



# WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Bethel University Newsletter

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## NACEP Conference

Prof. Angela Carlson-Lombardi recently traveled to San Antonio, TX to attend the NACEP conference. The purpose of her trip was to strengthen our Concurrent Enrollment Programs here at Bethel and to move towards National Accreditation of our programs.



*San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, TX  
The oldest active cathedral in the US*

## STUDY in SPAIN-Student Ambassadors

Two of our former Spain Term Students, Kory Dahlstrom and Clare Craigan have been selected by the Trade Commission Embassy of Spain to work as Study in Spain-Student Ambassadors! In this role, they will promote Spain as a destination to study abroad. Congratulations, Kory and Clare!!



## Urban Ventures

TEFL Major Jenny Somercik interned at Urban Ventures this past semester. Here is her account of the incredible experience she had working for this organization:

“This past semester I had the joy of interning at Urban Ventures. This is a faith-based organization located in the Phillips neighborhood in South Minneapolis. Urban Ventures supports individuals from cradle to career with a wide variety of life changing services. The Center for Families at Urban Ventures works with both parents and children to help develop and support families. My work included writing the evening program curriculum for ages 0-15, creating family resource materials and activities, teaching classes, running evening programming, and much more.

This experience mixed lesson planning and meaningful relationships with students, staff, and volunteers. Getting to know kids and families, watching them grow and learn important life skills, and simply being in community with my neighbors was not only educational, but a great joy. The staff and program volunteers are incredible, and I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to learn from and work with such individuals. I recommend this internship to students who have a passion for sharing the good news and love of Jesus through curriculum development, children’s programming, and speaking Spanish.”

## MinneTESOL Conference

Professors Sarah Tahtinen-Pacheco and Lisa Bekemeyer had a great time with students at the MinneTESOL (Teaching English as a Second Language in MN) Conference in Minneapolis.



*Lisa, Maddie, Allie, Sarah, Kayla, Sarah, Sabastian*



## ACTFL & MCTLC Conferences

In October, Spanish Methods students attended and volunteered at the MCTLC (Minnesota Council on the Teaching of World Languages and Cultures)

Prof. Donna LeGrand presented, "Critical Thinking, Classical Literature, and Millennials: a Quixotic Endeavor?" at the ACTL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) in New Orleans in November.



## CIS Event

Our CIS (College in the Schools) event was a success! During their visit to Bethel in October, high school CIS Spanish students attended an SPA102 or SPA201 class, toured Bethel and participated in several activities. We are excited that many of these students are interested in coming to Bethel after they graduate!



*Some of our amazing TA's who helped at this event.*

## Raclette & French Conversation

Bethel French 101S students had the unique opportunity to spend an evening with 23 French university students who are interns at Normandale French Immersion School. They prepared and ate a raclette meal, with help and instruction from the French students. Some amazing conversation and sharing took place and it was a fun, high-energy and intercultural time together. This is a unique event with no other university in the Midwest having access to a group of French university students this size, and our students made the most of it.



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