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## LANGUAGE TEACHING

- Two recent faculty hires reinforce UO's strengths in linguistics, technology, and language teacher training. **Kaori Idemaru**, EALL, couples her background in Japanese language pedagogy with linguistic research on speech production and perception. Dr. Idemaru comes to the UO after spending three years at Carnegie Mellon. **Deborah Healey**, AEI, is an internationally-known expert in Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) and the former director of the English Language Institute at Oregon State. Dr. Healey has more than 30 years experience in the English language teaching field. Welcome (back) to them both!

- Enrollments in World Languages Academy six language courses are expected to exceed 900 this year. First-year Sahaptin and Norwegian have been added to first-third year classes in Arabic, Korean, Portuguese, and Swahili.



**GARY TRENDLER, NEW IT CONSULTANT.** While he's no stranger to Pacific 113 regulars, we're pleased to announce that Gary Trendler has joined YLC's professional staff as an IT consultant and manager of our computer assisted language learning labs. Gary's 30 years of experience as a photographer, designer, and multimedia producer will be a tremendous asset to faculty and students alike who are grappling with the complexities of computer technology. Besides working closely with World Languages Academy faculty, Gary <[gnt@uoregon.edu](mailto:gnt@uoregon.edu)> will be looking at ways for YLC to evolve and re-define its labs and core technologies in the digital era.



FLIS XXXI poster—call us if you want one!

## SERVICE/OUTREACH

The call for presentations is now out (see insert) for UO's Thirty-First Annual Foreign Language and International Studies day.

This is the largest "foreign language event" in the state, and the UO's largest academic outreach initiative—we expect more than 1600 high school students and teachers on May 1, 2009.

And we need your enthusiastic support!

We're asking faculty and GTFs to give future Ducks a memorable experience—the chance to connect with you! By sharing your expertise in language, literature, cultural studies, art, dance, music, etc., you're creating a glimpse into the future, yours and theirs.

Interested? Sign up online, or use the enclosed form. For more information, contact **Michelle Keiser**, FLIS coordinator <[flis@uoregon.edu](mailto:flis@uoregon.edu)>.



The venerable language lab console was removed this summer—good riddance!

## TECHNOLOGY

The University and the College of Arts and Sciences continue to support YLC's efforts to modernize and expand its IT infrastructure. Recent investments have allowed YLC to purchase 10 new computers for its labs, Windows software, 30 new headsets, and a new media server to support our virtual language lab efforts. The Keithan Lounge and Pacific 110 and 111 classrooms are getting better A/V and computer capabilities.

We've also been able to partner with Information Services and Media Services to bring two new Flash Interactive Media servers online; these servers form the basis of all of our speech-based software efforts and will permit new kinds of interactive applications.

Finally, thanks to various donors, we've been able to upgrade some fundamental technology in Pacific 119 and 115—new tables and chairs!