

Meet your LLC Staff Associate!

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leaders. There he attained a Bachelor of Arts in Education, English and History, and is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language at the University of Washington.

Germanics

Geoff Cox

Geoff Cox is a PhD candidate in the German department and is currently writing on German pop literature, pop music, and film. He has also worked extensively on the German departments Virtually Vienna project, a multimedia CD-ROM for second year language instruction. The program teaches language through the rich cultural history of Vienna and Austria. Geoff has instructed German at the University of Washington and English at the University of Muenster, Germany. He is also known for his rapier-like wit.

Linguistics, Classics

Misty Azara

Misty is finishing her M.A. in Linguistics this quarter and will begin the Ph.D. program in Linguistics next quarter. She holds a B.A. in Spanish and a B.A. in Linguistics, both from the Ohio State University. Misty is

interested in the application of technology to the field of linguistics, particularly to the study of phonetics and phonology. Misty has studied Spanish, Italian, and Japanese, and is beginning the UW Thai language program this fall.

Near East

Hande Solakoglu

Hande is a Ph.D. student at the Interdisciplinary Near and Middle Eastern Studies Program. She focuses on the late Ottoman Empire and the establishment of the modern Turkish state. Studying languages is what she likes—she speaks Turkish, German, English, French, Norwegian, and Italian, and she's working on learning Arabic. Hande was born in Istanbul, Turkey and lived in Switzerland before she came to America. For fun she takes computers apart and puts them together again, and repairs computers for friends and family.

Romance

Jay Munson

Jay completed his M.A. in Romance Linguistics in 2001 and is currently working towards his Ph.D. in Linguistics. Jay has taught Spanish for the past three years at the university. He is grateful to be

able to combine his skills of programming and language learning. Jay says, "Writing code is like a crossword puzzle, only you get to manipulate the questions, answers, direction, and dimensionality of the board. All as you go." When he isn't studying, Jay enjoys woodworking and biking. His favorite style of cuisine is Ethiopian.

Scandinavian, Slavic

Lesley Carmichael

Lesley is working on a Ph.D. in Linguistics, investigating the use of prosody in human and machine speech. She enjoys mingling her interests in language and technology in her work at the LLC. She has studied Spanish, Russian, and Mandarin. Since she acquired more of her language skills during her travels than in years of classroom study, she is also interested in the continued advancement of language pedagogy in general. She burns off her grad school stress by throwing herself out of airplanes. (note: her LLC email address is, peculiarly, romance@u.washington.edu. This is because she served as the Romance SA for four years.)

Teaming Up with the LLC: Teaching with Technology

LLC Uses Digital Video, CD-ROM to Preserve Seminars

Old and new Spanish TAs experienced a prestigious visit during their TA orientation from Professor Bill VanPatten, the author of UW's first year Spanish textbook. Jay Munson, the LLC Staff Associate for the Romance languages, made a digital video recording of Dr. VanPatten's four one-hour seminars. The seminars focused on Communicative Language Teaching, methods for teaching students to read effectively, and strategies for writing activities. Language teachers, including TAs and high school teachers from around the state of Washington, attended the talk.

Dr. VanPatten is currently a professor of Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is well known for advancing methods in

Communicative Language Teaching.

Paloma Borreguero, the coordinator for the 100 level Spanish program, is grateful to have Dr. VanPatten visit the UW program once again. Paloma works hard to make sure that both the veteran and new TAs understand the purpose behind the textbook used in the classroom and that they are able to effectively design Communicative activities.

The LLC is in the process of transferring the digital recordings to CD-ROM to afford future language instructors the opportunity to learn from Dr. VanPatten's seminars. By producing them on CD-ROM, the LLC is creating a resource that can be accessed conveniently on most computer terminals and laptops.

Basque Teaching Materials Produced at the LLC

You already knew that the LLC has great labs and electronic classrooms for using language learning tools. But did you know that you can also *make* language learning materials at the LLC? Our recording studio includes analog and digital tape recorders along with mixers and amplifiers. We have post-production computers with audio editing tools.

This quarter, Basque teacher Diana Lachiondo and her colleague Jean Escoc came into the LLC's recording facility to create a CD of word lists and dialogues in Basque. The CD is to be used in Diana's new Experimental College course on the Basque language. The material was recorded onto digital audio tape and then captured into audio processing software.

The recording was divided into tracks, put onto a CD, and duplicated for the students in the course.

One advantage of creating your own audio media is the ease of copyright control. Language teachers can develop their own dialogues, stories, songs, vocabulary lists, and exercises for their students. The LLC can help turn your ideas into learning tools.

Have you checked out the LLC website? <http://depts.washington.edu/llc>

To reserve a lab or electronic classroom, contact Sherri Huber at shuber@u.washington.edu, or call 543-0536.

**Interested in teaming up with the LLC on a project?
Contact your Staff Associate!**

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POLYGLOT

If you would prefer to be removed from our mailing list,
or would rather check the newsletter on-line, please contact the Language Learning Center.

Attention language instructors!

*Audio duplication procedures at the LLC have changed!
See the story on page 1 of this Polyglot, and pass the information along
to all of your language faculty, TAs, and students.*

Audio Duplication Procedures: CD Duplication, Online Ordering, and Audio Pickup *(continued from page 1)*

language's audio materials are available on CD. CDs can be picked up at the LLC Sales Office 24 hours after they were ordered. The cost per CD is \$4 (this does not include sales tax). If the audio is available on CDs, it will no longer be available on audiocassettes.

The procedure has not changed for ordering materials that are still only available on audiocassette. For languages not listed on the online CD order page, students must still come to the LLC, fill out a pink form request-

ing their audio materials, and then pick their materials up from the LLC Sales Office at least 24 hours later. The cost per audiocassette is \$1 (not including sales tax). Students need not bring in blank audiocassettes—the LLC will provide the cassette and do the duplication. We are unable to continue our free duplication services as we are converting to an all-digital facility and are phasing out our cassette duplication equipment.

News and Information from the Language Learning Center

POLYGLOT

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We at the LLC want to partner with you to develop effective multi-media language learning materials and to ensure the pedagogically sound integration of technology into the language classroom. We welcome your ideas, comments, and inquiries at any time. Contact the LLC or your department's SA.

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Asian

Duane Blanchard

Duane is a graduate student of linguistics. His academic interests include computational linguistics, syntax, semantics, and foreign languages. He speaks Mongolian and Russian, and he's studying Chinese this year. Outside of school, he can be found whitewater kayaking, skateboarding, mountain biking and trying to regrow his hair. Before coming to UW, Duane lived among the feral nuns of the Namgyal Monastery in Tibet where he secretly worked as a double agent for Catherine the Great and Optimus Prime.

English Language Programs *Olleyn Kashiri*

Olleyn brings a touch of Africa to the LLC. He is a graduate from Africa University, an emerging diverse and Pan-African university whose goal is to produce future African

NEW Procedures for Audio Materials: CD Duplication and Audio Order/Pickup

*Use the new online
ordering system for CDs*

NEW!
**Order Language
Audio CDs Online:**
<http://haole.language.washington.edu/ordering/>

Attention, all language instructors! For many languages, audio materials are now being produced and duplicated

on CD instead of audiocassette. The procedures for ordering and picking up audio materials have changed. Please pass this information along to your language students.

The audio for many languages is now being produced and duplicated on CD. Your students can check the LLC's online ordering page (<http://haole.language.washington.edu/ordering/>) to find out whether their

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