

# DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

UAB - COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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UAB Department of  
World Languages and Literatures

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

### Conversation Tables

#### Chinese:

Location: virtual

Nov. 2, Nov. 16

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

#### French:

Location: UH 3007

Nov 9

Time: 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

#### Japanese:

Location: UH 3007

Nov. 1, 1:00-1:45 pm

Nov. 30, 5:00-5:45 pm

#### Spanish:

Location: UH 3007

Nov. 4 and Dec. 2

Time: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Click below for more details!



## Thanks for joining us for the Open House!

On Wednesday, October 26, the Department of World Languages and Literatures hosted an Open House. Students learned about all the languages offered, organizations, study abroad opportunities and programs, while connecting with other students from the department and meeting professors.



# Open House

Here are some highlights!

Dr. Takamiya represented the Japanese Culture Club, major, and upcoming study abroad program! Yi Liu helped her make paper cranes.



Professor Ma and her students from the Chinese Society Club spoke with students about the many upcoming opportunities and events!

Brittney Xu, Kristy Xie, Yi Liu, Professor Ma, Amy Lin, and Timmy Weng

# Open House

Professor Clinkscales, Professor Reynolds, Norma Angelica De Aguinaga García, and Yeny García represented the Club de Español and Palomitas Film Club.



Palomitas Film Club President Lydia Walker promoted the several movies that are featured this semester.

Nadia Spann and Priya Chennupati with Language Without Borders shared about service opportunities for the community.



# Coffee Fridays

Students have been enjoying coffee Fridays! As part of the Wellness Initiative at UAB, the DWLL hosts a coffee and cookie hour every Friday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm in UH 3105! This is a great opportunity to connect with other students in the department, chat with your professors, and meet some new faces!



## Become a minor or major!

The Department of World Languages and Literatures offers students many opportunities and tracks to fit their interests! Majors include French, Japanese, Spanish and Applied Professional Spanish. Minor concentrations include Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Spanish, and Spanish for Business. If you are looking to minor in a language, what are you waiting for? Minors in any language consist of 12 hours from 200-level or higher courses. Stand out among the rest and minor in a language today!

Find out more:



# **Study Abroad This Summer!**

## **Japan**

There are two exciting study abroad opportunities to Japan!

One is a two-week summer program in July 2023, and the other is a semester-long signature program in Fall 2023.



Explore the capital of Japan, Tokyo and the suburbs, Hiroshima, and Kyoto region. Tokyo offers tradition and innovation, and unlimited opportunities to eat, shop and explore. Hiroshima offers a unique perspective on peace through history. Kyoto is the former capital city of Japan and world-famous for its refined culture, dining, and charm of rural Japan. Osaka is a charming, relaxed city best known for its food, fun and nightlife—with some history and culture peeking through.

If you are interested, come to one of the information sessions below. You can also email Dr. Takamiya at [takamiya@uab.edu](mailto:takamiya@uab.edu) or click here to find out more: [→](#)

### **IN-PERSON INFORMATION SESSION II**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH,  
2022, 12:15 – 1:15 PM  
UNIVERSITY HALL 3007**

### **VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST,  
2022, 5:15 – 6:15 PM**

# **Study Abroad This Summer!**

## **Spain**

Have you ever wanted to travel to Spain? Here is your chance! Read below about this unforgettable experience hiking the Spanish Camino in June 2023.



Our pilgrimage starts in A Coruna, Spain and leads to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, purportedly the burial site of Christ's apostle Saint James the Greater. Participants will travel for cultural purposes along the Camino Inglés, named for the English pilgrims who historically traveled this route. We join the roughly 250,000 people of all beliefs, backgrounds, and nationalities who journey each year along this UNESCO World Heritage site.

If you are interested, you can scan the QR code to find out more.



You can also email Dr. Moore at  
[jkmoore@uab.edu](mailto:jkmoore@uab.edu)

# Alumni Spotlight

## BRITTLynn (HALL) MOURGUE



*Class of 2007, Spanish Major  
Associate General Counsel at  
Newfront*

As in-house counsel for a multinational company, I was able to bridge the gap between English-speaking U.S. corporate headquarters and Spanish-speaking local affiliates, reverting to Spanish to conduct internal investigations, review contracts, and even deliver training to colleagues in Latin America.

In my pro bono work, it enabled me to provide more meaningful representation to Spanish speakers fleeing persecution and seeking asylum in the U.S.

"Having a degree in Spanish has opened many doors for me."

# Alumni Spotlight

## MICHAEL HO

*Class of 2021, French Major, Neuroscience Major  
Post-Bacc PROMoTE Research Fellow at UAB*



I have been taking part in an NIH-funded research fellowship in the Division of Nephrology at UAB where I have been investigating the impacts of sickle cell disease on kidney nephropathy in pediatric patients at Children's Hospital of Alabama.

"Learning French and being part of the Department of World Languages and Literatures gave me the ability to graduate with two publications in a French literary journal and even receive a travel grant award to present at the Johns Hopkins Macksey Humanities Symposium in 2021."

All of these experiences and accomplishments have been brought up in my medical school interviews by interview committees as they seek to find well-rounded, humanistic candidates and I certainly could not have done it without the help of my WLL mentors and colleagues!

# Alumni Spotlight



## LARRY BACHUS

*Class of 1974, Spanish Major  
Inventor, writer, and radio broadcaster*

Larry Bachus joined us at the Inaugural Event for the 50th Anniversary Celebration and was honored for being the first Spanish major from the department.

photo with CAS Dean Dr. Kecia Thomas and WLL Chair Dr. Julian Arribas and Larry Bachus in the middle.

Larry Bachus shared that his professions “would not have happened without my second language.”

In his presentation, Larry Bachus shared his memorable experiences with Dr. Gaston Jones, how his professor inspired him, and how they maintained friendship beyond graduation. He also explained how his accomplishments in six different professions all stemmed from his learning of a second language and probably would not have happened without it. Some of his many accomplishments included his career as a bilingual radio broadcaster in El Paso, Texas, as well as his career as an inventor of an industrial tool where he was able to export and market using his knowledge of Spanish.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Chinese Events

**November 16th** – HotPot Fundraiser

**December 2nd** – How to Cook

## German Events

**November 10th at 7pm** – German Film Night, Snow White (Schneewittchen, 1961), UH 1005

## French Events

**November 1st at 5:30pm** – Jessica Oublié, join on Zoom

**November 2nd at 6:00pm** – LUPIN Netflix Teleparty

**November 17th at 11:00am** – Cheese Tasting & Painting

**November 17th at 6:00pm** – LUPIN Netflix Teleparty

**December 1st at 6:00pm** – LUPIN Netflix Teleparty

## Spanish Events

**November 10th at 6:30–8:30pm** – Palomitas Film Club, Hill Student Center – Alumni Theatre

**November 10th at 10am–12:00pm** – Chocolate & Pan Sale, UH 2nd floor lobby

**December 2nd at 7–8:00pm** – Cena Latina, Tacos Don Tacho #2  
**All WLL Students**

**November 7th at 10–10:45am** – “Gaining Global Citizenship Skills Online,” Dr. Carmen King Ramírez, UH 3007