

# MCLL News

March 2008

Modern & Classical Languages & Literatures

[mcll@mso.umt.edu](mailto:mcll@mso.umt.edu)

[www.umt.edu/mcll](http://www.umt.edu/mcll)

---

## The Chair

**Bob Acker:** The semester is going well and midterms are fast approaching. The Department is busily preparing to host around 400 high school students and their teachers at our **26th Annual Foreign Language Day** on Friday, March 7. Our visitors will be attending a variety of language classes and participating in a host of special activities planned especially for them. They will be joined by the MCLL faculty for a luncheon in the UC Ballroom. We are pleased that Provost Royce Engstrom will give the keynote address at the luncheon.

## Faculty Forum

The Faculty Forum Committee (Clint Walker, Mladen Kozul, Stan Rose, and Clary Loisel) would like to thank Alicia Gignoux and Stan Rose for their excellent presentations last Wednesday afternoon. Alicia demonstrated how to use online film in class, and Stan explained how he used a movie clip (in Spanish) from YouTube to enhance comprehension of a short story that he teaches in his Introduction to Spanish-American literature class. Fifteen members of the MCLL attended (including the presenters). The Faculty Forum Committee would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to the next meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, at 4:00 PM. Mladen Kozul and Matt Semanoff will each speak for about 15-20 minutes on their current research projects. We look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks for your support.

## MALT

The spring meeting of the Montana Association of Language Teachers will be held Apr. 18-19 in Fort Benton.

## German

**Jerry Fetz**, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and long time member of the German Section, announced his retirement beginning this summer. A nation-wide search is underway to find his replacement.

After spending the first two weeks in Berlin and Potsdam, Germany, **Marty Marko and the 9 UM students** participating in the MCLL Germany/Austria Spring Study Abroad Program have arrived in Vienna, Austria. Highlights in Berlin included having fun navigating the vast public transportation system, finding great places to eat (for cheap!), as well as visits to each the Old and New National Galleries, the German Historical Museum, the Jewish Museum, the Bauhaus Archives and Museum, the Berlin Wall Documentation Center, and the Reichstag, the open glass dome of which provided a great view of the city lights as they came on in the early evening. Also while in Berlin, the group visited the Gorki Theater, where we attended a contemporized performance of Friedrich Hebbel's mid-19th century play "Maria Magdalena." The group also spent a few days in Potsdam – just outside Berlin - and visited UM's partner university, the University of Potsdam. There we had the chance to meet, in addition to faculty and staff there, two students who will be coming from Potsdam to UM next year. While in Potsdam, the group also visited the Sanssouci Palace and the Potsdam Film Museum. We also attended another updated theatre production in Potsdam featuring Heinrich von Kleist's early 19th-century play, "Prinz Friedrich von Homburg." Before the play, we received a close-up tour of the theatre facilities and afterwards had the chance to chat with the director, as well as some of the performers, including a popular, up-and-coming German actor, Moritz Führmann. We also had the chance to enjoy a walking tour through the center of Potsdam offered by one of the students who will be coming to UM next year, which gave us a great historical overview of this culturally important German city. The group is now very excited to be in Vienna, where spring has greeted us early and where we are looking forward to spending the next two months. Marty sends greetings and best wishes to everyone in the Department.

## Spanish

**Maria Bustos** writes that everyone arrived safely in Argentina for their study abroad program and that all is going well. They are now spending many hours every day walking Buenos Aires (streets, museums, fairs etc.).