

Gazette

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Have a great summer!

This is the last *Gazette* for the 2018-2019 academic year. On behalf of my colleagues, I wish you a productive and restful summer. For those of our students who are graduating in May or August, congratulations! We wish you all the best, and hope that you will keep in touch and let us know what you are doing in the future. We are very proud of the quality of graduates that the department has produced over the years!

Sincerely,

Dr. Will Thompson, Chair

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all the participants for the 12th Annual Tennessee Area Japanese Speech Contest on April 6 for their excellent performance. Huge congratulations to Kenneth Richardson for winning the first prize in the Level 3 (the highest award in the highest category!) and Ashton Delavega for receiving the Honorable Mention Award in the Level 3 category.

The Japanese National Honor Society recognizes high achievement and excellence in the study of the Japanese language. We are pleased to announce that six graduating Japanese majors at the University of Memphis had been inducted as new members into the Honor Society during the last Japanese Language Table on April 19, 2019. The honorees are Johnny Ballard, Allen Dorris, Mackenzie Hurley, Eric Rufio Quin, Miaesha Robinson, and Adam Rogers.



Pi Delta Phi is the national honor society for French at the college/university level. This year the French program at the University of Memphis welcomed six new members.

Photographed below (left to right: Khaled Nasser, Tyrese Davis, Jessica Tappan, Julian Rome; not in photo: Judith Soberman, Diana Kasongo)



Maritza Baer, graduate student in Spanish, has been hired as a translator and interpreter by West Memphis Steel. The photo is from a presentation she gave in a class about her work this semester.



Announcements

World Languages Student Ambassadors for 2019-2020

The department is looking for students interested in serving as **Student Ambassadors** for the 2019-2020 academic year, with some duties potentially starting in the summer. Complete information about the program is now available on the department website at:

<https://www.memphis.edu/wll/ambassadors.php>. Please contact Dr. Will Thompson at wjthmpsn@memphis.edu with any questions.

Kanopy (Film streaming service)

Looking for some good international movies to watch this summer? The University of Memphis Library subscribes to **Kanopy**, which offers a wide range of feature films and documentaries from around the world. You can log in from anywhere if you have an active University of Memphis account. More information can be found at:

<https://blogs.memphis.edu/libraries/tag/kanopy/>.

Events

Faculty Accomplishments

Lan Zhang and her co-author Dr. Zhang at George Washington University have received a contract from John Benjamins for their book project entitled: *Introducing Chinese Linguistics: A Chinese Language Learner's Handbook*. It is to be published in the series: "Studies in Chinese Language and Discourse."

Yuki Matsuda served as the discussant for the panel "Toward the Future of Japanese Writing Assessment in the Context of a Social Networking Approach: Case Studies on Creative Relay Writing" at the Annual Spring Conference of American Association of Teachers of Japanese, March 21, 2019, Denver, Colorado.

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