

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, & CULTURES



Recognition of Excellence

العربية

THE DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES,
LITERATURES & CULTURES

The Arabic Program

Dylan Rein

International Studies and Linguistics

Excellence in Arabic at the Intermediate Level

Dylan has become fascinated by the Arabic language and the cultures of the Middle East and North Africa. With Arabic as the 5th language under her belt, she hopes to help bridge cultural gaps and language barriers between the people she encounters in both professional and personal settings.



Katie Mann

Foreign Languages and Literatures
Arabic Specialization

**Recognized for the Critical Language Scholarship
Summer 2022 – Jordan**

Katie is a dedicated student. She has volunteered regularly as a tutor in the Arabic Program. Before joining UF, she completed the National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) Program in Morocco.



Makiya Seminera

**Foreign Languages and Literatures
Arabic Specialization**

**Recognized for the Critical Language Scholarship
Summer 2022 – Jordan or Morocco**

Makiya is a wonderful student. She was named 2021-22 City of Gainesville Government Fellow by the Bob Graham Center where she has served as a Policy Research Fellow.



LLC - Chinese Awards

恭喜!



2021
2022



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恭喜！

Chen Xiangmei Award
for Outstanding Graduating Chinese Major
2021-2022

Melanie Lenares



- organized, responsible, respectful of others
 - strong leadership skills and creativity
 - polite, thoughtful, and flexible
 - consistently well-prepared and attentive
- takes advantage of opportunities inside and outside of the classroom (e.g., participates in competitions; attends office hours; applies for awards)
 - mature, friendly, and cheerful
- plans to use the award to further her Chinese studies and prepare for graduate school (would like to study abroad)
- intends to pursue a career in translation or interpretation, specifically in diplomatic spaces such as the United Nations

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恭喜！

Derrick Chen

Foreign Languages and Literatures

Dual Languages Specialization

Arabic & Chinese



The Alice M. Zirger Scholarship

- passionate about languages (Chinese; Arabic)
 - volunteers regularly as an interpreter
- “one of the most motivated and diligent students we’ve ever taught”
 - often exceeds the instructors’ expectations; shows great promise
 - consistent, active, mature, and responsible
 - displays a high level of creativity and critical thinking
 - “a model student”
- engaged and motivated despite challenges due to COVID

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書法陳偉立

陳偉立

般若波羅蜜多心經

陳偉立

觀自在菩薩行深般若波羅蜜多時照見五
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即說呪曰

壬寅春月陳偉立

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Derrick's calligraphic and painting work for "Chinese Calligraphy" class.

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恭喜！

Sophie B. White, Chinese Major

UF Honors Thesis

“Modernism and Female Perspective in the Works of Eileen Chang”

Fulbright Award Winner

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Taiwan

(August 1, 2022; 1 year)



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恭喜！

Outstanding Intermediate Chinese Student
Samantha Hsu



恭喜！

Outstanding Intermediate Chinese Student
Anthony Corcoran





French and Francophone Studies

Fall 2021 / Spring 2022

Hauptman Medal for Excellence in French

Geoffrey S. Tacinelli

Manuel and Helen Hauptman established the Michael Hauptman Medal for Academic Excellence by a Graduating Major in French in 1982, in loving memory of their son, Michael, a student at the University of Florida who passed away on November 10, 1981.

Geoffrey Tacinelli has been selected for his achievement and work of quality. He is described by his professors as a passionate learner of language, a serious, engaged and committed student to the French and Francophone Studies program.

Geoffrey is considered an asset who volunteered to be a research assistant during his BA who helped promoting the the FFS program by joining the mentor-tutor program and by participating in the French club as well as activities in the language laboratory providing tutoring in conversational French or grammar. He has been active within the French section, attending many of the events organized by the France Florida Research Institute.

Geoffrey was also working full time as assistant to Cypress Hall, managing around 300 residents and coordinating with Advisors.

Albert and Rita Smith Scholarship

Aleydis Lopez Romero

Aleydis Lopez Romero is the summer 2022 recipient for the Albert and Rita Smith Scholarship.

She is a major in Sustainability Studies, with a Minor in French and Francophone Studies, and Philosophy.

She will be attending the UF in Paris summer study abroad. Aleydis plans to serve in the Peace Corps after graduation.

Félicitations Aleydis! FR

Katherine Rosen

Philosophy, French

**Wayne Conner scholarship in French and Francophone Studies
for Study Abroad Fall 2021**

CEA Study Abroad : French Language Studies
at Institut Catholique, Paris



Stella Etienne

French, History

**Wayne Conner scholarship in French and Francophone Studies
for Study Abroad Fall 2021**

Université Rennes 2 Haute- Bretagne Exchange





Stella Etienne

French, History

Wayne Conner scholarship in French and Francophone Studies for Study Abroad Summer 2022

UF in Paris, Language and Culture in Context



Awardees for Excellence in French at
the Intermediate level:

Outstanding Students in Intermediate French 2

Jackson Haynes (FRE2221 - Section 14014/7A38 Spring 2022)

Djennsie Metayer (FRE2221 - Section 13650/7A39 Spring 2022)

PI DELTA PHI FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY

Spring 2022 Inductees

PI DELTA PHI FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES –
SPRING 2022

Maeve Barger



Isabella Haddock



Charles Karcher



PI DELTA PHI FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES –
SPRING 2022

Nicole Krogman



Gabriel Martin



PI DELTA PHI FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES –
SPRING 2022

Daniel Nicholson



Hannah Seiken





GERMAN

Excellence in German at the Intermediate Level



Katherine Pearson

Political Science & History and Sustainability Studies

Katherine demonstrated excellence in Intermediate German II in Spring 2022 and will participate in the UF in Leipzig summer study abroad program.

She has been an active board member of the UF Deutschklub for two years, serving as Social Media Officer in AY 2020-2021 and Vice President in AY 2021-2022.

She has helped organize various recruitment events including a Winterfest, Springfest, and booths at the UF Student Organization Fair and the Viva Europe event in Depot Park.

Excellence in German at the Intermediate Level



"I thought this event was super cool for younger kids because most of them do not get to travel around the world and experience new cultures. Moreover, they might not even know someone from another country, so they wouldn't get to experience a new culture through a friend or classmate. However, this event exposed kids to a bunch of new places, and I am hopeful that the fun activities got them excited about European countries and at least asking more questions about them."

-Katherine Pearson on the Viva Europe event sponsored by UF's Center for European Studies



HATIAN CREOLE

Excellence in Haitian Creole at the Intermediate Level

Jennifer Johnson

- Recipient of the Foreign Languages Area Studies Scholarship (FLAS) in Haitian Creole
- Academic Year 2021-2022, Intermediate Haitian Creole
- Second Year Master's Degree Student, Anticipated Graduation 2022
- Major: Master in Sustainable Development Practice (MDP)
- Minor: Agricultural Education and Communication
- Certificates: Latin American Studies and Tropical Conservation and Development
- Favorite Haitian Creole Proverb: “**Men anpil chay pa lou**”



Learning From the International Diversity of Health Worker Protests During COVID-19

Jennifer Johnson, MDP Student

UF UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA





HEBREW

Excellence in Hebrew at the Intermediate Level

Amy Kessler





ITALIAN

Jennifer Adipietro

Major in English with a Minor in Italian Studies

Jennifer Adipietro is majoring in English with a minor in Italian studies. Her interests include representations of Italy and Italians in early modern and modern literature, and how these representations affect Italian American narratives. She plans to complete the bachelor's in 2023 and then enter a graduate program in literature.

With funding from the UF CLAS Scholars Program, Jennifer will be heading the Italiamericana project: an online database of Italian American authors and their works, including novels, memoirs, and books of poetry. By sharing brief author biographies in addition to book titles and descriptions, this public database will make a broader range of authentic Italian American stories more accessible to the general public as well as to scholars and educators.



Jenifer Mejia

**Double Major in Italian and International Studies
Japanese Minor**

Jenifer Mejia is a second-year student double-majoring in Italian and International Studies with a Japanese minor. After completing her undergraduate studies, she plans to continue her language studies and eventually attend law school, focusing on international law. Her long-term goal is to work for the United States Department of State.



MARY WATT AND GIUSEPPE D'AMATA SCHOLARSHIP FOR DIVERSITY IN STUDY ABROAD RECIPIENTS FOR SUMMER 2022

Christy Louis



Taylor Rohleen



**Albert and Rita Smith Fund for the Advancement of Studies in French & Italian
Italian Recipients for Summer 2022**

Madeline Grohowski



Laura San Juan





FLL – JAPANESE SPECIALIZATION

Intermediate Japanese



Giselle Perez



Kennedy McAuley



Jacob Ho

Japanese Studies

Japanese National Honors Society



Max Rothchild



Jared Revis



Kirsten Delossantos

Japanese— Phi Beta Kappa

➤ James Blackeagle

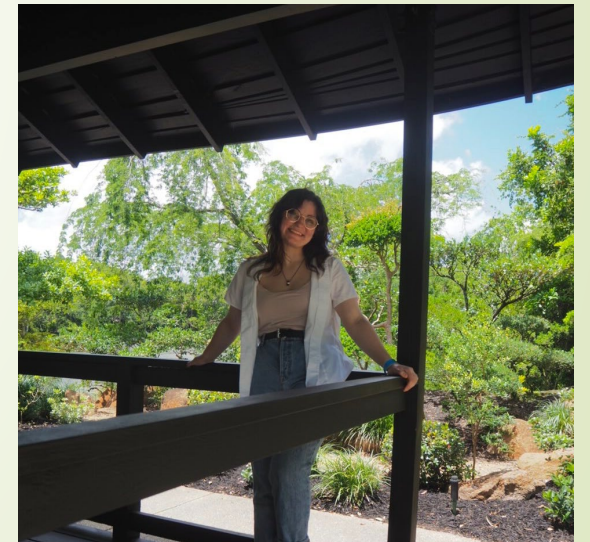
- Double major, FJA & Linguistics

➤ Andrew Cano

➤ Jared Revis

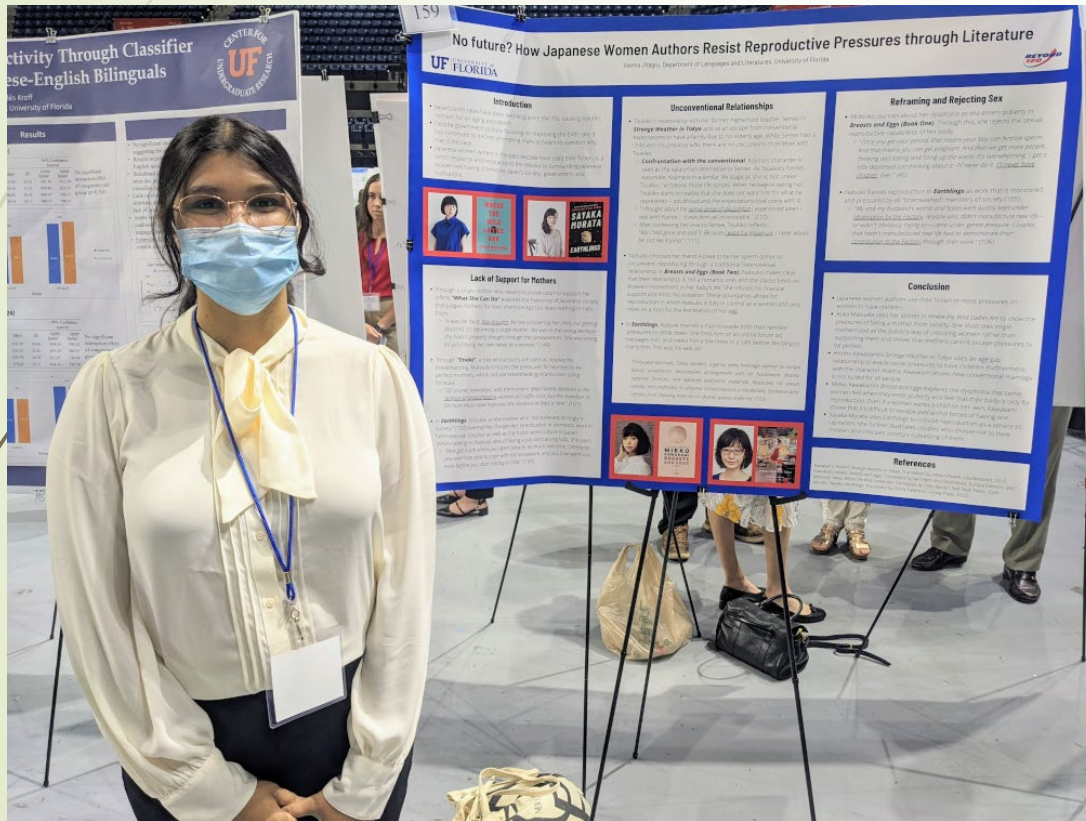
- Triple major: FJA, Political Science, & History

➤ Elizabeth R. Clement



Undergraduate Research - Japanese

Veema Jhagru



Supervised by Christopher Smith

Presented her research
“No Future? How
Japanese Women Authors
Resist Reproductive
Pressure Through
Literature” at the
Undergraduate Research
Symposium, O’Connell
Center, April 7th 2022

Translation Certificate - Japanese

Rose Clement

“Kuraudogāru (Cloud Girl)” by
Kanehara Hitomi



Supervised by Christopher Smith (LLC)
and Risa Wada (LLC)

Joyce Walpole

“Press Conference by Prime Minister
Abe Shinzo, September 25, 2017”



Supervised by James Gerien-Chen
(History) and Matthieu Felt (LLC)

A lush green forest scene with many birch trees and a grassy field. The trees have white bark and dark spots, and the ground is covered in green grass and small purple flowers. The text is overlaid on the top part of the image.

2022-2023 LLC Awards Ceremony
Honorees from Russian Studies



Phi Beta Kappa Inductees:
~Samantha Gildea
~Kaylin Macdonald

A painting of a landscape featuring a river in the foreground with a wooden bridge crossing it. In the background, there is a dense forest of trees, and several church buildings with green domes and golden crosses are visible against a soft, hazy sky. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

2022 Dobro Slovo Slavic National
Honor Society Inductees:

~Samantha Gîldea

~Caroline Levine

~Caete Miller

A painting of a river in autumn. The river flows from the foreground towards the background, reflecting the sky. The banks are covered in trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. The sky is a mix of blue and white, suggesting a bright day with some clouds. The overall style is impressionistic with visible brushstrokes.

Outstanding Intermediate Students:
~ Hunter Conley
~ Graham Cope



American Council of Teachers of Russian
Post-Secondary Russian Scholar Laureate Award:
Samantha Gildea

Белкин, И.А. Румянцев

МОЛОГОГИЧЕСКИЙ
СЛОВАРЬ
РУССКОГО ЯЗЫКА

КАК
ТАК
ТАК ЗАКРУЧИВАЮТ
К РЕЧКЕ — ТОЛЬКО
РЕК, А НА БЕРЕГУ
МЕЛА.
ШКА, ЧТО КТО-ТО НИЖЕ
ЧТО И ТО



Linda Dillon - FDU French-Russian Honors Thesis
“Purist Passions: a Comparative Sociolinguistic Analysis of Language Ideology in
France and Russia.”
(Directed by Dr. Hélène Blondeau and Dr. Michael Gorham)



Samantha Gildea
“Leading Factors of Domestic Violence Against Women in Russia”
Russian Studies Honors Thesis
(Directed by Dr. Ingrid Kleespies)

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ЕВОЛЮЦИЯ
РЕСТЬЯНКЕ



SWAHILI



Excellence in Swahili at the Intermediate Level

Erin Wright
Swahili name: (Makini)

Awards : Phi Beta Kappa
: Summa Cum Laude
: Boren Scholar (AFLI)

Senior, Anticipated graduation Spring 2022
Major : Political Science and Women's Studies
Minor : Economics

Swahili Proverb: Haraka haraka haina baraka.
(**Translation: Hurry hurry has no blessing**)



VIETNAMESE

VTT 3500 VIETNAMESE CULTURE

Jarrood Williams, CLAS

Psychology, Senior

Dream: to become a clinical
psychologist.



Teresa Lam, CLAS

**Computer Science,
Junior**

Hobbies

**Traveling, authentic
food,
skincare/selfcare/work
ing out, photography &
videography**

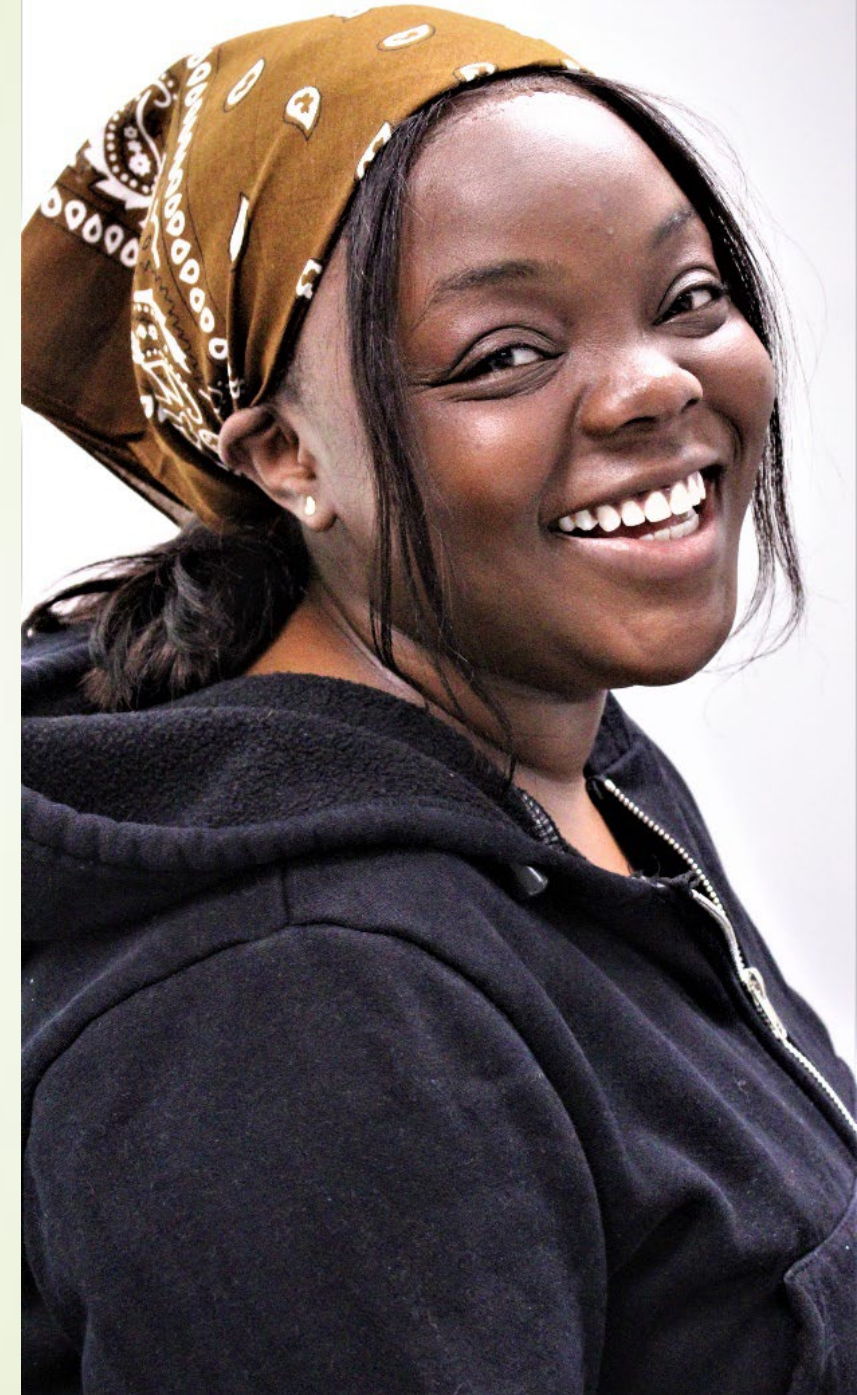


YORUBA



Deborah Ogunmodede

Ms. Ogunmodede has been very consistent with the study of Yoruba language, if speaking fluently is still a challenge, the cultural norms of showing respect for elders is beyond expectation. In Summer, she plans on going to Nigeria for the seven-week immersion program and has also indicated that she will want to continue to the Advanced level. She is very punctual, and it is always a pleasure having her in class for every session.





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- **Disciplinary Specializations**
- **Because of its diverse collective expertise in over twenty cultural, linguistic, and literary traditions, the LLC faculty brings unique transnational insight and perspectives to broader issues in a variety of sub-disciplines, including:**
- **Culture/Cultural Studies**
- **Film and Media Studies**
- **Language Pedagogy**
- **Linguistics**
- **Literature**
- **Medieval & Early Modern Studies**
- **Translation Studies**
- **Areas of Study: [Akan](#), [Amharic](#), [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [Czech](#), [French](#) and [Francophone Studies](#), [German](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Hebrew](#), [Italian](#), [Japanese](#), [Korean](#), [Lingala](#), [Polish](#), [Russian](#), [Swahili](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Wolof](#), [Yoruba](#), [Xhosa](#).**