

The NEWS Letter



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The **LETTER** from the Chair

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from all of us! It has been a while since you have received our newsletter, so we are trying our best to make this one extra special.

All of you who have been following developments in Illinois will wholeheartedly agree: these are years of trials and tribulations for our public universities. They have been hit with difficult times, and Eastern has been no different. More and more we are asked to provide the services, training and education that our students deserve and need, but with fewer and fewer resources. We have met—and are meeting—this challenge, with energy, hard work, and determination.

Taking over as Chair in Foreign Languages in July 2015 was daunting. After leading the Department for many years, French professor Stephen Canfield retired. His unparalleled passion for teaching and great wit (and his magic touch with any SmartBoard) are not forgotten. He also left behind a half-shredded necktie. I believe it was the result of bending down a little too far over the shredder one day. The tie has somehow magically reappeared, hanging casually from a coat rack in the Dean's conference room in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The moral of this story: When your tie is shredded, make it art. A good motto in these trying times? At least, it sounds as if it could be a beautiful French proverb. We miss Professor Canfield and thank him for his tireless commitment to the department.

The academic year 2015-2016 saw two more retirements: German professor Shelley French retired in December 2015, followed by French professor Kathryn Bulver in May 2016. Their professionalism and commitment to their craft are not forgotten. Anyone who has had anything to do with this department over the last 25 years knows how much we and our students owe these fine colleagues.

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For example, Kathryn's generous donation of her teaching supplies and props to our after-school program are a daily reminder of her creative spirit (rubber chicken or plastic *merde* anyone?). These days, Kathryn's gourmet vegan cupcakes and Shelley's contributions of German goodies (where does she find Marzipan in March?) are making many a mid-week lunch hour a feast. I invite you to read their retirement updates on page 12.

Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 brought bumpings, furloughs, and layoffs in an effort to “rightsize” EIU. We were not immune. Losing our office manager, Megan Przygoda, and after her, Joe McLean, was traumatic. Their love of the department, work ethic, and creative spirit left their mark. Through Megan we became expert promoters and recruiters. We have used every venue to speak with students and families about our program—from setting up a booth at every single Panther Fair during summer Freshman Debut days, to designing buttons, flyers and t-shirts, to offering parched Music Camp students ice pops bearing nifty stickers (“Studying a language is cool!”). Our efforts have paid off: in Fall 2015, we saw an 80% increase in our intermediate Spanish classes, and were able to offer a stand-alone Honors section.

We have kept this energy going, too. Visit our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#); they are brimming with events and student achievements. We frequently redecorate our classrooms and hallway to reflect and celebrate the diversity of the languages and cultures we teach. We have indeed accomplished so much, even with fewer resources. If you find yourself in Coleman Hall, check out what we did with the Eiffel Tower and Neuschwanstein shower curtains...

Homecoming Week 2015 brought us the first place prize in the EIU Decorating Contest, and our own Vanesa Landrus was crowned Faculty Homecoming Queen. We followed this, in 2016 with the second place prize in the overall contest, and the 2016 Homecoming Faculty Royal Couple again hailed from our department. Kristin Routt (Spanish) and Ryan Schroth (French) marched in the parade as Dorothy and the Wizard (and took a selfie with new EIU president David Glassman). Our “Hallway of Holiday Horrors” in November, multilingual Grinch reading in December, Mardi Gras-Karneval celebration in February, and Fiesta Latina (mentored by our Spanish faculty) in April are annual events students from across campus look forward to.

And on to some more of our triumphs....

In summer 2016, we pioneered our weeklong EIU Spanish Immersion Camp, drawing 35 students from all over Illinois. Spanish faculty Kristin Routt, Carlos Amaya, and Vanesa Landrus, with the generous and spirited help of volunteers, and our own students as camp counselors, immersed the campers in Spanish. Campers cooked, hiked, played, sang, painted, and made art—*alfombras*—in the Doudna. We look forward to running the camp again this year!

New Colleagues...

In August 2016, we welcomed Ryan Schroth as our new colleague in French. Teaching all levels of French, he has been spoiling his students (and us) with French cheese-tasting events, dinners, and film nights—and gathering an enthusiastic crowd of new majors and minors. Jason Kemp (PhD candidate, UW-Madison) is teaching Spanish 1102. Randy Krepel, Spanish teacher at Mattoon High, taught our Methods course, preparing our candidates for edTPA and student teaching.

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Study Abroad Programs...

Vanessa Landrus developed a great new summer program in Costa Rica, which will be offered for the first time this summer. Our spring break in Guatemala program (led by Kristin Routt and Carlos Amaya) is still a hit, bringing us the "Study Abroad Program of the Year" award. In May/June 2015, we ran our first faculty-led program in Germany: "History and Memory in the New Germany" (3 weeks in Berlin and Munich). Our partner schools—especially, Angers, Salamanca, and Würzburg—are drawing our students every year, for a semester or even a year abroad.

After School Program...

This program has become more popular than ever. Our advanced language students teach our after-school enrichment program to first through fourth graders at Jefferson Elementary School in Fall, and Shiloh Elementary School in Spring. Our students (while earning credits) love sharing their language with young learners who usually have to wait until high school to get their first language lesson. As a principal from one of our host schools said, it is "a win-win situation" for both partners.

Teacher Education...

All of our recent teacher education graduates have found positions. The many calls we receive during the summer—principals still looking to fill foreign language positions—are a reminder that this is a good time to enter teacher education. Over the past few years, many of EIU's outstanding Livingston Lord scholars have come from our midst. The 2016 recipient, Matthew Wilkie (Spanish), is completing his student teaching this semester.

Plans...

We will continue to advocate the clear values and diverse elements of our mission while revitalizing our program and preparing our students for success in the 21st century global society. We are currently working on specialized courses such as Spanish for the Health Profession, online offerings for Business French, and more. After a hiatus of several years, we will again offer Chinese in Fall 2017. We are also working on making EIU the site for GlobalFest 2018 (details are pending).

Support...

Please consider making a gift to the department, if you can. Your generosity will help our students achieve their goals. Every single donation is greatly appreciated and supports our hard work in making our program a stand-out program—not only at EIU but among Foreign Language programs state-wide. Without such continued support, the quality of our program and the rich experiences we are able to offer our students would not be possible. I sincerely thank all of you for your help.

To give, go to <https://www.eiu.edu/giving.php> and choose "Foreign Languages" from the dropdown menu.

Finally, please keep us updated on your life! Call or e-mail us, or stop by. We would be thrilled to post your news in our next letter, or on our Facebook page.

Warmly,

Christiane Eydt-Jeebe

The **DEPARTMENT's** Events

From Homecoming to Graduation, 2016-2017 has been an extremely active year for the Department!



Dr. Landrus won **Faculty Homecoming Queen** in 2015. Following in her tradition, Drs. Routt and Schroth won **Faculty Homecoming Queen and King** in 2016!



The 2016 Homecoming theme was the **Wizard of Oz**; Billy got a makeover as Dorothy and the language clubs marched together in the parade!



Drs. Routt and Amaya took 16 students to **Guatemala over Spring Break 2017**

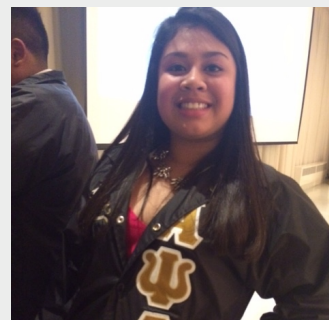


The **French & German Clubs** hosted a successful **Mardi Gras & Karneval** celebration in February!

The Latin American Student Organization, the Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, and the University Board celebrated **Día de los muertos** in October!



The Department hosted **over 100 Newton, Oakland and Kansas** high school students for **Culture Days**



The **DEPARTMENT's** Events, Cont'd.

In Spring 2016, EIU welcomed its new colony of **Alpha Psi Lambda**, the oldest co-ed, Latinx-interest fraternity in the country. Alpha Psi Lambda's members are students of all identities who advocate for Latinx issues.

The EIU chapter of **Delta Phi Alpha**, the National German Honor Society, inducted five new members: Hannah Blevins, Eeve Cunico, Alex Harper, Tanner Skym, and Hope Wollerman.

The former Language Lab is being redesigned as the "**World Language Community Center**," and will provide students, tutors and groups a fun, comfortable place to meet and socialize!

We are so happy to be able to offer the **Geraldina Ortiz-Muniz Spanish Scholarship** for the first time in Spring '17! Congrats, **Gretchen Butterfield**, for being the first recipient!

The Scholarship Committee awarded **more than \$10,000** to students exploring their passion for language and culture at EIU and in study abroad programs. **Thank you to our generous alumni and friends for your continued support!**

We will host the **2nd EIU Spanish Immersion Camp** for high school students this summer. High school teachers, check out the website for photos of last year's fun. We'd love to see some students of alumni this year again!

The EIU chapter of **Pi Delta Phi**, the National French Honor Society, inducted four new members: Jessica Bayles, Stacy (Piper) Black (Alumna), Rebecca Duke, and Alison Stangel.



In "Dackel" (Dachshund) news: **Professor Emeritus Karl Konrad** and his wife recently welcomed their new Dackel, Sparky, into their family!

The **STUDENT** Spotlight : Alison Stangel

Current German and French student majoring in Spanish, Alison Stangel, has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Fellowship!

ALISON STANGEL IS A DOUBLE MAJOR IN FOREIGN Languages (Spanish concentration), with a French minor, and in Music, with a minor in Jazz Studies. Upon graduating in December 2017, she will go to Argentina as a Fulbright Scholar and assist teaching English for 8 months. Embodying the spirit of the liberal arts, Alison was able to combine her love for music, creativity, and performance, with her linguistic and intellectual abilities here at EIU. Currently, Alison is in Dr. Eydt-Beebe's second-semester German class and Dr. Schroth's Francophone African literature course. We caught up with her to learn more about her amazing achievement...

So, how does it feel to have won a national, highly-selective award like the Fulbright? We hear you're the first EIU student to have ever won one!?

"Not technically the very first. I'm the first undergraduate, and the first to be going as an ETA (English Teaching Assistant), but I'm the second ever. The first was a grad student that went for research back in the 90s. Given that, I'm still super stoked! It hasn't entirely sunk in quite yet what this means for me. They told me in the award email that Fulbright Scholars have gone on to become presidents, CEOs, and politicians, but I don't want to be any of those; so, we'll see what this experience has in store for me!"

What does this mean for your future? After your time in Argentina, what are you hoping to do?

"After returning from Argentina, I plan to continue my studies in grad school. I've looked at a couple programs in Colorado and I plan to apply to some schools closer to home as well, but going somewhere new and exciting is the goal! I'm looking to continue studying Spanish (most likely a track related to linguistics), TESOL, or a mixture of both. Eventually, I want to teach one or more of the foreign languages I know, or teach ESL."



Alison in the Doudna. Photo taken by Dan Crews, College of Arts & Humanities Interim Director of Programming, Publicity, and Promotions

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The **STUDENT** Spotlight, Cont'd.

"When I'm reading anything in a foreign language, I find that it goes more quickly and I understand it much better if I read it out loud to myself. Something about connecting what I'm seeing to what I'm hearing makes that much of a difference."

What connections do you see between playing the flute and language learning? How has EIU, and specifically the Department of Foreign Languages, fostered this combination?

"The main connection I've found is auditory learning. Music is (evidently) dependent on this type of learning, and I find that foreign language circles around it as well. For example, when I'm reading anything in a foreign language, I always find that it goes more quickly and I understand it much better if I read it out loud to myself. Something about connecting what I'm seeing to what I'm hearing makes that much of a difference. Similarly, when I'm reading music and playing my flute, there is a direct connection between what I'm seeing and what my brain has to hear before the note actually sounds. This is something I've heard in my music classes ever since I can remember: 'Hear the pitch before you play it!' There is definitely a connection there..."

Until this school year, I never heard a foreign language faculty member directly talk about this connection I just explained, but there have been references that helped support my theory. In my advanced Spanish grammar class with Dr. Jacobsen, she explained to us about why certain conjugations of a verb keep the accent but others don't. She said that the goal is for the conjugated verb to still sound like the infinitive, and this was something that really resonated with me. This year, Dr. Eydt-Beebe has further solidified my theory. She conducts 'interviews' for the mid-term and final, and every time I've gone for mine, she has mentioned how 'It's always the music majors' in her classes whose pronunciation is the best. This is something that has always intrigued me and that I've considered using as a topic for a future thesis or dissertation."

What kind of advice would you give to a student just starting to study a language at EIU?

"Ask the members of the foreign language faculty early on about the different opportunities on campus to practice your foreign language or expand your cultural knowledge! I didn't find out Amigos & Friends existed until the fall of my junior year, and I wish I had known sooner. Just this past weekend, I found out that the Office of International Students has a program called 'Conversational Partners,' in which an American EIU student partners up with an international student and helps them assimilate by meeting up once a week and doing various activities. This is something I'm definitely going to look into for my last semester on campus!"

We're so proud of your achievements and we are going to miss you! Will you come back to visit us?!

"Absolutely!!! I'm going to miss everything about EIU, especially all the faculty who so willingly go above and beyond to help their students!"

-Ryan Schroth, with Alison Stangel

The **NEW** Faculty : Dr. Ryan Schroth

In 2016-2017, the Department of Foreign Languages welcomed Dr. Ryan Schroth, Instructor of French



DR. SCHROTH RECEIVED HIS PHD FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF Wisconsin-Madison in May 2016, and joined the faculty at EIU shortly thereafter, in August. Originally from Northwest Ohio, he received his BS in French Education and his MA in French from Bowling Green State University, a regional comprehensive university much like EIU. He and his partner (of nine years) married just before moving to Charleston. We caught up with Dr. Schroth to see how they are settling in at Eastern...

So, tell us how you and your family have been fitting in to life in Charleston.

"Overall, everyone has been so warm and welcoming here and we're really happy! I remember asking Jason [his husband] 'What have we done!?' when we first moved here, but it has certainly worked out. We've been to Lake Charleston and Champaign a couple of times, so we're getting to see the area. We want to take a trip soon to St. Louis; it's so close! There's also some great French colonial history in that area, like Fort de Chartres, in Illinois, and Ste. Geneviève, just across the Mississippi river in Missouri. Oh, and for the rest of the family, our cats, Boston and Lola, they are loving the upgrade from apartment to house!"

You are very involved in student life here at EIU. Can you tell us about what you are doing?

"Absolutely! I'm really excited about the plans we have in store for next year. First of all, as a sort of service to the community, we are going to offer *La Petite École* ("The little school"). For a month in the Fall and Spring, advanced French students will teach French to kids in the community. From my perspective as a newcomer at EIU, it feels like the university and the community are very separated, so we're hoping that *La Petite École* can do a small part in bringing them together. Also, I am planning a faculty-led study abroad trip to Québec City during Spring Break next year! We certainly won't have sandy beaches and palm trees, but we are going to go snow rafting and visit the Ice Hotel! Students will stay with québécois host families and take intensive French courses in the morning. We are also currently applying for a grant from the French government that provides French films to American universities. We're hoping to have a love-themed French film festival in February. What goes better together than love and the French language!?"

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The **NEW** Faculty, Cont'd.

"I believe all texts—and I understand that term in a broad sense—have something to teach us about French and francophone cultures; we just have to hone our skills in 'reading' the text."

How would you describe your teaching style?

"My training at UW-Madison was in the communicative style of language teaching and learning. That means that I focus on communication in the classroom; at the lower levels, students learn how to say simple things about themselves, and at the more advanced levels, students start to construct opinions, ideas, and arguments from cultural artifacts, which can be anything from a film to a novel, a poster to an interview. I believe all texts—and I understand that term in a broad sense—have something to teach us about French and francophone cultures; we just have to hone our skills in 'reading' the text.

Do you have any advice about studying French for first-generation college students like yourself?

"I think that as a first-generation college student you can feel really isolated or that you 'don't belong here at the university,' when nothing could be further from the truth! First-generation students especially have to find something to sustain their interest, to motivate them. Whether it's fair or not, they have to sometimes be more proactive about their studying, about talking to their professors, and about taking ownership over their own learning. Sometimes just connecting with other first-gen students and faculty is really helpful; it goes a long way to combat that isolation. In that vein, I'm hoping to volunteer more time next year with MEI's First-Gen Friends and Family, a program dedicated to helping these students succeed."

And, just for fun, what is your favorite French or francophone-world food?

"Oh my goodness! It's so hard to say just one thing. In France, there's this small bakery/sandwich shop in Paris that makes the freshest, simplest sandwiches I've ever had, with bread baked that morning; it's always the first place I go [Le Fournil, 62 Rue Monsieur le Prince]. In Burkina Faso, I loved the fresh fruit, mangoes and bananas, literally picked that morning! In North Africa, the mint tea is so good... and addictive. In Québec, it would have to be poutine, French fries with gravy and cheese curds. As a student said recently, 'Why don't we have that here!?'"

-Kristin Routt, with Ryan Schroth

Other **NEW** Faces

The Department of Foreign Languages was happy to also welcome adjunct instructors **Jason Kemp**, a Ph.D. candidate in Curriculum & Instruction at UW-Madison, and **Randy Krepel**, a Spanish teacher at Mattoon High School. Randy taught, in Fall 2016, the Department's Foreign Language Teaching Methods course, and Jason taught Spanish 1102 in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.

The **ALUMNI** Updates

We have the best alumni, and they're all around the world... See what they're up to!

Hannah Gay, '16

Hannah graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor's in English (French minor). Currently, she is serving in the Peace Corps in Torono, Uganda. You can follow her adventures here: kikatihannah.wordpress.com.

Daniel Guerrero, '16

Daniel graduated in May 2016, majoring in Spanish and minoring in Latin American Studies and Pre-Law Studies. In the Fall, he will begin his law degree at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Jocelyn Swanson, '15

Jocelyn graduated from EIU in 2015 with a Bachelor's in Foreign Languages, concentration Spanish. Currently, she is in her second year of a Master of Arts program in Hispanic Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a minor in education. She will present her current research at the Kentucky Foreign Language conference in April and at the SCENARIO Forum conference in Cork, Ireland, in May.

Kristen Webber, '15

After Kristen graduated from EIU in the spring of 2015, she attended UMass Amherst for a French Masters in Teaching and taught first-year French courses. This year (and next!), she is teaching first through third year university students in English oral comprehension, grammar, and phonetics courses at the Université de Toulouse-Jean Jaurès (or Le Mirail). She says she has been exponentially lucky for all the opportunities she has received and she looks forward to what the future brings!

Sarah Wojda, '15

Sarah graduated in May 2015 with a degree in French with a Teaching Certification. Her studies of French have taken her to the Loir-et-Cher department in central France, surrounded by the beautiful Loire river and chateaus. Currently, she is an English Teaching Assistant with the French Ministry of Education. She teaches students from ages 3-12 years old. She says, "This experience has not only helped me grow professionally, but personally as well!"

Stacy (Piper) Black, '13

Stacy graduated from EIU in December of 2013 with Bachelor's degrees in French and journalism as well as a minor in entrepreneurship. She then completed her MA in French from the University of Maine in 2016 and is now working toward her doctorate at Louisiana State University, where her academic interests include 19th century and comparative literatures.

Alisha Fazio-Stevens, '13

Alisha graduated from EIU in 2013 with a Bachelor's degree in Foreign Languages, concentration French. Before relocating to L.A., Alisha taught English in Chongqing, China for a year.

Three **GERMAN** Weddings

Three recent German alums got married in 2016: **Emily (Pedziwiatr) Johnson, '14**, who is currently a German teacher at Lincoln-Way East High School; **Maria (Kuhn) Pharr, '14**, who lives and works in Chicago; and, **Jerrod Woodruff, '06**, who works for imc Meßsysteme in Germany. Jerrod met his wife Christine Fischer during his post-bac work at EIU! Congrats, or Glückwunsch, to all!

The **ALUMNI** Updates, cont'd.

Do YOU have an update for us? Find us on Facebook and we'll publish it in the next newsletter!

Cindi Lewis (Campos), '13

Cindi currently lives in Dearborn, MI with her husband Jon and their new puppy, Beau. Cindi studied Special Education with a dual certification in Secondary Education Spanish; she graduated in 2013. After graduation, she worked as a Spanish teacher at Chrisman High School in Illinois. Currently, she teaches Spanish 3 and AP Spanish at Taylor Preparatory High School in Michigan, where she co-leads the Spanish Club. This summer, she will travel with some of her students to Costa Rica. Cindi is also the Curriculum Lead for PrepNet Schools and she serves as a mentor for newer teachers. She is working towards of Master of Arts in the teaching of foreign languages through the University of Southern Mississippi; she will graduate in the fall. Cindi says she hopes to teach at the university level, even if it is part-time.

Cameron Murray, '13

Cameron, or "Juan" as he was known in his Spanish classes, graduated in 2014 with a minor in Spanish. He started his career in a major insurance company, where he was one of four representatives in his region using Spanish on a regular basis to assist with Spanish-speaking only clients. At the end of 2014, he got married and moved to Colorado, where he supplemented his income tutoring and giving private Spanish lessons. In June 2016, Juan and his wife welcomed their first baby, Jude, and moved back to the St. Louis area to be closer to family. Juan has kept some of his students from back west by giving classes using FaceTime. So what does Juan say about speaking Spanish to his son at home? "I found that at first, it was completely unnatural to speak to him in another language that was not my own; it felt silly and almost awkward. We all have that baby voice that is high-pitched but when we do that in another language not native to us, it comes off as kind of odd! I've found that as time goes on, it becomes more and more natural and 'second nature' for me to speak to him in Spanish. I would say that I communicate most everything I say to him first in Spanish, and then in English with the hope that in time, there will be the learned association between the two phrases."

Gerald Cotiangco, '11

Gerald Cotiangco studied Spanish and French at EIU and graduated in May 2011 with a BA in Foreign Languages. After graduation, Gerald moved to Gwangju, South Korea, to teach English conversation to 150 children at a language academy and learn Korean. When his one-year teaching contract expired, he moved to New York City with EIU alumnus Angela Pham and got his first job in nonprofit development at a NYC-based grassroots organization called Asian Americans for Equality, where he helped provide social services to various immigrant communities, including educating New Yorkers on the Affordable Care Act and understanding and navigating healthcare. Now Gerald works at Columbia University and counsels hundreds of graduate students on professional development and connects them to careers in finance, tech, and consulting. He is currently applying to an MA program at Columbia in Adult Learning and Leadership and hopes to design learning programs and environments for the public and nonprofit sector to drive change for social good.



The RETIREMENTS

Dr. Kathryn Bulver

In May 2016, Dr. Kathryn Bulver, professor of French, retired. Here's how she's been keeping busy: "It's hard to believe that it's been almost a year since I retired. Though I sometimes miss my former students, I've been enjoying having my alarm clock off most days, and having a to-do list that is less time-sensitive. I've been taking a few classes as a student—a ceramics class, some online vegan cooking classes (including a vegan desserts class)—and volunteering as a mentor for Challenge 22+, a group that guides mentees through 22 days of vegan living (check us out on Facebook!). I'm currently still living in Charleston, having my house refurbished and purging decades worth of 'stuff' in preparation for a possible move eventually. You'll find me at Java in the Union most Tuesdays at noon, chatting it up in French with a long-time group of French-speaking friends. Stop by and say 'bonjour!'"



Dr. Shelley French

Dr. French, professor of German, retired in December 2015. Here's her update on what she's been doing: "I am spending much quality time with my dogs wandering in the woods, fields and creek. We chase squirrels, dig for moles and roll in anything that smells really bad. When I need a change from a dog's life, I do some volunteer work. I bike and, when the weather is warmer, kayak and occasionally sail. I also enjoy watching German news and attending French Table. Ça, c'est si bon!"

Dr. Stephen Canfield

In May 2015, we celebrated the retirement of French professor and former Chair of the Department, Dr. Stephen Canfield. He came to Eastern with a PhD from the University of Illinois. He served as department chair for many years until his retirement in 2015. Students and faculty alike miss Dr. Canfield's kind manner, earnest encouragement, human authenticity, and shirt ties from the 1980's. Dr. Canfield has confidently passed along his chairmanship to Dr. Christiane Eydt-Beebe, who carries on the department tradition of collegiality and hard work. Thank you, Dr. Canfield, for your many years of exemplary service!

-Kristin Routt

In **MEMORIAM**

The Department of Foreign Languages mourns the loss of their beloved colleague **Richard Kent Crome**, who passed away Sunday, March 19, 2017 at age 76. Richard taught all levels of Spanish at Eastern from 1987-2011. He shared his love of Spanish and Latin American language and culture with everyone, from participants in his Amish reading group in Arthur, to his interns from Mexico and Colombia, to his undergraduate students here at Eastern. His generosity of spirit, open heart, love of life and dedication to enriching the lives of others are his most enduring legacy.

-Shelley French & Kristin Routt

Please consider **GIVING** to the Department

With the current state budget impasse, Foreign Language faculty are working extra hard with greatly reduced resources. Your tax-deductible gift could help us refurbish the Language Lab (soon to be the "World Language Community Lounge"), provide a scholarship to a low-income family for Spanish Summer Camp or La Petite École, or go toward one of our many scholarships for our majors and minors. To give, go to <https://www.eiu.edu/giving.php>. Then, select "Foreign Languages" from the dropdown menu. We truly appreciate any gift you can make!



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