

## NEW GRADUATE WRITING CENTER

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English for Academic and Professional Purposes will open the Monterey Institute's first Graduate Writing Center (GWC) in Spring 2007. The Writing Center will provide one-on-one academic writing instruction to both native and nonnative speakers of English across all four graduate schools. In addition to offering individualized tutorials, the GWC will provide writing workshops for students on everything from writing and editing strategies to tackling APA style. The GWC will also have an online presence. Students will be able to schedule appointments with a tutor (for face-to-face or virtual instruction), get helpful tips on reading and researching, and view sample academic and professional papers. For GSLEL, the GWC not only gives MATESOL/MATFL students professional tutoring experience, but it also gives them the opportunity to help design the writing center curriculum, draft policy guidelines, and develop the new GWC website.



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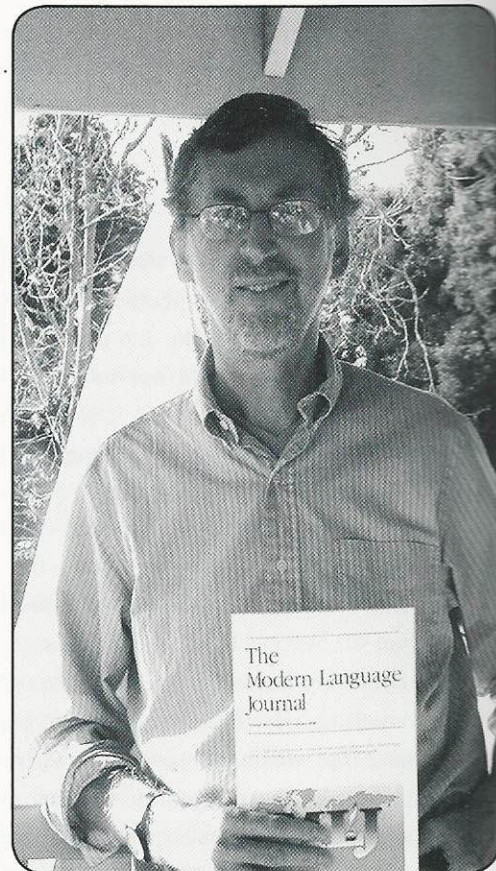
## NEW MODERN LANGUAGE JOURNAL EDITOR LEO VAN LIER

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Monterey Institute's own, Professor Leo van Lier, will be the Modern Language Journal's next editor. Professor van Lier has been a member of the Editorial Board of the journal for a number of years and accepted his new position because, in the words of Dr. van Lier, "[The Modern Language Journal] is the premier journal in our field and has in recent years been in the forefront by publishing challenging and sometimes controversial new perspectives, such as the first special issue on sociocultural theory in 1994, and the Firth and Wagner paper on reconceptualizing SLA in 1997."

In addition to guiding and shaping the journal, Professor van Lier will have many other responsibilities related to his work as editor. He will appoint a new editorial board and will represent the journal at major conferences, where he will seek prospective authors and guest editors for the journal. He plans to continue the progressive trend pioneered by the current editor, Professor Sally Magnan, and he also hopes to encourage contributions to the journal from all over the world, focusing on research and practice in languages other than English.

Dr. van Lier proposes his new position might benefit the Monterey Institute as "the



Professor Leo van Lier with a copy of MLJ

editorship will raise the visibility and prestige of the Institute," and that prospective students may be more likely to choose the Monterey Institute given the increased stature as the "home" of the Modern Language Journal. Professor van Lier noted that students may have the opportunity to work as editorial assistants for the journal and that they will be encouraged to publish their work in the journal, write book reviews, and assist the publication in other ways.