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The faculty of Georgia Southern University's Department of Foreign Languages is proud to create a forum through which participants of the *Southeast Coastal Conference on Languages and Literatures* (SECCLL) have the opportunity to present the papers they deliver at the annual conference to a wider audience.

The rapid growth of Georgia Southern University and, in particular, the Department of Foreign Languages, motivated me to begin laying the foundation of an annual conference on languages and literatures. With the success of the *Southeast Coastal Conference on Languages and Literatures*, I began to develop the initiative of creating an online journal.

The Coastal Review was developed with the idea that the easy availability and mass appeal of the Internet would foster a medium by which scholars would reach readers around the globe. The accessibility of an online journal enables *The Coastal Review* to accomplish its purpose of contributing to the dissemination of scholarship.

The Coastal Review is a scholarly, peer-reviewed online journal that publishes selected papers presented at the *Southeast Coastal Conference on Languages and Literatures*. Papers selected for publication include topics in Classics, French, German, East Asian, Spanish, and Special Topics in language, literature, culture, pedagogy and film.

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The Department of Foreign Languages hopes that you will become a life-long reader of *The Coastal Review* and will consider submitting your work for publication.