



FRENCH IN FRANCE AND AFRICA NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY'S FEATURED GUEST PROFESSOR:



DR. ALI BENMAKHOULF is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Paris and senior member of the University Institute of France. He also teaches at NYU, the Universities of Rabat & Fez in Morocco. He is a specialist in medieval Islamic philosophy, political theory and bioethics. Prof. Benmakhlouf is the author of 25 books in French; his most recent works include *Pourquoi lire les philosophes arabes?*, *Montaigne*, and *Bioéthique et droits humains*. In his course with FIFAA students, he discussed bioethics, Moroccan culture, and as his own life and career in France, Morocco & the U.S.

SU LIFE: SORBONNE UNIVERSITY

Sorbonne Université boasts a long and prestigious reputation of academic excellence, and is considered one of the oldest universities in the world. Our students take courses on both the Clignancourt and Latin Quarter campuses of the Sorbonne. In class, students delve into a higher and more advanced level of French language, mastering skills of writing, reading, and speaking in preparation for the DELF/DALF, an internationally recognized French Certification exam.

[Top picture: Prof. Delannoy (left) leads a pronunciation exercise with Katie and Lily. Bottom picture: Rebecca and Olivia review grammar structures with Prof. Delannoy.]



MEET THE VP!

Students had the pleasure of meeting Mme. Claire Stolz, Vice President of Sorbonne University, in her office at the Pierre and Marie Curie campus. On the 23rd floor of this beautiful building, the entire city of Paris is visible!

[Photographed from left to right: Jamie, Jeanne Mendoza, McCalee Cain, VP Mme. Claire Stoltz, Olivia Fletcher, Rebecca Hart.]

URBAN DISCOVERIES

"I found a yarn and tea store that hosts a knit night every Wednesday. There's usually a table of people from out of town and quite a few locals, and the owner joins in when she's in town. So far it's been a great way to practice French in a low-stress, low-stakes environment while doing something I enjoy!"

- Rebecca Hart



THE DEEP DIVE INTO CULTURE CLASSES!



Our SU faculty-led class is taught by Dr. Victor Reinking, Director of the French in France and Africa program. Classes are held in the annex of l'Eglise Notre Dame d'Espérance (a Catholic church) on the premises of the Association Anizan-Roquette, a non-profit organization associated with the church. Dr. Reinking's classes focus on French literature, culture and history, and also include guest speakers, such as Prof. Benmakhlof (profile on page 1), and weekly excursions to cultural and historical sites in and around Paris. Later this month, we will be joined by Dr. Eliane Viennot, a leading French feminist historian and author.

CULTURAL HIGHLIGHT: VERSAILLES



Culture class isn't complete without our weekly cultural excursions. Students enjoy the benefit of visiting the historical sites corresponding to lessons of the week! Our latest tour is of the grand Chateau de Versailles, previous residence of the most influential kings and queens of France.

1st photo: Jamie and Olivia dance in the Marble Courtyard. 2nd photo: Class picture in front of the Honour Gate. 3rd photo: Christine (left) and Rebecca (right) in the Hall of Mirrors. 4th photo: Christine observes one of the 221 statues in the Versailles Palace.



LOUIS VUITTON



FOUNDATION

Despite its name, this is not the place to buy a new designer bag! This lesser known Paris Museum is host to several collections of modern art and culture pieces. The building itself was designed by Frank Gehry, the same architect who designed the unique structure of the Seattle Museum of Pop Culture.

A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

"My experience abroad thus far has been illuminating and eye-opening, I never would have expected to learn so much about the world or myself in such a short amount of time. I've already found its value in global perspectives, language acquisition, and personal growth. I've grown so close with this group abroad, forming relationships I know will always be special. Paris is a beautiful city with so much to offer. It's rich in diversity, history and culture. This has been the perfect first destination of my study abroad experience!"

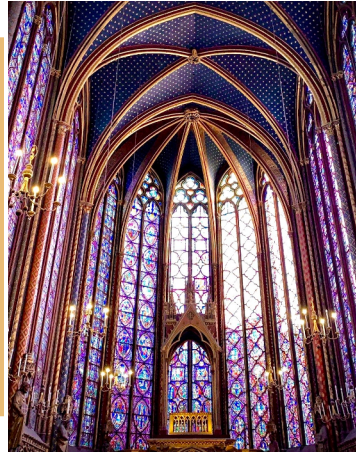
- Lily Kelly-Jervis



Musée Rodin; January 29, 2020

MUSEUMS, CHAPELS, AND MORE

Day tour of the Latin Quarter including the Sainte Chapelle; January 11, 2020. Photographed from left to right: Jamie, Lily, Maria, Olivia, McCalee.



An afternoon spent at Musée Rodin, January 29, 2020.

First image, Olivia (left) and Jamie (right) imitate Rodin sculptures.

Second image, aside The Thinker, photographed left to right: Jamie, Christine, Jeanne, Olivia, McCalee, Lily.

Evening soirée at the apartment of Prof. Benmaklouf, where each student got a signed copy of his book on Bioethics.

First image: McCalee (left) poses with an Italian pizza maker and a freshly baked pizza.

Second image, seated next to Prof. Benmakhlouf (left): Marthadina, Jeanne, McCalee.



COMING UP NEXT!

- Day Trip to Nantes

Cultural excursion to Seattle's sister city

- Meeting with Elianne Viennot

Leading French historian & feminist author

- Visit to the Musée d'Orsay

Museum of contemporary French art

- Molière play at Ranelagh Theatre

"Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme"

- Tour of the Paris Mosque

One of the largest mosques in France

- Visit to the Institut du Monde Arabe

Institute of Arab art, history, & philosophy

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAM?

French in France and Africa, codirected by professors Malick Ndiaye and Victor Reinking, is the newest iteration of the French in France program, which is the oldest faculty-led study abroad program at SU (founded in 1972 by professors Paul Milan and Max Marinoni). The vision of FIFAA, in harmony with that of Seattle University, is to *set the world as a classroom*.

In this unique program, we explore three very different Francophone cultures- France, Morocco, and Senegal. If you are interested in more information, please contact Prof. Ndiaye at ndiayee@seattleu.edu, or Prof. Reinking at vicr@seattleu.edu.