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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan Chair and Professor of Hispanic Studies Christina Isabelli has been named a 2015 recipient of an IES Abroad grant to teach a summer course at the Madrid, Spain IES Abroad Center.

Isabelli will teach a six-week course in Spanish titled “Travel through Time: The Spanish Language.” The teaching grant covers housing, transportation and a stipend.

“This introductory course examines major episodes and contexts of language change within Iberian past societies with special attention to changes in how social organization and behavior influenced language change,” said Isabelli. The course will also explore the reasons behind choosing Castilian, among the many other dialects of Spain, to become the official language of Spain and Latin America.

IES Abroad (the Institute for the International Education of Students) is a nonprofit that administers study abroad programs for U.S. college-aged students. Over 80,000 students have studied abroad on IES Abroad programs since the organization’s founding.

Isabelli received her doctorate degree from University of Texas-Austin. Her latest publication work appeared in *Foreign Language Annals* and *Hispanic Health Care International*, and she is a book and manuscript reviewer for multiple journals. Her research interests include second language acquisition during study abroad and domestic immersion, sociolinguistic issues regarding Hispanics in the U.S., and foreign/second language teaching methodology. She currently teaches courses on second language acquisition, history of the Spanish language, Spanish linguistics, and Spanish in the U.S.



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