Welcome Back, Polyglots!
We’re getting spring semester off and running with a What can I do with a major in Modern Languages event. It will feature speakers Aaron Rader (’00) and Chris Bohannon (’12) whose language skills are vital to their careers. So mark your calendars and we’ll see you there.

When: Monday, Jan. 16, 2012
Where: Garrett (Colket Center)
Time: 5:30-7:00
Contact: Dr. Paula Newbill (newbill@roanoke.edu)

Be sure to check the department webpage events calendar to keep up with the many co-curricular activities that faculty and students sponsor throughout the semester. Here’s the link:
http://roanoke.edu/Academics/Academic_Departments/Modern_Languages/Events.htm

And if you haven’t already noticed, the ML Department webpage has a new look (http://roanoke.edu/Academics/Academic_Departments/Modern_Languages.htm). The redesign will continue throughout the semester. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact Prof. Christine Stanley (stanley@roanoke.edu) or ML Department Assistant Aaron Lam (ralam@roanoke.edu).

"Our mission is to give our students the opportunity and the challenge to live multilingually. Proficiency in another language affords privileged access to cultures and communities, providing insights and understanding that is so needed in today’s world."
And Keep in Mind

Summer Scholars
This program is an excellent way to do a research project while working closely with faculty during the summer and getting paid a handsome stipend for your efforts. It is highly competitive and the application deadline is March 15. If you are interested in this opportunity, it’s time to contact the faculty member with whom you would like to work and begin the proposal. For further information, see http://roanoke.edu/Academics/Learning Firsthand/Research/Summer_Scholars.htm.

Honors in Major
Students who have at least a 3.4 GPA in their French or Spanish major can apply to do an honors project, an independent study that confers the designation “Honors in Major” on graduation diplomas. See a faculty member for information on how to prepare a proposal.

Independent Studies and Internships
Another way to engage in a research project or gain experience using a foreign language in a work setting is by doing an independent study or internship. Both programs require written proposals and completing an application process. Once again, see a faculty member for assistance.

Student News
It’s great to report that many students will be studying abroad this semester.

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Here’s a sample of some recent news from department alumni.

**Bethany Gilliam ('06)** is working on her Ph.D. in Spanish at Ohio State University. She was awarded a Fulbright-Hayes research grant and is currently in Spain writing her dissertation on the picaresque novel. She writes that she is living in Madrid and working at the Biblioteca Nacional, the Archivo Histórico Nacional, the Archivo General de Simancas and a few local Madrid archives to research her dissertation, which will study how the grotesque novel of the 17th century was a reaction against the legislation and society of Madrid as a young capital city. She says, “I am really excited about this project, which grew out of my love for the picaresque, a genre I was introduced to at RC!” Congratulations to Bethany. The Fulbright program in Spain is highly competitive. Bethany was a Spanish major and history minor; she has brought both fields together for her dissertation.

**Kevin Beck ('08)** has completed a Masters in Latin American Studies at Columbia University and is now working on a Ph.D. in Latin American Studies through Columbia’s Department of Sociology.

**Amanda Strine ('05)** is living in Madrid and working as a North American Language and Culture Assistant. She is in her second year of teaching English in a Spanish school and loves living abroad.

**Nathanael Gay ('97)** is a physical therapist with the Carilion health care network. He majored in Biology and minored in Spanish at Roanoke College. He reports that he often uses Spanish when working with patients.

**Clint Nichols ('05)** is in his second year of law school at the University of Richmond. He recently stopped by for a visit and related that his institution is going to offer a law course in Spanish beginning this spring and that he expects to do pro bono work with Spanish-speaking clients in the near future.

**Katie Kurtessis ('11)** is teaching English in Peru at the University of Piura. She writes that she loves her job and “It is possible to live comfortably here. There are movie theaters and a mall and even a Starbucks and a Pizza Hut. It's fairly close to the beach. There are very few foreigners here, but if you ever really needed the connection there are a ton in Lima, or I can head to a hostel on the beach to get a fix of English-speaking (but I am always really happy to go back to Piura). The pay is good for Peru, and they help you get a work visa so everything is legal.” She is in regular contact with RC grad **Kelly Villanueva ('10)** who lives in Lima.
Faculty News

The Modern Language Department is pleased to welcome Prof. Rebecca (Rong) Chang, our new professor of Chinese. Professor Chang was born in Lanzhou, China and has worked as a teacher and translator of Chinese in academic and business settings. She has a passion for sharing Chinese culture, especially traditional dance. If you are interested in Chinese, she would love to talk to you.

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On behalf of all my colleagues, I hope you have a great semester. In order to face the future with confidence, we need to do so as global citizens. Proficiency in at least one foreign language, knowledge of the culture or cultures connected to that language, and direct experience with language and culture through study abroad, internships, the internet, or other local resources are the keys to authentic global citizenship. Remember that we are here to work with you and we share your goals. Nothing is more important to us than your on-going development and success.

Dr. Charlene Kalinoski
Chair, Department of Modern Languages

Mark Your Calendar

**Dates and Deadlines**

**January 16, 2012**
Spring term classes begin.

**March 2, 2012**
Spring break begins after last class.

**March 15, 2012**
Summer Scholars application deadline

**April 6, 2012**
Good Friday, no classes.

**April 25, 2012**
Exams begin

**May 5, 2012**
Graduation

**In Memoriam**

We note with sadness the passing of Professor Emerita Lynn Eckman in late December. Lynn taught French and humanities and was loved by students and faculty alike. She adored all things French, books, art, cats, and especially people. Lynn’s former students and colleagues feel fortunate to have known and worked with her. She set a high standard for us all—she was a true Maroon.