

LANGUAGE TEACHING PROGRAM CELEBRATES

25TH

ANNIVERSARY

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In 2007, the language teaching MA programs in the Graduate School of Language and Educational Linguistics (GSLEL) will celebrate their 25th anniversary. Congratulations on this noteworthy anniversary!

The MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MATESOL) program, founded by Professor Kathi Bailey as the sole full-time TESOL faculty member, enrolled its first class of students in 1981-1982. In 1985, the MA in Teaching Foreign Languages (MATFL) program was created for students specializing in teaching languages other than English. More recently, the graduate school established two unique certificate programs in Language Program Administration (LPA) and Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL) in response to the changing needs of the language teaching profession. Currently, seven full-time faculty members continue

to share their enthusiasm for and expertise in language education with MATESOL and MATFL candidates and alumni.

Professor Kathi Bailey is thrilled to be able to participate in this milestone and to have the opportunity to look forward to the program's next twenty-five years. In looking towards the future, Dr. Bailey hopes that GSLEL will begin to offer more courses online and that as a result of the Middlebury affiliation more opportunities will be made available for students to undertake professional opportunities at Middlebury's overseas locations. The Monterey Institute will continue to strengthen its alumni networks around the world.

In addition, Professor Bailey expressed her excitement that a number of graduates have taken leadership roles in their positions

and in professional associations, as well as enrolling in and graduating from some of the best doctoral programs around the world. Professor Bailey stated, "It is clear that the Monterey Institute MATESOL-MATFL degree has helped many aspiring professionals to realize their potential as leaders, as well as their potential as teachers, researchers, material developers, test designers, etc." The Graduate School of Language and Educational Linguistics continues to prepare students for the ever-changing world through training outstanding individuals dedicated to the language teaching profession.

We would like to congratulate the many alumni, students, faculty, and friends of the MATESOL and MATFL program on a very happy 25th anniversary!