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Activities Report 2006-2007

Two new professors, Margaret Tudeau-Clayton and Andrew McIntyre, joined our staff this year, helping to consolidate our Bachelor program and enabling the institute to contribute significantly to innovative faculty-wide Master programs in literature and in linguistics. Other changes include faculty advising for all incoming BA students, an exchange agreement with the University of Newcastle, Australia, and institute tea parties that were very well attended.

Staff

Margaret Tudeau-Clayton, our new Professor of English Literature, is primarily specialized in Early Modern Literature. She joined the institute in September but taught only part-time due to a research grant from the Fonds National (see research, below). Anthony Mortimer, Emeritus Professor of English at the University of Fribourg, Valerie Fehlbaum of the University of Geneva and Regina Schneider, also at Fribourg, all taught literature courses in replacement of Professor Tudeau-Clayton.

In Linguistics, Dorota Smyk continued teaching the Introduction to Linguistics course as well as a seminar in the Winter semester before returning to Zurich to finish her doctorate. Andrew McIntyre, our new Assistant Professor of English Linguistics, is an expert in English and German theoretical linguistics. He started teaching at the institute in March.

Patrick Zambianchi's year as an assistant enabled him to apply and to get accepted in the Comparative Literature graduate program at the University of Washington, Seattle.

Guest Speakers

Talks given as part of a course

Henrik Otterberg (University of Göttenberg), "Mimesis in Thoreau's *Walden*," invited by Patrick Vincent, November 2006

Dr. Anja Janoshka (University of Zürich), "The Language of Advertising," invited by Dorota Smyk, January 2007

Prof. Robert Chodat (Boston University), "The Style and Sciences of the Mind : Modern Literature and the Cognitive Revolution," invited by Patrick Vincent, May 2007

The institute also co-sponsored a lecture series by Mathew Stibbe, senior lecturer in Modern History at Sheffield-Hallam University.

Continuing Education Day

Our third annual one-day course, in which over twenty-five high school teachers participated, was held on 12 May. The program was the following:

Jane Willis, "Taking a Lexical Approach to Task-Based Learning". Jane Willis is a pioneer of task-based learning and author of over a dozen books on English language teaching at all levels.

Didier Maillat, "Bilingualism and Bilingual Education". Didier Maillat, who holds the chair in English linguistics at the University of Fribourg, is currently working on a Fonds National research project on English-French bilingual programs in Neuchâtel and Geneva.

Indira Ghose, "Women Travellers in Colonial India". Prof. Ghose teaches English literature at the University of Fribourg. She has written one monograph and edited several anthologies on women travel writers in India.

Film Series

Organized by Patrick Zambianchi

15/11/06 **Elizabeth** (1998)
29/11/06 **Frankenstein** (1992)
14/12/06 **Hamlet** (1991)
10/1/07 **Henry V** (2002)
24/1/07 **Brokeback Mountain** (2005)
28/3/07 **Wilde** (1998)
25/4/07 **Pride and Prejudice** (2005)
16/5/07 **Excalibur** (1981)
6/6/07 **Monty Python and the Holy Grail** (1975)

Other Extra-Curricular Activities

Suzana Zink and Patrick Zambianchi organized this year's Christmas Party in the Aula and the annual Summer bbq bash, as well as two tea parties. The institute also participated in the FLSH frisbee tournament where it came in third out of three teams...

Institute Research

A. Outside Funding

A Fonds National Research Grant liberated Margaret Tudeau-Clayton for the completion of two research projects on Shakespeare, one a collection of essays in preparation with Prof Willy Maley of Glasgow University, the other, a book on the ideology of Shakespeare's linguistic practices.

Patrick Vincent applied in January 2007 for a Fonds National Research Grant, entitled "Revolutionary-Era British Travellers in Switzerland (1779-1803): Editing Three Major Texts."

B. Publications

Staff members published 1 edited volume and 6 articles in 2006-07. One book was also reissued in paperback.

C. Conference and Guest Talks

Staff members gave 10 conference papers and guest lectures during the course of the academic year.

For detailed information on institute research, please consult staff members' individual pages.

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