuyt - INTS, Political Studies: Studied abroad in Switzerland, completed an internship with francophone consulting firm, ESISC, in Belgium, participated in Pi Delta Phi French Honor Society, served as the Inter-Club Council Representative, interned with the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. and with an international start-up company in Los Angeles.

Camila Puppato - Overall International Studies: Served as the Senior Editor for Global Tides, represented ISL division at the International Studies Association West Conference in September 2014, studied abroad in Switzerland while working on her French skills, served as a research assistant for Dr. Faegri.

Kevin Dunne - Asian Studies: Though Kevin had no background in the Chinese language prior to Pepperdine, he threw himself into learning the language. Returning from the Shanghai program with a native accent, he then set his sights on mastering the written language. His efforts have been rewarded, as he was just accepted into the prestigious Hopkins - Nanjing graduate program.

Madeline Landuyt - French Studies: Career Ambassador and Mentor Coordinator in the Seaver College Career Center, Congressional Intern for Congressman Gary Peters, interned at European Strategic Intelligence and Security Center., conducted research in French on the effectiveness of Islamic State (ISIS) recruitment in Western countries, published an article on growing anti-Muslim sentiments in Australia.

David King - German Major: David graduated from Pepperdine in 2003 with a political science major. He lacked one course at that time to finish his German major. Meanwhile he attended law school, passed the bar exam, and has subsequently worked as an attorney. He finally took one more course of German studies to complete his B.A. in German, something he has long aspired to do.

Erin Runingen - Hispanic Studies: Interned in Chile with a healthcare organization, received a Social Action and Justice Grant to work with a women's center in rural Guatemala, research assistant for Dr. George Carlsen, Dr. Lila Carlsen, and Dr. Luisa Blanco, leader in Sigma Delta Pi Hispanic Honor Society, presented the devotional at Spanish Chapel.

International Studies

This past fall, Dr. Carolyn C. James served as conference convener for the International Studies Association (ISA) West, held in Pasadena at the end of September. The conference included over 180 participants from throughout the world, including current and former ISL students. Dr. James currently is the ISA West President. She also sits on the Executive Council of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States. This past summer, Dr. James spent six weeks in Israel conducting research for the classroom on Jewish and Israeli foreign policy. She also taught American Foreign Policy at the Interdisciplinary Center at Herzliya, one of Israel's premier institutions in international studies.

An eventful year for the French Program

This year 14 new members were inducted into Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society.

In March, in partnership with Pi Delta Phi, Professor Kelle Marshall hosted the first annual "Macaron Madness" baking event in March for upper-division students of French and friends of French. We're proud to report that their macarons won the award for "Best looking Baked Good" at Delta Sigma Pi's first annual Bake Wars and narrowly missed also winning "Best tasting Baked Good." We hope to make "Macaron Madness" an annual event.

In April, to celebrate the month of *la Francophonie*, the French program and French Honor Society co-hosted a presentation by Mr. Thomas Vidal, the French cultural attaché for educational services. He spoke about various programs that the French government sponsors for Americans to study or teach English in France. Mr. Vidal also filmed four members of Pi Delta Phi, interviewing them about their experiences studying French and how the French language will play a role in their future careers. These videos will be posted on the French cultural consulate's social media sites. Additionally, the same evening, the French program hosted a screening of Haitian filmmaker Raoul Peck's film "L'homme sur les quais" (The Man on the Shore).

Professor Kelle Keating Marshall's article: "Discourses of minority francophone space: The emergent role of an Acadian cultural center" was published in the socio-linguistics journal *Language in Society* in October 2014.



Macaron Madness



The International Studies and Languages division is the original home to Seaver College's Global Tides, an undergraduate research journal that now includes four divisions. The 2015 editorial board consisted of senior editor Camila Puppato, associate editors Lauren Haberstock, Dan Hwang and Katy Broesche, and faculty adviser Dr. Carolyn James. The board met weekly to learn about copyediting and to complete various assignments in preparation for the rigorous selection process. The selected papers for 2015 are:

"The Palermo Protocol: Why It Has Been Ineffective in Reducing Human Sex Trafficking" by Christina Seideman

"A Close Look at the Relationship Between Poverty and Political Violence in Nepal" by Lauren Griffin

Submitted by Global Tides senior editor, Camila Puppato

Highlights in the Italian Program

The past year has been a good one for the Italian program. One of the highlights was a trip to LA Opera's production of *The Barber of Seville*, organized by Professor Corbucci for Italian majors and minors. Student officers in CIAO organized several film showings, as well as an evening in which to share language learning and Italian travel tips with freshmen. Dr. Stewart and Professor Lissoni presented research at the American Association for Italian Studies Conference in Boulder, CO, while Professor Corbucci enjoyed participating in a linguistics conference in the UK. Our students have been active in research too, with Catie Golitzin successfully completing a major research project entitled "Creation, the Word, and Relationships: Implicit Christian Theology in Calvino's Later Fiction." Sam Perrin and Meagan Ramirez are to be congratulated on their induction to GKA, the National Italian Honor Society.



Robert Lloyd Presenting the
"Inaugural Lecture" for the
University of Chicago Center in Delhi

Dr. Lloyd travelled to Ethiopia for a project examining the impact of religion on public health in Africa.

In the Fall 2014 semester Robert Lloyd was a 2014 Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Scholar in India. His research focused on negotiations within India on how it is responding to insecurity due to Islamist-based militancy while also maintaining the country's democratic norms and practices.

In March 2015, Dr. Lloyd was part of a high-level delegation with the International Republican Institute and the National Democratic Institute sent to Nigeria to assess that country's preparations for upcoming presidential elections. The delegations' final report evaluated preparations for the upcoming elections and received widespread domestic and international news coverage.

News from German Studies

Dr. David Dowdey, Professor of German, published an article in the Nov./Dec. edition of Germany's *Der Spiegel* titled, "Die ganze Fülle der Gottheit." The article addresses how Christians understand the divine and human nature of Jesus Christ. *Der Spiegel* is Germany's foremost publication (akin to *Time* magazine) and typically publishes articles about theology during Christian holidays.



Senior Katherine Chang and faculty mentor Lila Carlsen were awarded an Academic Year Undergraduate Research Initiative grant to support Katherine's research on the influence of Walt Whitman on the Chilean poet

Pablo Neruda's work. Katherine submitted her work to a comparative literature journal and presented at the Seaver research banquet in April.



Dayenne Gonzalez, Emily Combs, Sarah Jane Estep, Monica Takahashi, Olivia Kim, Celina Jones, Raiza Winkler, Anna Maria Ortiz, Steve Platzer

Lila Carlsen's SPAN 252 course taught six sessions of basic Spanish to 6-8th graders at Our Lady of Malibu School. The Pepperdine Volunteer Center and the office of the Assistant Provost for Research supported this project. Senior ISL student Alyssa Galik was the Service-Learning Advocate for this project. Additionally, Alyssa and senior Hispanic Studies major Erin Runingen coordinated a pen pal project between the SPAN 252 classes and young women and girls in rural Guatemala through a grant from the Center for Faith and Learning. Students will have the opportunity to meet their pen pals in 2016 on the Project Serve trip to Guatemala. Both projects are designed to extend students' practice in Spanish and foster awareness of how their use of Spanish can benefit others.



Congratulations Fulbright Recipient Raymon Griggs

English Teaching Assistant, Brazil



2013 – 2014 PEPPERDINE MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB

If you are interested in world issues, country relations, debate or policy, and problem solving, Model United Nations (MUN) is the team for you. This Pepperdine club is composed of twenty students who work all year to compete in the National Model United Nations Conference held in New York City every March. Universities globally participate in this U.N. simulation. Every school is assigned a country to represent. Pepperdine became the Delegation of Madagascar in ten different U.N. committees. This year, the hard work and sleepless nights paid off as the team received the Distinguished Delegation award along with an individual committee Outstanding Delegation award, and five committee Position Paper awards. This incredible experience exposes students to other cultures, languages, and perspectives in addition to a glimpse of the New York City experience and interaction with Pepperdine alumni in international affairs.

Submitted by Pepperdine Model U.N. President Rachel Siegman '16



Paul Begin
ISL Division Chair

To the parents of our graduates, we thank you for supporting your sons and daughters and for entrusting them to us. To our students, we thank you for the effort that you have given to your coursework and co-curricular activities, for enriching our classes with your insights and energy, and for your desire to know the world more deeply and to make it a more hospitable place. As you leave here and go forward, take stock of the cumulative impact of your experience at Pepperdine and note how your worldview is expanded, how your connections to others are enriched, and how your ability to understand and address real world issues is enhanced. This is not the end of your education.

We also hope that you will continue to pursue knowledge and service beyond the gates of our institution. And, finally, we hope you will come back to see us.

Until then: Onward!