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The University of Hawai‘i National Foreign Language Resource Center engages in research and materials development projects and conducts workshops and conferences for language professionals among its many activities.

### 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE DOCUMENTATION & CONSERVATION (ICLDC)

Sponsored and organized by the NFLRC and the Department of Linguistics at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, the 3rd International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC) will be held February 28–March 3, 2013, at the Hawai‘i Imin International Conference Center in Honolulu, Hawai‘i.

This year’s conference theme, “Sharing Worlds of Knowledge,” intends to highlight the interdisciplinary nature of language documentation and the need to share methods for documenting the many aspects of human knowledge that language encodes. We aim to build on the strong momentum created by the 1st and 2nd ICLDCs to discuss research and revitalization approaches yielding rich records that can benefit both the field of language documentation and speech communities. By popular demand, the 3rd ICLDC will be a full day longer than the previous two conferences.

Conference highlights include two plenary talks, six Master Classes, papers, posters, and electronic poster sessions, complemented by engaging social events and an optional Hilo Field Study to the Hawaiian immersion schools on the Big Island of Hawai‘i. We hope you will join us.

Website: <http://nflrc.hawaii.edu/icldc/2013/>

### SURF’S UP! CALICO 2013 RETURNS TO PARADISE!

The NFLRC and the Language Learning Center (LLC) at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa are pleased to once again host the annual Computer Assisted Language Instruction Consortium (CALICO) Conference, to be held May 21–25, 2013, as it marks its 30<sup>th</sup> year. The theme will be “Navigating the Complexities of Language Learning in the Digital Age.” Conference highlights will include two days of pre-conference workshops, the Developers’ Showcase, and three days of conference presentations. Come join us for this much anticipated event! Website: <https://www.calico.org/page.php?id=492>

### STAY IN TOUCH WITH SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you know that the NFLRC has its own **Facebook page** with close to 1,200 fans? It’s one of the best ways to hear about the latest news, publications, conferences, workshops, and resources we offer. Just click on the “Like” button to become a fan. For those who prefer getting up-to-the-minute “tweets,” you can follow us on our **Twitter page**. Finally, NFLRC has its own **YouTube channel** with a growing collection of free language learning and teaching videos for your perusal. Subscribe today!

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### NEW NFLRC PUBLICATIONS



*The 7th International Conference & Workshops on Technology & Chinese Language Teaching: Conference Proceedings 2012*, Jun Da, Song Jiang, & Shijuan Liu (Eds.)

NFLRC Hawai'i was the 2012 venue for the [The 7th Int'l Conference & Workshops on Technology & Chinese Language Teaching](#). Seventy-two participant papers, covering a broad spectrum of topics in Chinese language, linguistics, and pedagogical technology are collected in this 542-page volume. You may [view or download this](#)

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*Language Documentation & Conservation* is a refereed, open-access journal sponsored by NFLRC and published by [University of Hawai'i Press](#).

*LD&C* publishes papers on all topics related to language documentation and conservation, as well as book reviews, hardware and software reviews, and notes from the field.



*Reading in a Foreign Language* is a refereed international journal of issues in foreign language reading and literacy, published twice yearly on the World Wide Web and sponsored by NFLRC and the University of Hawai'i College of Languages, Linguistics, and Literature.

## Michigan State University Center for Language Education and Research (CLEAR)



CLEAR's mission is to promote the teaching and learning of foreign languages in the United States. Projects focus on materials development, professional development training, and foreign language research.

### PERSONNEL NEWS

Congratulations to CLEAR's Co-Director, Susan Gass, who was recently the co-recipient (with Luke Plonsky) of the prestigious ACTFL-MLJ Paul Pimsleur Award for Research in Foreign Language Education.

In other personnel news, CLEAR bid farewell to two long-time team members last year. First, Dennie Hoopingarner left MSU to move to another position. In his sixteen years with CLEAR (nearly since its inception), Dennie was the driving force behind our technology projects, putting CLEAR "on the map" with its Rich Internet Applications and other initiatives. More recently, our nine-year veteran information technologist, Vineet Bansal, also left CLEAR to pursue other opportunities (and join his wife in New Jersey!). Vineet came to CLEAR as a graduate assistant and grew to be a valuable full-time member of the team, lending his considerable programming expertise to our website and web store, RIAs, CD-ROMs, and a host of other behind-the-scenes initiatives in support of CLEAR's mission. We sincerely thank Dennie and Vineet for their dedication and extraordinary contributions to CLEAR's growth and success over their combined twenty-five years of service, and we wish them the very best as they begin a new phase in their careers.

### CONFERENCES

CLEAR exhibits at local and national conferences year-round. We hope to see you at the upcoming [Central States](#) and [CALICO](#) conferences, as well as [MIWLA](#) and [ACTFL](#) later this year.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Four professional development workshops are slated for July and August 2013. The early bird application deadline is May 17, so hurry to choose your courses:

- Writing in the Foreign Language Classroom
- Revisiting the Learning and Teaching of Vocabulary
- Rich Internet Applications for Language Learning: Introductory Techniques
- Assessing Speaking: For Placement Testing, Classroom-based Assessment, and Midterm and End-of-term Proficiency Exams

Detailed information on all workshops can be found on our Web site:

<http://clear.msu.edu/clear/professionaldev/summerworkshops.php>.

### MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT

CLEAR is developing several new products during our fifth funding cycle. Check our Web site for updates on new products and services. Some of our upcoming projects include:

- Professional development webinars on diverse topics
- Online videos for language teaching techniques
- Online listening and speaking tests for LCTLs

### NEWSLETTER

*CLEAR News* is a free bi-yearly publication covering FL teaching techniques, research, and materials. Download PDFs of back issues and subscribe at <http://clear.msu.edu/clear/newsletter/>.