

Takoma Park/ Silver Spring Updates

Faculty Accomplishments

- Dr. Khady Diane (French) received the DELF certification (examiner. (French Proficiency Placement Test) from the French Embassy). She is currently serving as the French Coordinator.
- Professor Josiane El Korm (French) was selected for The Scholarship of Excellence in Teaching (SET) Fellowship for Spring and Fall 2022.
- Dr. Vincent Intondi (History) was featured in an article in National Geographic: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/how-mlks-multifaceted-view-on-human-rights-still-inspires> . The article discusses how Martin Luther King, Jr.'s multifaceted view on human rights still inspires today www.nationalgeographic.com.

Dr. Intondi was also asked to be a contributor to a documentary to air on PBS about the role of African Americans in the nuclear age. In addition, he was a featured speaker at an event hosted by the Stanley Center and WCAPS, "Racism and the Origins of the Atomic Bomb" on February 23rd and will speak on the intersection of race and nuclear weapons at the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) May 17th. He has been formally invited to attend the First States Parties for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons at the UN in Vienna this summer as a delegate for civil society and by invitation spoke at Harvard on December 10th with a group of experts on arms control, deterrence, and disarmament for new project at the Belfer Center.

Dr. Intondi was interviewed by the NY Times for an article that will be out in the coming weeks examining the role of African Americans and the Manhattan Project. In addition, he signed a contract with Cambridge University Press to write a chapter on race and nuclear weapons for their multivolume series on nuclear studies Finally, he signed a contract with Johns Hopkins University Press for a new book that examines the antinuclear movement in the 1980s, specifically the June 12, 1982 rally in Central Park.

- Professor Daniel Jenkins (Philosophy) presented along with Dr. Alla Webb (Computer Science) at the spring 2022 Academic Affairs meeting, about course offerings for our students. He chaired a session at The International Hume Society Conference in Bogota, Colombia (via Zoom in July, 2021) and presented in April 2021 along with Dr. Muhammad H. Kehnemouyi: "Ethics in Engineering, Cybersecurity, and Computer Science" at MC.

- Dr. María-Elvira Luna-Escudero-Alie (French & Spanish) published an article about the similarities between the theater of Anton Chejov and the one of Mario Vargas Llosa (published in a Chilean magazine of Literature and Culture) in August 2021.

<https://critica.cl/literatura/confluencias-entre-el-teatro-de-chejov-y-el-de-vargas-llosa>.

Along with Professor Stephen Kcenich (Mathematics), she published an interdisciplinary article, on August, 2021, titled: El Golem de Borges y sus implicancias matemáticas y metafísicas. <https://critica.cl/literatura/el-golem-de-borges-y-sus-implicancias-matematicas-y-metafisicas>. Another article in collaboration with Prof. Stephen Kcenich titled: "Borges and Data Sciences" was accepted for publication in an international magazine of interdisciplinary sciences, and will be published shortly.

- Professor Karl Smith (Political Sciences and History) invited Council Gabe Albornoz to visit his American Government course during the fall 2021, and it was a huge success. Mr. Albornoz was elected president of the Montgomery County Council in December 2021.

- Professor Rania Suliman (Arabic) received the Dean's Teaching Fellowship at the Krieger School of Art and Sciences award from the Johns Hopkins University. She also invited a guest speaker for her Arabic 101 class on November 10, 2021. The guest speaker was Maryum Saiffee, Senior Advisor Secretary's Office of Diversity & Inclusion, US Department of State.