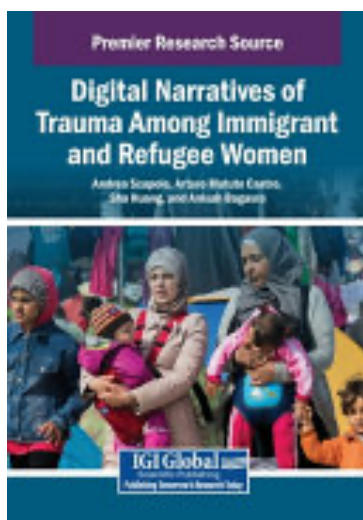




WLC Weekly Message – August 18th, 2025

WLC wishes everyone a successful first week of classes!

WLC Successes



Anisah Bagasra (KSU Dept. of Psychological Sciences), **Sha Huang**, **Arturo Matute Castro**, and **Andrea Scapolo** had a new book published: *Digital Narratives of Trauma Among Immigrant and Refugee Women*

https://books.google.com/books/about/Digital_Narratives_of_Trauma_Among_Immig.html?id=LdJN0QEACAAJ

Noah McLaughlin has been selected by the Radow College to lead an interactive, in-person workshop during the upcoming academic year, following outstanding feedback from his RCHSS Student Success Summit presentation in May. This one-hour session will bring his ideas to a wider audience, engaging Radow College faculty around the key themes he explored, with a focus on practical strategies and implementation. In appreciation of his time and expertise, Noah will receive **\$500 in additional departmental funds**, which can be used for travel or other professional development activities during this academic year.

Jee Hye Park had a new article published: Park, J.H., Tinker Sachs, G., & Jang, G. (2025). Untold messages and ideologies: A critical visual analysis of South Korean 6th grade EFL textbook. *Asian Englishes*, 1–20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13488678.2025.2537537>

Zaya Rustámova had a **new book chapter published**: “Imperfect Symbiosis: Memory and Family Affairs in *Sunday’s Illness*.” *Iberia and Beyond: Challenges and Perspectives*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2025. <https://www.cambridgescholars.com/product/978-1-0364-5291-9/>.

Andrea Scapolo and Meredith White each had **new scholarly publications** in *The Handbook of Research in World Language Instruction*, a handbook designed for teacher education programs. Andrea contributed sample lesson plans and activities (credited) to the chapter “Making Invisible LGBTQIA+ Students Visible in World Language Curricula,” while Meredith co-authored the chapter “Supporting Neurodiverse Students in the Secondary World Language Classroom”: <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/edit/10.4324/9781003409182/handbook-research-world-language-instruction-victoria-russell-kathryn-murphy-judy-francis-john-troyan-aleidine-moeller-krishauna-hines-gaither>

Alan Watts has been **selected to represent RCHSS at the Owl for a Day KSU event**, where he will lead a sample class in *World Languages and Cultures* for approximately 300 prospective students and their families. This event, designed to showcase our disciplines and teaching skills, will take place on Friday, September 26, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in SO 2034.

Congratulations to our new colleague **Yinghua Yang** on receiving her **Ph.D. from the University of Rochester** in summer 2025. Yinghua has now been re-coded at KSU as PT Assistant Professor of Chinese. Congrats from us all, Dr. Yang!

We want to celebrate you! Please send your successes to Federica, Nina, and Noah for inclusion in our website and weekly message

Thank You

Monday, August 18 we **welcome back Athena Salcedo**. Her shifts for fall semester are MW: 8:00am-12:00pm; T: 1:00pm-5:00pm; R: 12:00pm-5:00pm. We will be welcoming **Tyler Kiser** shortly. He is currently a sophomore studying Computer Engineering. His shifts will be T/R: 8:00am-11:30am; F: 8:00am-5:00pm. As noted, we will not have a student assistant on MW afternoons. Gratitude to **Nina Burnette** for her exceptional work in hiring and training our front-desk student assistants.

Immense gratitude to all those colleagues who have been available and supportive for late changes to their teaching schedules due to a series of emergencies: **Jenny Bristini, Neysa Figueroa, Lesley Gabel, Lee Jackson, Sangeun Lee, Meredith White, and Yanhua Zhou**. Each of these colleagues accepted new sections, changed their teaching time, adjusted to shells that had been prepared by other instructors, and in some cases unexpectedly changed teaching area (ASIA to KOR, PORT to SPAN, and WLED to SPAN). Thanks to them, all of our sections are staffed this semester. Colleagues, your patience and understanding are much appreciated, and our students are fortunate to have you.

Much gratitude to **Kristen Elley and Alan Watts** for the **support they have been providing to their new colleagues in Spanish**, including d2l and Connect set-ups and access, help with

course materials, and everything that is needed for a successful start of classes. Alan and Kristen, you are seen and appreciated.

To-Do Items

Please hang in there and **enjoy the chaos and excitement of our first week of classes!** For all our new colleagues, things will begin to settle after this week. We are here to help: please reach out to your program coordinator or director with any questions about classes, textbooks, D2L, etc.; contact Federica for department-wide matters; and connect with KSU UITS for technology-related issues. Nina and Marsha are also happy to support, as are all your WLC colleagues, regardless of discipline or field.

Full-time faculty should **submit their conference information to Federica and Marsha as soon as possible** and, once approved, **enter it into Concur before September 15** to ensure travel funds are encumbered. As shared at the retreat, tenure-track faculty are allotted \$1,400 for travel for the AY (please use R02030 for research trips and conferences), and non-tenure-track faculty are allotted \$700 for the AY (always use 02030). Each full-time faculty member also receives \$130 for membership or registration, bringing the total annual allotment to \$1,530 for TT and \$830 for non-TT faculty. Additional funding opportunities will be shared as they become available.

Opportunities

The Office of Research is pleased to announce the development of a new regional **Research Showcase, "The World of Tomorrow"**, scheduled for **March 31–April 1, 2026**. This event will feature: Optional **workshops** (e.g. Entrepreneurship, AI etc); Interactive **research zones** (e.g., Health Pavilion, Technology Center); An **industry collaboration zone** designed to foster external engagement. **Location:** The new iSTEM Building and the Student Center, Marietta Campus. We kindly ask that you encourage faculty members to submit proposals for interactive displays, or workshop sessions. Submissions may be made [through this form](#). **Deadline for submissions: October 1, 2025**

Upcoming WLC Events

WLC DEPARTMENT



Don't miss this opportunity to learn about micro-credentials, how to talk to students about them, how to maximize their use!

MICRO-CREDENTIALS WORKSHOP

Thursday
28
August 2025

12:30 -1:30 pm

in

ALC 2104

Partnership Seminar for KSU Asian Studies Internship

Organized by Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia (JCCG)

Asian Studies Program, RCHSS, Kennesaw State University (KSU)

11:00am to 12:45pm, Thursday Oct. 23, 2025

Social Sciences Building SO-1019, Kennesaw Campus

10:45am-11:00am: For employers: Arrival, park and walk to Social Sciences (SO) building, next to West Deck; KSU Asian studies students will escort distinguished guests.

KSU West Parking Deck: 3510 Campus Loop Rd, Kennesaw GA 30144 (Next to SO building)

11:00 am-11:30 am: Introductions & Speeches

Moderators:

- **May Gao**, SAUPO Chair, KSU ASIA3398 Asian Studies Internship Instructor
- **Takako Fujiwara**, President, ONEPOWER Consulting

Speakers:

- **Michael Chen**, Associate Dean, Radlow College of Humanities & Social Sciences, KSU
- **Takanori Tsuji (CEO)**, or **Tetsuya Kawase (CFO)**, Maintech Corporation
- **Yoshi Domoto**, Japan-America Society of Georgia
- **Masae Okura**, Partner, Taylor English and Duma (possibly via Zoom)

11:30 am-11:45 am: Selected KSU Students Talking about their Internship Experiences

Candidates: Nicholas "Nici" Castel, Tiyaya Fredrick, Justin Chua, Monica Lucas, Cate Petteway, Ana Hernandez

11:45 am-12:15 pm: Audience Q&A

12:15 pm-12:45 pm: KSU students networking with the employers

1:00pm-2:00pm: Employers to enjoy lunch at KSU Commons

Other Events



**Mobility
for Everyone**

MOVE Regional Research Symposium
September 19, 2025 | 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
KSU Prillaman Hall

Explore cutting-edge innovation in **rehabilitation robotics**,
neural interfaces, **mobility science**, and **digital health**.

- Plenary Talk by Dr. Elliott Rouse
- Research Pitch Presentations
- Panel Discussion with Elliott Rouse, Aaron Young, Greg Sawicki, Mark Geil, and Erkan Kaplanoglu
- Keynote by Dr. Gil Weinberg
- Special Session by MathWorks
- Demo Session by Movella and MathWorks
- Workshops by MathWorks and Movella
- KSU Lab Tours

Register before Monday, September 8

 **KENNESAW STATE
UNIVERSITY**
Kennesaw, Georgia

 **MathWorks**

Reminders

UPCOMING—EARLIEST TO LATEST

For FT faculty, please complete the KSU Search Training below, which will allow you to serve on KSU search committees. A recent USG policy change requires all hiring managers and members of a search committee to undergo search committee training prior to beginning work on a search. The USG's HRAP Policy "General Criteria for Employment" states that anyone responsible for recruiting and hiring faculty and staff need to be trained upon hire and annually thereafter regarding recruitment processes and procedures. In addition, the policy states that "employees serving on a selection committee(s) must participate in recruitment

training prior to serving on the committee(s) unless they have completed recruitment training in the previous twelve months.” KSU has developed Search training and held several sessions last fall and earlier this semester. The training has been recorded and is [available on OwlTrain](#).

GENERAL REMINDERS

Please send CFC agenda items to our CFC Interim Representative **Lee Jackson** (serving through December '25) and Faculty Senate items and queries to our Faculty Senator **Thierry Léger**. DFC agenda items should go to DFC Chair **Andrea Scapolo** or to any of the AY 2025/26 WLC DFC members.

For anyone administering Internships in WLC, **all RCHSS internships (course 3398) must be submitted through the Handshake system**. Our department consistently offers a substantial number of internships, and your work is central to that success. I truly appreciate your time and attention to this update as you support students in planning their semester.

In case of illness or emergencies that result in needing to **cancel class, faculty members should contact their Coordinator and copy Marsha, Federica, and Nina. The faculty member should also notify students via d2l and/or email**; if the faculty member is unable to do so, an email will be sent to students from the Department. In addition to reporting absences to their department, faculty members are required to report sick time in OneUSG Connect for any missed classes (unless they are engaging in other professional activities such as attending a conference) and contact HR if they cannot meet their professional obligations for more than five days (see KSU Faculty Handbook).

Incompletes (I grades) Radow College has an Incomplete Grade Agreement form that must be completed by the student and the instructor when a grade of I (incomplete) is awarded. The completed form must be submitted to the Department Chair/School Director. The form can be found at: https://radow.kennesaw.edu/resources/docs/Incomplete_Grade_Agreement.pdf

For all faculty who anticipate applying for any **extramural funding** opportunities, please indicate so to the Office of Research by **completing an “Intent to Submit” form** at the link below. This is not a commitment to apply; submitting the form will get into the system. The Office of Research recommends submitting this form **no later than 30 days prior to a submission deadline**: <https://www.kennesaw.edu/research/resources/sponsored-programs-administration/pre-award-submission-planning/communicate-intent-apply.php>

Classrooms are now assigned directly by the system and Departments no longer have pre-assigned spaces. Because of this, Marsha and Nina are unable to accommodate requests for different classrooms. We want to be mindful of different abilities and the Registrar’s Office now has a special note to be added for these cases. Other than that, please do not send in requests for switching classrooms to Marsha or Nina as the Registrar’s Office is no longer accepting these.

For all faculty, note that, due to increased requests for event promotions and a limited staff, the WLRC can create only 1 flyer design for each event. Also, a kind reminder that **the WLRC**

needs at least 5 business days to prepare flyers and advertise events due to our student assistants' and staff tight schedules. Please keep this in mind when requesting outreach materials.