



A WORD FROM THE DEAN



▶ **Dean Timothy S. Johnson**

LCWA is the College's global engine, and we continue to expand its impact. Our students succeed at an impressive level. Last year, five students won a Fulbright, the highest number ever for the College and a most prestigious international award. Four of those five were majors or minors in our school.

To further our mission, this year we are launching several initiatives. Our state-of-the-art International Lab opens this fall. It will expand our ability to collaborate with our international partners. We just put in place a student-faculty exchange with Caucasus University in Georgia. Our own Ambassador Melville will be leading the [Global Ambassadors](#), a mentoring program for students targeting careers in international public service. And we will open a new speakers series, the [Ambassador's Corner](#). The inaugural guest (Oct. 29) will be Deborah James, former Secretary of the Air Force. Our faculty are deepening cultural immersion for our students through [Globally Connected Courses](#). You can access information for these opportunities and others on our website with its new events calendar (lcwa.cofc.edu).

I can't begin to tell you how fun it is to be a part of LCWA and its international mission. I thank you for your interest and faithful support. All the above programs were created and are dependent on philanthropy. Your impact is tremendous, and I invite your engagement in the year ahead. I look forward to seeing you at our events.



FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to **Dr. Michael Gomez**, who was named the new Chair of the [Department of Hispanic Studies](#). His research interests include Spanish science fiction, philosophy and literature and science and literature. His predecessor, **Dr. Mark del Mastro**, is the new Associate Provost for Curriculum and Academic Administration.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Katya Caleca

This summer, international studies major **Katya Caleca** interned with the EastWest Institute, an international nonprofit in New York City that works to address political, economic and security issues. [Katya focused on cybersecurity](#) and the dangers it poses to governments and corporations around the globe.

And this August, recent graduates **Aliyah Anderson '19** (German and English) and **Catie Hutchison '19** (political science and German) embarked on multiple year commitments as teachers in under-resourced and low-income public schools. Aliyah will be in Dallas for several years working with Urban Teachers. She'll teach there while working toward a Masters in Education from John Hopkins University. Catie will begin work at a school in rural South Carolina with Teach for America.

LCWA is proud of all these students/graduates and their commitment to improving education and communities that need it most. Thank you!

▶ A PROMINENT GIFT

Ms. Esther Ferguson unveiled yet another gift for the College – a painting of her late husband and the late Duarte Pinto Coelho, in Trujillo, Spain. The [painting is prominently displayed](#) in the Department of Hispanic Studies.



THE AMBASSADOR'S CORNER



▶ **Ambassador James Melville**

Announcing the Ambassador's Corner! The Corner is a new, collaborative venture between LCWA and the Charleston Library Society. In the style of "Inside the Actors Studio," this new program will feature discussions between **Ambassador James Melville** and some of the most impactful thought-leaders on today's global scene. [Learn more here.](#)

INTERNATIONAL LAB COMING SOON!

The new International Lab (in J.C. Long, room 402B) is currently under construction. Everyone at the school is excited about this half-million-dollar project. Ultimately, LCWA and the College will have a hub where students and faculty can engage in global-immersion-learning with native speakers. The project is expected to be completed later this fall. [Learn more here.](#)

INTRODUCING DR. YARON AYALON

Faculty and administrators in LCWA are proud to welcome **Dr. Yaron Ayalon**, the new Director of the Yashik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program. [Read more about Dr. Ayalon here.](#)

Dr. Yaron Ayalon




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UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL SEMESTER:

- Ambassador's Corner Premier**
– October 29
- Nuovo Cinema Italiano Film Festival**
– February 5
- Thanksgiving Holiday**
– November 27-30
- Winter Commencement**
– December 14

Declare Your Impact

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