

### English and Modern Languages Department

“*Change*” is the word that best summarizes the English and Modern Languages Department this past summer. In early May, Dr. Rob Skinner retired as the department chair and moved to the Texas coast to be closer to family and fishing grounds. Dr. Linda Gray, the new chair, reorganized the department office space and relocated the main office to GC5B01 so it would be more centrally located. The former main office space, by the fifth floor elevators, is now the new Study Abroad Office—the fulfillment of a long-term department goal. Faculty offices have been moved too, some even sporting a fresh coat of paint.

Faculty changes, besides the shift in department chairs, include Brenda Calderon and Lori Kanitz being named as co-directors of the Study Abroad Program, which is sending an increasing number of students to universities in locations such as Oxford, Valencia, and Paris. Lori Kanitz is back from a year-long sabbatical at St. Andrews University in Scotland, where she has been working on her doctorate. Laura Krohn has been hired to replace Dr. Mary Alice Trent, and she will be teaching composition, the English education courses, and overseeing the newly reinstated English education major. The department’s Language Lab and Cultural Center coordinator, Victoria McKittrick, left for graduate school in France, and the search for a new coordinator has been progressing well.

With many new departmental changes in place, the fall semester is off to a fresh start.

### Music Department

The Music Department welcomes three enthusiastic adjunct faculty/staff members this fall. Bringing a vibrancy and energy that cannot be contained, these ORU alumni feel their return to ORU is like coming back home.



A 2007 graduate, Joshua Peterson (above middle) is a professional composer and will be teaching audio workstation. This class is a one-on-one mentoring class, working on the specific needs of each student regarding digital audio techniques. Joshua approaches teaching with career in mind, using the skills taught in class through real-world scenarios. Worship leader and professional guitarist, Tim Schaefer (above right) will be teaching class guitar, guitar ensemble, and applied lessons. He is excited for the opportunity to encourage students in their musical and spiritual growth. Bethany Atkinson (above left) is the new Listening Lab Attendant. Bethany is eager to provide an environment within the Listening Lab that is conducive to efficient study, creativity, and learning.

As former ORU students, Joshua, Tim, and Bethany have a great understanding and appreciation for the vision of the University. They count it a great privilege and honor to be a part of something truly great. Striving to bring the type of resources that help broaden the base of expertise that students have available to them, they in turn help to contribute to a foundation of excellence, creativity, and preparedness.

## Communication, Arts, and Media Department



KORU, ORU's official radio station, will be re-launching at noon on Aug. 26. The global internet audio downstream station will play primarily Christian music with some special programming as well as cover campus news including athletics, seasonal music, radio drama and talk shows events.

Catering to four main audiences (current students, future students, alumni and parents of students), the dual-feed (both English and Spanish) station will be on the air 24/7. "The four goals are education, entertainment, recruitment and evangelism," said faculty adviser Mark Labash.

"We're aiming to teach people about radio productions, play some solid Christian music with a good beat, get students to come to ORU, and, most importantly, to spread the word of Jesus to people in Tulsa and around the world.

KORU went off the air in 1972 and covered most of Oklahoma as well as areas in Arkansas, Texas and Kansas. The station can be accessed after Aug. 26 at <http://www.oru.edu/mbox>. "KORU is born again," said Labash.

## History, Humanities, and Government Department

The History, Humanities, and Government Department is excited to welcome a new member to its' already outstanding team, Dr. Winston Frost, who possesses a J.D. from Oral Roberts University and is in the process of completing his Ed.D. He will be responsible for teaching a variety of pre-law classes and serving as the Pre-Law Advisor. He will also supervise the Social Studies Education program. Plans are coming together for an exciting joint venture with the History, Humanities, and Government Department and the Communications Arts Department. We are headed to Washington, DC during Fall Break. Approximately 40 students will join Professor Felipe Ornelas,



Professor Kevin Armstrong, and Dr. Michael Hirlinger for the learning, networking, and site-seeing excursion October 9-13. Among the events on the agenda is a U.S. Capitol tour with ORU alumnus David Barton, scheduled visits to the State Department and Department of Defense, engaging with key political leaders from Oklahoma and other states, and meetings with media outlets including Fox News Service. Students will be meeting each Monday afternoon in preparation for the trip, studying topics such as the three branches of government, protocol and diplomacy, interviewing skills, and building networking skills. For more information contact the HHG Dept. at 918-495-6063.

Students will once again have the opportunity to participate as short-term international election observers during Fall Break. This year the group will travel to Liberia to oversee the Presidential election. The students will meet with key political leaders, observe the campaign process, and monitor a number of key precincts. Students will monitor voting procedures for soundness, reliability, and responsibility by the election officials and voters alike. Professor Branham will teach students in a semester-long class where the students prepare for their role as election observers, learning about the politics and government of Liberia, and study key issues of the campaign. Anyone interested should contact Professor Branham at 918-495-6071.