

Call for Nominations/Applications for Editorship of *The Modern Language Journal*

Professor Leo van Lier will be stepping down as editor of *The Modern Language Journal* effective with the last issue of volume 96 (2012). A new editor will be named effective with the first issue of volume 97 (2013), which goes to press in mid-October of 2012. The new editor will begin receiving manuscripts for consideration in July of 2012.

Although the term of the appointment is not fixed, the new editor should be willing to commit to a five-year term. A modest honorarium and budget for office expenses accompany the position. The individual named editor is expected to name his or her own editorial staff, editorial board, and associate editors.

Qualifications: The ideal candidate will have a background in Applied Linguistics / SLA / Foreign Language Education; a strong scholarly record; familiarity with quantitative and qualitative research paradigms; be open to an array of theoretical perspectives; experience in carrying out research on the L2 acquisition of languages other than English. Prior editorial experience not required but a definite plus.

Application Procedure: Those interested in being considered for the position should submit as electronic attachment: 1) a letter expressing interest, qualifications, and proposed policies and plans for the *MLJ*; 2) an up-to-date curriculum vitae; 3) a statement of support from the applicant's dean and / or department chair outlining the institutional support that would be guaranteed the editor, e.g., release time, a part-time secretary or research assistant. We plan to conduct interviews at AAAL 2011 in Chicago and the 2011 Northeast Conference in Baltimore.

The deadline for applications and nominations is February 28, 2011.

Search committee: Members of the search committee are James P. Lantolf (chair), Richard Donato, Barbara Lafford, Sally Magnan, Ali Moeller, Guadalupe Valdés

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