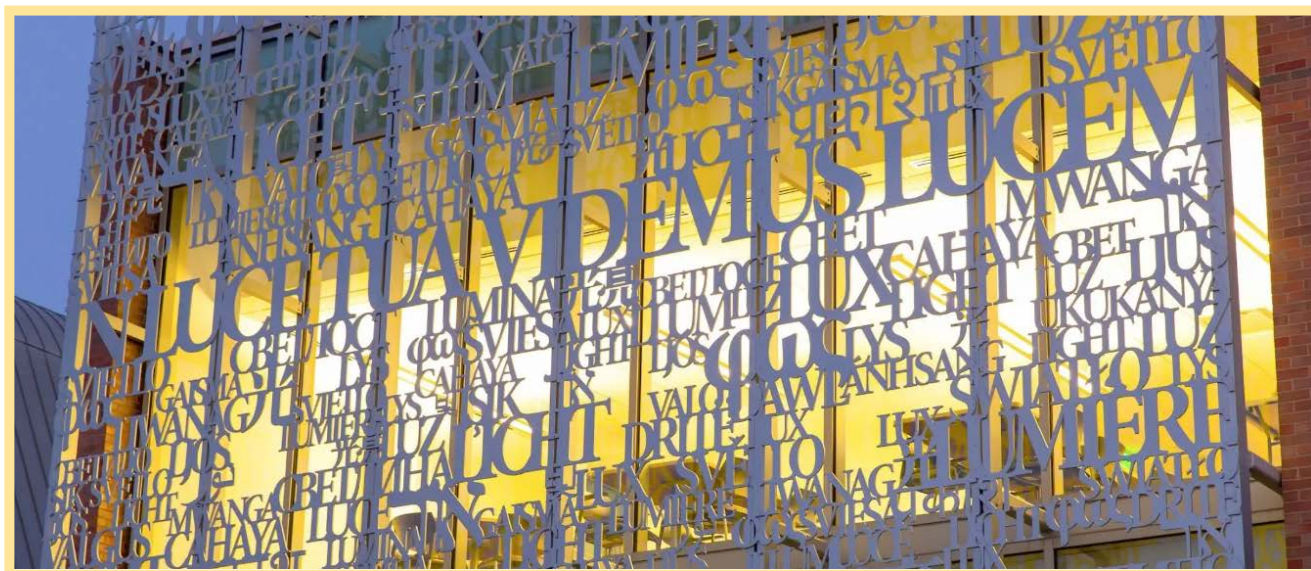


Language & Intercultural Learning Center Newsletter

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LINC – A Space for All Students

If you have class in the Arts & Sciences Building, you’ve probably walked by LINC, the Language & Intercultural Learning Center. LINC is for everyone...not just language students! All are invited to study, hang out, and explore groups and programs related to language and intercultural learning.

- Stop by LINC: **ASB 240**
- Visit us: [LINC page](#)
- Follow us: [valpolinc](#)
- Email us: linc@valpo.edu

Origin Movie and Discussion



LINC and the Office of Multicultural Programs have partnered to host a movie and discussion as part of the campus MLK Day celebration. [Origin](#) is a powerful movie that carefully explores connections between the social caste systems in India and Nazi Germany as a way to understand the early origins of American race relations and its present-day impact. Since classes were canceled last Tuesday, the movie and discussion are scheduled for this week:

- **Origin movie:** Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6 pm, Loke Hall
- **Origin discussion:** Wednesday, Jan. 29, 7 pm, LINC

The movie and discussion are each approved for VUE Fieldwork.

[Origin details](#)

Spring Language Groups

LINC hosts a number of student-led language groups, most meeting weekly. All groups meet in ASB 240. If you are passionate about exploring another language, would you consider starting your own language group? If so, you can contact LINC Director [Carol Goss](#) to learn more!

[More about language groups](#)



Language Tutoring



Meet our language partners: Rebecca, Mary, Gilbert, and Alondra. As one of Valpo's learning centers, LINC offers free tutoring for students studying French, German, and Spanish.

[Make an appointment](#)

Groups for Staff and Faculty

In addition to student-focused support, LINC facilitate groups for staff and faculty:

- [Spanish Table](#) led by Rev. Kate Museus meets Wednsedays at noon
- [Podcast Parlor](#) meets monthly on a Tuesday, 11:30 am; begins Jan. 28
- In March, the [Spring Reading Group](#) will read and discuss the memoir [Crying in H Mart](#)

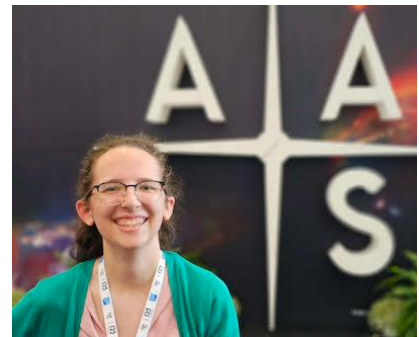
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Students Leading in Language Exploration

Lilly Blanton '26

Do you know Lilly, the student leader of our [ASL Group](#)? ASL is one of the first language groups formed in the language center, dating back to 2017. Now in her third year leading ASL, Lilly has invested her time, knowledge, and passion, allowing Valpo students to have the chance to explore and practice this language. Lilly is pursuing a degree in Astronomy, with a Mathematics minor, and is a member of Christ College. Lilly shares about why she decided to lead this group and about her love for ASL:

"I really wanted an opportunity to get to interact with people on campus interested in one of my two first languages, and expose people to it. I also wanted the chance to actually sign a bit, as unfortunately that's something I rarely have the opportunity to do here and I miss regularly signing. I have enjoyed being able to teach people about some of my own experiences, introduce them to a language and culture I love so much and help spread that language and get people interested in it!"



Language note: ASL stands for *American* Sign Language, but did you know that there are about [300 different forms of sign language](#) around the world?

***"One of the benefits of being bicultural is simply
the awareness that how you live is not the only way."***

– Ann Campanella

Connect and Collaborate

The Language and Intercultural Learning Center is eager to deepen connections with people and units across campus. For more information about LINC, or to talk about potential collaborations, contact Carol Goss, LINC Director, at carol.goss@valpo.edu.