

**University of Delaware
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Distinguished Scholars Series**

Public Lecture

**Crossing the Border:
Helping Students Reach Advanced-Level Proficiency**

by

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This presentation will engage faculty in exploring avenues for helping university language majors to reach the Advanced-Low level of oral proficiency. Dr. Glisan will discuss the characteristics of Advanced-level speech as described in the *ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines for Speaking* (2012) and examine ways in which coursework and other experiences can provide the venue for practicing advanced-level functions. The pivotal role of advanced-level content courses, such as literature and culture, in developing oral proficiency at the Advanced level will be discussed.

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Perkins Gallery**

(Reception to follow lecture, also in Perkins Gallery)

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