

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AT FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY

In cooperation with The Rassias Center at Dartmouth College, is offering a

### Rassias Language Method Workshop for Teachers

Fall 2009 – See below for contact information — Dates TBA

2 days with the renowned John A. Rassias: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**\$400** (1.4 CEUs available; please inquire about nominal fee)



The Rassias Method<sup>®</sup>

The aim of the Rassias Method<sup>®</sup> is to make the student feel comfortable and natural with a foreign language in as short a period of time as possible. This goal is achievable through a series of specific techniques and teaching strategies taught in this workshop that:

- Create and maintain a dynamic classroom pace and atmosphere, thus capturing and holding students' attention;
- Provide for unusually high rates of student involvement in the use of the language;
- Foster spontaneity of expression and creative use of the language, even in the earliest weeks of language training;
- Reduce learners' natural self-consciousness and fear of mistakes;
- Emphasize the relevance of language and culture to students' own lives and experiences.

**Participants learn and use over 30 techniques developed by celebrated language and culture professor John A. Rassias.**

Basic schedule, both days:

**Sessions:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Lunch:** 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

**Sessions:** 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Dinner:** at the participants' discretion.

Please note that enrollment is limited, so please register as soon as possible. Groups are especially encouraged to enroll early.

Local dining and lodging information is available at the telephone number and e-mail address listed below. All sessions are held on the Fairfield University campus in Fairfield, CT, with easy access by train from the New England and Metro New York areas. Local and regional airports include LaGuardia (50 miles away), JFK (70 miles), Newark, NJ (90 miles), Tweed/New Haven (25 miles), White Plains (30 miles), Sikorsky/Bridgeport (5 miles).

## **Faculty**

**John Rassias**, William R. Kenan Professor of French and Italian at Dartmouth College, developed a dynamic method for teaching languages while training Peace Corps volunteers in the early 1960's and adapted it to Dartmouth College's undergraduate instruction in 1967. Professor Rassias served in 1978-79 on President Carter's Commission on Foreign Language and International Studies to develop national policy guidelines for reviewing foreign language study. Professor Rassias is President of the Rassias Center for World Languages and Cultures, an organization whose mission is to further the study of, and interest in, second language learning and other cultures. The Center works nationally and internationally to improve communication by encouraging and improving second language use in all sectors of our society: public, private, and federal.

**Joel Goldfield**, Academic Director of the Rassias Institute for Language and Cultural Studies at Fairfield University, has taught in Professor Rassias's workshops and language programs since 1974. Author of several articles on the Rassias Method<sup>®</sup> and on uses of educational technology in language teaching, he has served as Chair of Fairfield's Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and of the French section in the summer Accelerated Language Programs (ALPs) at the Rassias Foundation at Dartmouth College. He is also Associate Professor of French, Foreign Language Pedagogy and Technology and Director of the Assistant Teacher/Oral Practice Session (AT/OPS) Program at Fairfield University.

No graduate-level credit is available for this program. However, for information on advanced undergraduate credit, please contact Dr. Goldfield at [jgoldfield@mail.fairfield.edu](mailto:jgoldfield@mail.fairfield.edu). CEUs are available. Teachers are encouraged to check with their district office concerning the conversion of CEUs for use in their state.

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