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Dural Memorial Ceremony

On Thursday, August 22, faculty and staff in the college and members of the Dural family gathered to dedicate the memorial sculpture for Carolyn Dural, who was the Assistant Dean of the college. Professor of History Jordan Kellman delivered remarks about Ms. Dural and her great impact on the college.

ARCHAEOLOGY CAREER TRAINING
Undergraduate Student Research Assistants Needed

Louisiana Public Archaeology Lab
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

- Research assistant positions available for undergraduate students majoring in Anthropology.
- Research assistants are paid \$15.00 per hour. Transportation is provided from UL Lafayette.
- Opportunities for employment during the Fall semester, on weekends, and Fall break.
- Hotel lodging is provided for all overnight, out-of-town travel.
- No prior archaeological experience needed, but must be willing to learn by doing fieldwork.

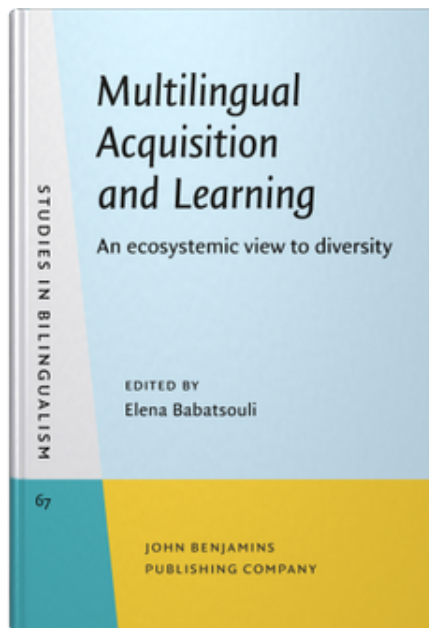
Email rees@louisiana.edu for more information or to apply.

Career Opportunities!

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UL offers ASL and Deaf Studies as a Minor for the first time

This fall, the university introduced a minor in American Sign Language into the curriculum



New Book Lookout!

Elena Babatsouli, an associate professor and editor, announces her book, [2024 Multilingual Acquisition and Learning: An Ecosystemic View to Diversity.](#)

Babatsouli's research interests include Cross-linguistic Child Language Acquisition, Monolingualism, Bilingualism, SSDs, Louisiana Minority Languages, SLA, Phonetics/Phonology, Morphology, Clinical Linguistics, Psycholinguistics, and Measures

UL Faculty and Graduate Students receive numerous Sustainable Development Grants

Sustainable Development Grants: Faculty

Liz Skilton

Associate Director of Research, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center & Associate Professor of History, College of Liberal Arts: *Elevating Coastal Community Solutions: Southwest Louisiana Nonstructural Modification Projects & Their Impact on Communities*

Lauren Auverset van Gerwen

Assistant Professor of Communications, College of Liberal Arts: *Enhancing Neurodiverse Student Retention and Success Through Belonging, Inclusiveness & Self-Determination*

Virgile Beddok

Associate Professor of English, College of Liberal Arts: *Settling St. Malo - The Movie*

Nathan Rabalais

Associate Professor of Modern Languages, College of Liberal Arts: *Cultiver Notre Jardin: Rethinking 'Traditional' Cajun and Creole Foodways*

Clancy Ratliff

Professor of English, College of Liberal Arts: *Saving Species, Saving the Climate: Poetic Inquiry and Environmental Advocacy Rhetoric*

Maria Seger

Associate Professor of English, College of Liberal Arts: *Black Criminalization & Carceral Labor in the New South*

Meng Ru Shih

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, College of Liberal Arts: *The Impact of Witnessing Street Violence on Immigrant Youth: The Issue of Inequality Among Immigrants*

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Sustainable Development Grants: Graduate Students

Abdullah Al-Musayeb

Master, English, College of Liberal Arts: *The Loss of Land, and Biodiversity in Louisiana's Chitimacha Landscape: An Eco-critical Analysis of Stouff's Losing Home: A Native Waters Compendium* (Laurel Ryan, faculty reference)

Wilbur Bennett

PhD, Applied Language Speech Sciences, College of Liberal Arts: *Maintaining Our Voices: Collaborative Preservation of Cajun and Creole Dialects for Individuals with Neurodegenerative Diseases* (Christine Weill, faculty reference)

Nicole Pyke

Master, Psychology, College of Liberal Arts: *Sober and Serene: The Mediating Role of Psychological Flexibility in the Relationship Between Substance Use Recovery and Posttraumatic Growth* (Emily Sandoz, faculty reference)

Gabrielle Hoffpaur-Rosatto: Creative Writing major, College of Liberal Arts
Zeta McCaskill: Journalism major, College of Liberal Arts
Kaori Rodney: History major, College of Liberal Arts

Southwest Louisiana LGBTQ+ Archive at the Guilbeau Center (Marissa Petrou, faculty reference)



Debate Kickstarts Its Season!

the UL Speech and Debate team gets ready to start traveling for its 123rd season. Last year, they traveled across the U.S. competing in places like San Antonio and Austin Texas, Eau Claire Wisconsin, and across the Atlantic Ocean in Dublin Ireland. Email Masey Hammons for more information!

Tribute to Dr. Chris Healy

Chris Healy was a beloved professor who greatly impacted the University's College of Liberal Arts. Teaching English for more than twenty years until his retirement last year, his passions extended beyond the classroom.



He received his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University in 2002, specializing in Middle English literature, textual scholarship, and linguistics. His dissertation, "The 'Minor' Poet and the Major Editor: A Case Study in Canon Construction," examined the fifteenth-century poet Thomas Hoccleve's status outside the canon and how the textual tradition of his works affected the poet's reputation.

His academic feats were many, ranging from examining autobiographical material in Hoccleve's poetry to contributing to the *Chaucer Encyclopedia*. However, his passion for teaching was evident in the time he spent in the classroom with his students, mentoring the next generation of scholars.

The University, the College of Liberal Arts, and the students deeply miss his presence on campus. He passed away on August 21st, 2024.

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