

WLC Weekly Message - January 6th, 2025

WLC wishes everyone a Happy New Year and a great first day of classes!

Welcome



Welcome Grandbaby! WLC welcomes baby Colette, born on 12/11/2024, and congratulates the parents, family, and our dear colleague and proud grandmother Patricia Tilbian.

We are thrilled to welcome three new PT colleagues: **Ms. Lili Fan** joins us as Part Time Instructor of Chinese, **Lucy Henry**, **JD** joins us as Part-time Assistant Professor of German, and **Ms. Zixuan Yu** joins us as Part Time Instructor of Asian Studies. They each bring incredible expertise and will greatly enrich or programs. Welcome to the team!

WLC Successes



Huge congratulations to **Sabine Smith** for her being the recipient of a **grant amounting to \$500,000 from The Halle Foundation**, for the grant period of December 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026 to support the continuation and expansion of Kennesaw State University's "German 4 All" Program. This is the largest amount awarded by The Halle Foundation as of today to any institution.

We are honored to congratulate the WLC finalists and recipients of this year's departmental Outstanding Senior Award and USG Outstanding Student Award. Please join us in congratulating these exceptional students:

Asian Studies Outstanding Senior Award: Winner: Nala Akpan; Finalist: AJ Anderson ML&C Outstanding Senior Award: Winner: Bee Weller; Finalists: Nala Akpan and Maria Arias

USG-level Outstanding Student Award: Winner: Gvantsa Kiknavelidze We will celebrate our finalists and awardees during our April Department meeting.

WLC had multiple awardees for the Radow College Project Development Grant Program, as follows:

- Arturo Matute Castro was awarded funding support of \$4,200 for a collaborative project he co-leads with Anisah Bagasra (Dept. of Psychological Science), Sha Huang, and Andrea Scapolo. The funds will support a GRA for their project, Breaking the Silence: Digital Narratives of Trauma among Immigrant and Refugee Women from the Global South.
- **Zaya Rustámova** was awarded funding support of \$5,000 for her project, *Resilience of a Nation in the Series Tell Me When (2008-2023)*.
- Lucie Viakinnou-Brinson was awarded funding support of \$5,000 for her project, A Forgotten Majority? An Analysis of African French Speakers Representations in French Language Textbooks.

Congratulations to all for their impressive projects. This is the first time that WLC has multiple awardees in this area, a testimony to the high quality of the recent scholarship being produced in our Department.

Jeongyi Lee received a grant agency increase in support of WLC-Korean, bringing the external award from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Federica Santini had a new professional **publication**: Summerfield, Giovanna, Michael Lettieri, Andrea Ciccarelli, and Federica Santini. "Reflections on Editing *Italica*." *Italica*, 100th anniversary supplement, 2024, pp. 31-34.

WLC was awarded funds by RCHSS through three one-time funding requests:

- Abby Alexander, in collaboration with Patricia Tilbian and Federica Santini, was awarded \$500 for WLRC to fund salaries for student assistants to produce brochures for WLC outreach.
- Hyunji Kim and the ARR committee team (Akiko Davis, Noelle Kerber, Louis Meng, and Kathy Negrelli), in collaboration with Federica Santini, were awarded \$680 for A/V equipment to be used on the Campus Green for WLC Day.
- **Patricia Tilbian** was awarded **\$3,650** for electronic signage in the lobby of Pilcher. The signage will highlight WLRC and WLC programming and activities.

Gratitude to Dean Kaukinen and the RCHSS Dean's team for their strong support of WLC.

We want to celebrate you! Please send your successes to Federica, Nina, and Noah for inclusion in our website and weekly message

Thank You

This month, we say **goodbye to our long-time Asian Studies Advisor Matthew Waller**, with much gratitude for all he has done for the Program's growth and development over the years. Thank you, Matthew, and best wishes for your new adventure in Geography and Anthropology. Also, **welcome to Asian Studies to Jessica Stehlin**, our dedicated ML&C Advisor, who will now advise for both of our B.A. Programs.



Digital Cultural Literacy (with Distinction)

This micro-credential will be offered to KSU Students interested in building digital lit through foreign language-related digital projects for public consumption. Earners of "Digital Cultural Literacy" Badge will have demonstrated and publicly shared compet digital platform(s)... [more]

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We are thrilled to have awarded our very first WLC
Microcredential badge, with much gratitude to the
Microcredential Taskforce
(Noëlle Brown, Lee Jackson, and Louis Meng) for their incredible work in making our

badging system a reality and to **AD Kris DuRocher** for her support throughout the process. Information on how to spread the word with students is forthcoming from the taskforce.

To-Do Items

For FT faculty, please schedule your ARD appointments with Federica by contacting Nina. Appointments are 30 minutes, in person or on Teams, any time between February 6 and March 10, 2025. ARD materials are due on Jan. 31 and Chairs are required to submit completed reviews by March 14. Please also see Federica's ARD guidelines email (sent out in December and re-sent on Monday, 01/06/25) for a checklist of items that need to be included.

For FT Faculty, please check your outlook calendars for our **Spring 2025 WLC meetings** and make sure to respond. Invites, including location/modality, are in your inboxes. Meetings are as follows: Jan. 28th (in person), Feb. 25th (in person, Dean Kaukinen attending), Mar. 25th (virtual on Teams), Apr. 22nd (in person, faculty and student awardees' and retirees' celebration). All meetings are on Tuesdays, 12:30-1:45 as always.

Important: for FT faculty traveling to conferences in the Spring, make sure to pre-encumber your funds ASAP by submitting a travel request in Concur (use R2030 for research conferences).

For all faculty who anticipate applying for any **extramural funding** opportunities, please indicate so to the Office of Research by **completing an "Intent to Submit" form** at the link below. This is not a commitment to apply; submitting the form will get into the system. The Office of Reseach recommends submitting this form **no later than 30 days prior to a submission deadline:** https://www.kennesaw.edu/research/resources/sponsored-programs-administration/pre-award-submission-planning/communicate-intent-apply.php

Opportunities

Please consider participating in the following **research study based at USF**: "We are conducting a study to inquire about language teachers' perceptions of the ethicality and utility of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) tools. We are looking for participants who <u>are currently teaching languages other than English</u> (e.g., Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese,

Spanish, or other non-English languages) **OR** teachers who previously taught a (non-English) language within the past year. If you meet these requirements, we kindly ask that you please consider taking a short online survey about your teaching practices and beliefs. The survey takes only about 8 minutes. If interested, here is the survey link along with more information about the study:

https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV bOyu1VeEyhr9qlM

Thank you for your consideration, and please let us know if you have any questions!" Matt Kessler, Jihye Kim, Melike Akay, & Tania Ferronato

Matt Kessler

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Director, Multilingual Writing Center
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College of Arts & Sciences - Department of World Languages
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For FT Faculty with 3 or more completed years of service: applications are open for the new RCHSS Faculty Fellow for Student Engagement role. The Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 Student Engagement Faculty Fellow Program. The program is designed to support our strategic initiatives related to student success and engagement. More specifically, this Faculty Fellow Program will support our signature events, including the 365 Days of Learning and Service and the Professionals with Purpose series. In addition to the signature events, the fellow will also support other student-facing events, such as the college's academic involvement fair. The Program comes with a 10% summer stipend and a 20% course reassignment. Detailed information and guidelines on the application process are in an email shared with you by Federica on 12/09 and titled "New opportunity: Faculty Fellow for Student Engagement" (in your inbox). The application deadline is January 31st, 2025.

Division of Education Professional Development Programs: The NEH Division of Education supports professional development programs for K-12 educators, higher education faculty, and humanities professionals to study a variety of humanities topics. Programs are offered in residential, virtual, and combined formats. Participant stipends are based upon program format and duration. Institutes are one to four-week professional development programs that convene K-12 educators or higher education faculty from across the nation to deepen their understanding of significant topics in the humanities and enrich their capacity for effective scholarship and teaching. Of note is a seminar on Contemporary Asias: Pluralities Beyond Areas
For information, please see NEH Summer Seminars for Higher Ed Faculty. Applications are due **March 5th**, 2025.

Reminders

UPCOMING—EARLIEST TO LATEST

Request for Accolades Submissions: KSU has a new system in place called "Accolades" to recognize the research and creative activity achievements of faculty. These news items are due

on the 15th of each month. Please share your news and achievements with Leslie Germaine (lgermain@kennesaw.edu) and Ruth Goldfine (rgoldfin@kennesaw.edu). We ask that you put "Accolades Submission" in the subject line of your email.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) supports projects for the translation of specific works of prose, poetry, or drama from other languages into English. The work to be translated should be of interest for its literary excellence and merit. We encourage translation projects that feature languages, perspectives, and writers that are not well represented in English, as well as work that has not previously been translated into English. The NEA is committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and fostering mutual support for the diverse beliefs and values of all individuals and groups. Deadline: January 16, 2025. https://www.arts.gov/grants/translation-project-fellowships

Trimmer Travel Fund Award: The Council on Undergraduate Research's Trimmer Travel Fund Award will support arts and humanities undergraduate scholars in presenting their research at professional meetings. The fund was established by a gift from Joe and Carol Trimmer. Professor Emeritus of English at Ball State University. The awardee will receive an award of \$1000 and recognition through CUR's media outlets and/or notifications through appropriate higher education publications. The deadline to apply is January 17, 2025: https://www.cur.org/membership-community/honors-awards/trimmer-travel-fund-award/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=InformZ&_zs=6NftX&_zl=NRjG4

For FT faculty, **ARDs will be due on the last Friday of January**, **01/31/2025**. Please make sure to meet the university-wide deadline and use the checklist prepared by Federica to ensure that everything needed has been included (in your inbox, sent via email to the FT faculty on 11/15/24 in an email titled "ARD due date and guidance"). Please also see the CETL workshops below:

Workshops for Faculty

Workshop for ALL Faculty (in Microsoft Teams)

• Friday, January 17th from 11am-12:30pm

Workshop for Early Career/New Faculty (hybrid; CETL House and Teams)

Monday, January 13th from 11am-12:30pm

The Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences, in collaboration with the Office of Global Education, invites TEAMs and in-person guest lecture proposals related to the Year of Canada theme. Eligibility: Open to all full-time faculty members and department chairs/school directors in the Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Guest lecturer qualifications: The invited guest lecturer may be invited to do a TEAMs speaking event or come to campus. The guest lecturer must have extensive experience related to Canada. Potential guests could include researchers, poets, or visual artists. Proposals that invite guests working in the humanities or social sciences will be prioritized, with a strong preference for those currently affiliated with a Canadian university or institution. The guest lecturer does not need to be a Canadian citizen. Next submission deadline: January 31st for Spring 2025. Please submit submissions to Dr. Michael Chen (hchen3@kennesaw.edu)

IMPORTANT: RISE Summer Fellow Call for Proposals. The Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Radow Institute for Social Equity (RISE) are accepting applications for the 2025 Summer Faculty Fellows Program. The Summer Faculty Fellows Program will support our humanities and social sciences faculty on projects that advance our understanding of social equity. The program welcomes fellow applications across wide areas of scholarship and creative activity, with compensation up to \$10,000. Please see the email sent out by the College on behalf of Dean Kaukinen on 10/30 and titled "RISE Summer Fellow Call for Proposals" (in your inbox) for a complete overview of the program, information on proposal submission, and the application to be completed as part of the proposal submission process. Submissions are due to Greg Paul (gpaul11@kennesaw.edu) by January 31, 2025, at 5 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Greg Paul and Ruth Goldfine (rgoldfin@kennesaw.edu). To assist with budget planning, an excel sheet is attached to the email as well with a built-in calculator. The WLC 2024 RISE Fellow, Abby Alexander, can also answer questions about her experience with the program.

Undergraduate research funding is available through Global Education's "Year of Canada" 2024-2025 study. The application closes **Jan. 31, 2025** or when funds have been exhausted. Please visit the Undergraduate Research website for details: https://www.kennesaw.edu/research/undergraduate-research/faculty/resources/your.php

Global Education Research Funding: KSU faculty are invited to apply for research and program funds through two internal sources. The Call for "AGREC Global at Home" Proposals is open. The next Information Session is being held Dec. 6. Applications are due in April 2025. Through "Global at Home," AGREC (of which KSU's Office of Global Education is one of seven Greater Atlanta HEI members) invites scholars to submit collaborative project proposals across disciplines, institutions, and universities that address a need in our global and local communities. The focus is on impacting topics with a global connection, while being grounded locally. Scholars and practitioners may examine and impact a global problem on the local level through research, workshops, a forum, training programs, or they may suggest other approaches through their collaboration with an Atlanta organization or a population group that has a global dimension. "Global at Home" requires a team of at least two faculty from two different AGREC member institutions, as well as at least one community partner. Visit this link for more information on program and proposal guidelines: https://www.kennesaw.edu/global-education-collaborative.php

GENERAL REMINDERS

A reminder to everyone that it is against university policy to manually add a student to a course in D2L. Each student must officially register for the course in Owl Express and then be automatically added to D2L.

Please send CFC agenda items to our CFC Representative **Abby Alexander** and Faculty Senate items and queries to our Faculty Senator **Thierry Léger.** DFC agenda items should go to DFC Chair **Anja Bernardy or to any of the AY 2024/25 WLC DFC members**.

In case of illness or emergencies that result in needing to cancel class, faculty members should contact their Coordinator and copy Marsha, Federica, and Nina. The faculty member should also notify students via d2l and/or email; if the faculty member is unable to do so, an email will be sent to students from the Department. In addition to reporting absences to their department, faculty members are required to report sick time in OneUSG Connect for any missed classes (unless they are engaging in other professional activities such as attending a conference) and contact HR if they cannot meet their professional obligations for more than five days (see KSU Faculty Handbook).

A kind reminder that the WLRC needs at least 5 business days to prepare flyers and advertise events due to our student assistants' and staff tight schedules. Please keep this in mind when requesting outreach materials.

Incompletes (I grades) Radow College has an Incomplete Grade Agreement form that must be completed by the student and the instructor when a grade of I (incomplete) is awarded. The completed form must be submitted to the Department Chair/School Director. The form can be found at: https://radow.kennesaw.edu/resources/docs/Incomplete Grade Agreement.pdf