



# XXV Modern Languages Department Colloquium

**LANGUAGES IN THE PROFESSIONAL WORLD**

**MARCH 20, 2023** **Richard Harris Terrace**  
10:00 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. **BMCC Main Bldg.**

## JOIN US!

**Six languages: Chinese, Italian, Spanish, Arabic, Sign Language, French**

**HEAR FROM PROFESSIONALS, ALUMNI AND FACULTY**

**15 min. talks with Q&A**

**Refreshments**

- **Find out how professionals are using their languages in the work place:** Real experiences from real people!
- **Ask our guests how to** find work opportunities, gain confidence speaking other languages, etc.
- **Enhance your resumé with BMCC language credits:** Put your languages to work!
- **Gain cultural competence and enrich your college experience by studying abroad:** Study languages in China, Spain, or Italy!
- **Take advantage of BMCC amazing programs:** Make the most of your Experiential Learning and Internships, become a language tutor, etc.

## Program

<u>Time</u>	<u>Talk</u>	<u>Guest speakers</u>
9:45 AM	LIGHT BREAKFAST	
10:00 AM	Event starts!	Provost Erwin J. Wong, MLD Chair Eda Henao, Professors

Patrizia Comello Perry and  
Berenice Darwich

10:15–11:15 AM

## SESSION 1

10:15 AM

**Office of Internship and  
Experiential Learning**

Mrs. Sharon Reid, Director of  
Office of Internship and  
Experiential Learning

10:30 AM

**Italian** *International  
communication and cultural  
awareness*

Nina Robbiani Spinelli, Director  
of Product Development and  
Production Mark Cross USA

10:45 AM

**Majors, certificates and students  
activities** *Modern Languages  
Department overview*

Michael E. Rolland, MLD faculty

10:55 AM

Questions for guest speakers

11:05–11:15 AM

SESSION BREAK

11:15 AM–12:05 PM

## SESSION 2

11:15 AM

**Arabic** *How Arabic Can Expand Your  
Career Opportunities*

Roa Harizi, MLD faculty

11:30 AM

**Spanish** *With Great Interpretation  
comes Great Responsibility*

Alina Fernanda Picayo Marbés,  
interpreter and translator

11:45 AM

**Study abroad with the MLD** *Learn  
about the process, apply for travel  
scholarship funds*

Ainoa Íñigo, MLD faculty

11:55 AM

Questions for guests speakers

12:05–12:40 PM

REFRESHMENT BREAK

12:50–1:55 PM

## SESSION 3

12:50 PM

**Chinese** *How Language Barriers  
Affect Social Justice and Provides  
Language Learners with a Purpose*

Mario Altamirano, MLD alumni,  
recipient of the Critical  
Language Scholarship

1:05 PM

**American Sign Language (ASL)**  
*Medical and Health professions and  
Sign Language*

Edward Nevarez, MLD Faculty  
and ASL interpreter

1:20 PM

**Heritage/Native Speakers** *Learn  
about the different tracks available  
in the in the MLD*

Evelin Gamarra, MLD faculty

1:30 PM

Questions for guest speakers

1:40–1:50 PM

SESSION BREAK

1:40–2:35 PM

## SESSION 4

1:40 PM

**Where multilingualism can take**

Amadeo Baltazar, MLD Alumni,

**you!** Get involved in MLD extra-curricular activities and start filling out your resumé for the future

legal translator and interpreter

MDL faculty

1:55 PM

**French** *Language proficiency and its many facets*

Prof. Sophie Maríñez, MLD faculty, translator and former diplomat

2:10PM

**Center for Career Development** *We are here to support and guide you!*

Driada Rivas, Interim Director of Career Services

2:25 PM

Questions for guest speakers

2:35 PM

**Event finishes!**

Prof. Patrizia Comello Perry & Prof. Berenice Darwich, MLD Faculty

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