

# FASS Homecoming 2017

Celebrating our modern languages departments' alumni, history and developments



# **Alumni of FASS's Modern Languages Departments**

## **Where Are They Now?**

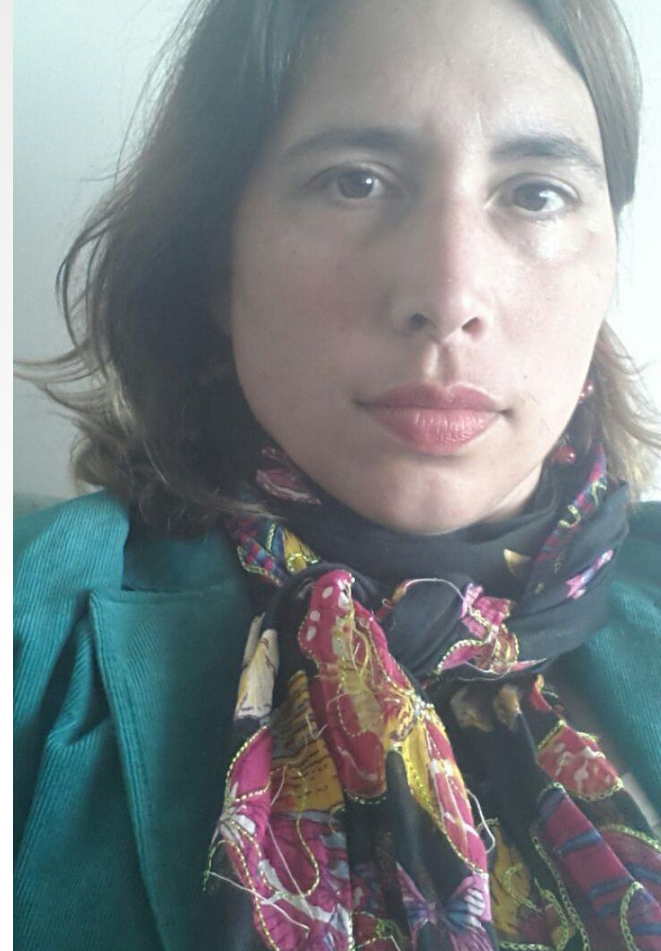
# Meredith Hand (BA '01) Spanish & Latin American Studies

“I’m employed with Unique Vacations, an affiliate of Sandals & Beaches Resorts, the world's leading all-inclusive for 21 years. In 2015, I was awarded as "Business Development Manager of the Year". My role is focused on representing the Sandals Resorts brand through partnerships with travel agents, tour operators and local businesses. They allow me to represent a prestigious & well-respected brand while working with contacts from the Caribbean to the United States to beautiful Atlantic Canada.”



# Hanneke Teunissen (BA '98, MA'00) French

“After graduating from Dal with an MA in French in 2000, I moved to the Netherlands in 2001. There I worked at Brill Academic Editors as a desk editor and from 2002-2013 as the English-language editor of the journal the *New West Indian Guide* and of book manuscripts at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies. I currently work as a Content expert for English with the Netherlands Enterprise Agency. I have two young daughters and live in Voorschoten.”



# Dr. Martine Jacquot (PhD 1995) French Literature

Martine Jacquot graduated in 1995 with a Ph.D in French literature. After a few limited teaching contracts she chose to write full-time. She has published 30 books so far with 3 more coming out shortly (novels, poetry, short stories, essays, travel writing). She has been invited on 4 continents to present her work and has won awards for her publications. She lives in the Annapolis Valley – when she is not on the road.



# Rebecca MacDonald (BA 2014) Psychology and French

Rebecca graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours in Psychology and French. After having completed a semester in Dijon, France in 2012 through the Dalhousie French Department, she returned to France again in 2014 where she worked as an elementary school English teaching assistant in Toulon. Currently, Rebecca is finishing a Master of Science in speech-language pathology at Dalhousie and hopes to work with bilingual populations upon graduation.



# Amy Bartlett (BA '98) Spanish, (LLM 2005)

“A lawyer by trade and a Maritimer by birth, I started my educational career at Dal, completing a B.A. in Spanish in 1998, and from that foundation, went on to law school and built a professional career in international development, working for 10 years overseas and recently coming back to Canada. My passions include organization building, advocacy and mobilization, civil society strengthening and partnerships. Prior to my current role as Director of the Refugee Hub at University of Ottawa, I served as Executive Director of RESULTS Canada, led the Secretariat of the Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness, based in Brussels, Belgium; managed the Civil Society Index programme at CIVICUS in Johannesburg, South Africa; and built a rural conflict education and prevention project in Huancavelica, Peru.”



# Annie Caza

## (BA '85, MA '87) French (BEd '87)

Upon finishing her M. A. from Dalhousie, Professor Caza moved to Victoria, B. C. where she taught French Immersion classes at Sir James Douglas School as well as French classes at the University of Victoria for 12 years.

Professor Caza then moved to Seattle, WA where she taught ESL at Kaplan on the University of Washington campus for 5 years.

Currently, Professor Caza has been teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) classes as well as English Writing Review at Florida Institute of Technology for the past 10 years.





# Natan Nevo (MA' 69) French (MEd '79)

Natan Nevo was born in 1930 in Warsaw, Poland. Shortly after World War II broke out, he and his family fled to Siberia (USSR), which allowed them to survive the Holocaust. Natan returned to Poland in 1946 and in March 1948, he immigrated to Palestine, where he took part in the War of Independence and the creation of the State of Israel.

As a founding member of Kibbutz Megiddo, he was active for five years in various areas of kibbutz life, including decorating, carving in olive wood and theater stage productions. Between 1954 and 1962, he was involved in professional theater as actor and director.

In 1962, he traveled to France, where he studied for a couple of years at the Sorbonne and attended drawing and painting classes at the Academie de la Grande Chaumiere and the Ecole Nationale Superieure des Beaux-Arts de Paris. He immigrated to Canada in 1965, where he worked as a Russian Professor (Dalhousie and Acadia Universities) for many years. He lives in Halifax, NS, with his wife, Denise.

Natan started painting seriously after his retirement, in 1999. He paints landscapes from Europe, the Middle East and America, mainly using acrylic paint. He also paints in the abstract style, which he calls "New, modern geometric style."



# Dr Christophe Fricker (MA '03) German

Dr Christophe Fricker is a founder and Managing Partner at research firm, NIMIRUM. He has also published a number of poems and essays about his time in Halifax, which has been truly life-changing!



# Emily Stewart (BSc '11) Environment Science Studied Spanish and Mandarin in FASS

“I took both Spanish and Mandarin classes through Dalhousie's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. After graduating, I spent 8 months living and working in Ecuador, followed by 4 years in medical school at the University of Toronto. Now, I am in my second year as a UBC Emergency Medicine resident physician in Vancouver, BC. Being able to have basic conversations in multiple languages definitely helps me communicate with our diverse patient population.”



# Kate Dalglish (BA '10) Political Science and History, Studied Mandarin in FASS

After graduating from Dalhousie, Kate attended law school and continued to study Mandarin, spending a summer interning at a law firm in Shanghai. She articulated in Calgary and was called to the Bar in 2014; afterwards she practiced commercial litigation at a national law firm in Alberta. She then moved to British Columbia and started a career in government relations, dealing with federal and provincial governments. She lives in Victoria.



# Jacob Robinson-Parent (BSc '15) Economics Studied Mandarin in FASS

"I unexpectedly started studying Mandarin Chinese in 2011. It was a life changing experience and I have used it all around the world. I am studying my masters in Czechia and currently on exchange in Korea. Studying Chinese gave me the opportunity to live in China and helped me get several jobs. Although I only have conversational Mandarin, I never go more than a week without speaking it. It's helped improve my life in countless ways."



# Gillian Sisley (BA '15) French and International Development Studies

Gillian graduated from Dalhousie in 2015, with a double major, a minor in Chinese Studies and a Certificate in Intercultural Communication. She went on to study an additional year in PR and communications at NSCC. Straight out of school, Gillian started The Clever Quill, a Halifax-based social media marketing and strategy business. Today, she's running her business full-time, and is collaborating with local entrepreneurs and small business owners by storytelling the heart of their businesses online.



# Meagan Campbell Studied Journalism at King's and Mandarin at Dalhousie

Meagan Campbell works as a journalist for Maclean's magazine, currently based in Ottawa after spending two years working for the magazine's bureau in Toronto. She enjoys all things outdoors, including snowboarding and scuba diving, and she hopes to travel through China someday soon.



# Sage Camozzi (BA '15) Political Science Studied Mandarin in FASS

“Hi I'm Sage! After graduating I moved to China to teach English and continue my studies with Mandarin; it was spectacular!

Now, I'm on my way to begin studying acupuncture and Chinese medicine.

I loved my classes at Dal and can accredit my drive, success all to my wonderful professor and friend Shao-Pin Luo.”





# Suzanne Boylan (BA '81) French

“I received my B. A. from Dalhousie in 1981 with a major in French. After completing a Bachelor of Education at MSVU in 1982, I was hired by the Dartmouth District School Board to teach elementary and senior high Core French. After 25 years as a Core French and Immersion teacher in Dartmouth, I moved to Westmount School in Halifax where I taught in an English classroom until my retirement in June 2015.”



Thank you to the following alumni for submitting their profiles for this Homecoming presentation:

- **Meredith Hand** (BA '01) Spanish & Latin American Studies
- **Hanneke Teunissen** (BA '98, MA'00) French
- **Martine Jacquot** (PhD 1995) French Literature
- **Rebecca MacDonald** (BA 2014) Psychology and French
- **Amy Bartlett** (BA '98) Spanish, (LLM 2005)
- **Annie Caza** (BA '85, MA '87) French (BEd '87)
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- **Dr Christophe Fricker** (MA '03) German
- **Emily Stewart** (BSc '11) Environment Science
- **Kate Dagleish** (BA '10) PoliSci and History Studied Mandarin at FASS
- **Jacob Robinson-Parent** (BSc '15) Economics
- **Gillian Sisley** (BA '15) French and International Development Studies
- **Meagan Campbell** studied Journalism at King's and Mandarin at Dalhousie
- **Sage Camozzi** (BA '15) Political Science
- **Suzanne Boylan** (BA '81) French