

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dean Timothy S. Johnson

Our mission of ensuring that our students are prepared to live well and succeed in a tightly networked world continues to progress, in spite of the challenges the pandemic brings. The fall semester started remotely, and many students returned to campus on September 14. Of course, study abroad programming – such an important feature of our curriculum – was suspended this summer and this semester. Since travel is restricted, we have begun enriching our courses here with global connections.

What we're calling "Globally Connected" courses emphasize experiential international learning through virtual exchanges and shared peer-to-peer projects. This all transpires via digital means with students and international partners from around the world. Last year LCWA piloted four such courses and this year we are offering over 10. For example, our beginning Arabic students are sharing course time online with Arabic students at the American University of Cairo.

This is only one of the many international opportunities our students enjoy. I invite you to visit our website and plan to attend "on screen" presentations by our distinguished guests. Ambassador and Associate Dean Jim Melville has a full schedule ready to go. And, of course, this all is possible because of your faithful and consistent support through all times and circumstances.



### NEW FACULTY

The [Department of French, Francophone and Italian Studies](#) welcomes **Dr. Katherine Hargrave** as a French instructor and the Director of the Foreign Language Tutoring Lab. Her Ph.D. is from Pennsylvania State University and the title of her dissertation is "Lyric Tragedy and Libretto Print Culture in Early Modern France."

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Erin Carlson

An M.Ed. in Languages graduate, **Erin Carlson**, won the South Carolina Foreign Language Teachers Association award for Teacher of the Year!

Among her notable achievements, Erin took three of her undergraduates to present their research on constructing their Spanish-speaking identities through multiliteracies practices.

She is currently working on completing her Ph.D. in literacy, education and language at the University of South Carolina. Our school is tremendously proud of her achievements and pleased to have her as one of our distinguished alumni. Congratulations Erin!

### AN IMPACTFUL COURSE.....FREN 490

In FREN 490, students use linguistic analysis to sharpen their proficiency in French and develop a nuanced understanding and respect for French and Francophone cultural perspectives. The course includes online collaborations wherein students have the opportunity to learn from peers and scholars at the [Center for Applied Linguistics](#) (CLA)

in Besançon, France. Guest speakers from CLA visit the class virtually to present topics including prosody, non-verbal communication, etymology, double entendre and French slang. CofC and CLA students also have regular virtual chats that reinforce learning. [Find out more about this inspiring course here.](#)

### HISPANIC STUDIES NEWS

The Department of Hispanic Studies is proud to present [Vol. 5 of Hispanic Studies Review](#). *Hispanic Studies Review* is a refereed international academic journal.



### COVID-19 STUDY IN SIERRA LEONE!

With the assistance from students in the International Studies Program, **Dr. Kristen McLean** launched a new research project to understand how communities in Sierra Leone are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in light of past experiences with the West African Ebola epidemic. [Learn more here.](#)

### COMMUNITY IMPACT

**Dr. Blake Scott**, from the [International Studies Program](#), partnered with crew from the *Spirit of South Carolina* to produce [a short film about the experience of sailing](#). Early last spring, as part of the LCWA World Affairs Signature Series, "Sea Life," Blake also coordinated an oral history booth and educational talk aboard the ship.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FALL SEMESTER:

College Reads Lecture  
– October 22

Last day of in-person courses  
– November 24

Thanksgiving Break  
– November 25-29

Final Exams  
– December 8-14

## Declare Your Impact

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