

A Closer Look at the LLC: Winter 2006

How the LLC Serves the Language Departments

The LLC offers a wide variety of technological resources, language tools, lab facilities, and development services. Every language department on campus has its own unique needs for LLC services and resources. Some departments rely on us for high-quality audio access to textbook support materials. Others enjoy exploring new technological possibilities for enhancing language learning and instruction. In this section, we share a sampling of how the Staff Associates supported the LLC and their language departments this Winter quarter.

ASIAN

SA: Geoffrey Cox
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Geoff has been involved this quarter in recording and preparing audio materials for Indonesian, Chinese, Japanese, Farsi, and Tajik among others.

He has also worked extensively in customizing the Moodle program to UW language needs and in reworking and updating the Vocabulator program. He is organizing the LLC podcast to be up and running Spring 2006.

Please contact him with any ideas or audio material you would like to have included.



In the middle of the quarter she helped the ELP in administering tests for English for Heritage Language Speakers and provided onsite support in the labs.

In early March she also led a workshop on language teaching and technology for a group of MATESOL students.

As in previous quarters, she continuously provided onsite support for ELP classes in the labs as well as training and orientation for instructors and students.

GERMANICS / NELC

SA: Gary Martin
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Gary supports and troubleshoots the Germanics department's now numerous Moodle courses, converts video and audio for web-based streaming and embedding within Moodle, and assists in the recording studio for creating audio testing materials.

For the NELC department, Gary is working on web-based learning materials in preparation for teaching the Elementary Biblical Hebrew sequence at U.W. during 2006–2007.

Gary also prepares the publication of the Polyglot and provides assistance for updating the LLC website.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

SA: Yu-jung Chang
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This quarter Yu-jung added new audio materials for three series: Password 2, American Accent Training, and Longman Preparation Course for the TOEFL iBT (Internet-based Test) to the LLC's in-house collection so students can listen to them in the self-study labs.



LINGUISTICS / SCANDINAVIAN

SA: Steve Moran
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This quarter Steven has been working with the Linguistics faculty to develop a central repository of online linguistic teaching materials for classroom use. The repository includes clips from linguistic content in films, as well as lectures of faculty.

He has also been actively involved in the design and implementation of an LLC archives database.

For the Scandinavian department Steven continues to obtain copyright permissions for course materials that he digitizes for the labs.

ROMANCE

SA: Patrick Blaine
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Patrick has been working throughout the quarter on a range of projects, from the implementation of the new Moodle server, to Spanish language radio broadcasts, to grant writing for the new STF grant.

He has also been working on some video projects for Italian and Cinema Studies, and continues to be active in the LLC's web and print publications.

Besides these activities, he has helped coordinate videoconferencing and webcasts for various departments and individuals.

Patrick was proud to participate in the Early Language Learning symposium as well.

SLAVIC

SA: Anya Glazkova
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Anya, who began her work in the LLC this Winter quarter, supports Russian moodle courses and has developed a set of interactive grammar exercises based on the concept of case frames. The purpose is to provide comprehensive examples and drilling of representative noun phrases in all six Russian cases.

SLAVIC / AMERICAN ETHNIC STUDIES

SA: Laura Friend
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Digital media. Laura continued to develop the LLC's online Slavic digital media library. She digitized and published several new Russian video and audio series. She worked on a Polish course video and plans to begin a new video project for Czech next quarter.

Multimedia. Laura continued developing two Russian Moodle courses. (See article for details.) Meanwhile, she continued to support the UW Swahili program's beta-testing of an interactive online Swahili conversation course.

Web publishing. Nearly all of the LLC's active media resources are now housed on LLC servers and published online. Laura manages those resources, regularly creating and updating links and reference files. She maintains all the Slavic pages and links on the OLR (Online Resources).

Networked classroom. Laura supports regular and occasional use of the networked classroom by instructors and their classes. Tagalog has been an active user this academic year, and in spring quarter Laura will train a new Tagalog coordinator in the use of Sony Virtuoso.

Video conferencing. In spring quarter, the LLC will hold video conferences to promote contacts for and interest in summer study abroad programs. Laura hopes to hold conferences for Czech and Swahili.