

OCTOBER 2026 EDITION

Echevarria: “No student should leave University of Miami without being an AI native” (Sep. 29, Town Hall)

At the September 29 Town Hall, President Joe Echevarria outlined a vision for making AI fluency a core part of the Hurricane experience. Being “AI native” means more than using AI; it means knowing how to ask better questions, evaluate information and use technology to work smarter.

UM is already advancing this vision through Microsoft Copilot access and new AI training for faculty and staff, focusing on productivity, research and responsible AI use.

As AI transforms the workplace, Echevarria’s message is simple: UM students should graduate ready to work with AI, and help shape what comes next.

“Technology should deepen human connection rather than replace it.”

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IMMERSIVE LEARNING

MLL's VR Mock Interviews Go College-Wide

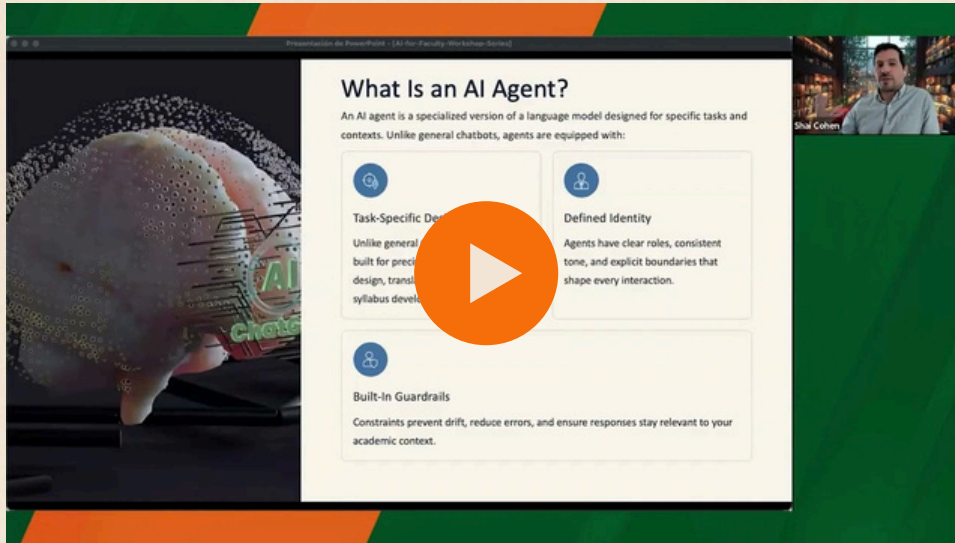


Practice. Get Feedback. Improve Mock Interview and Public Speaking in VR

During a recent visit to the lab, Jeanne Luis and Amarylis Wallace tried the VR mock interview that we have run with our internship students for the past two years. They were so excited that the program will now expand to the college level. Students from all College of Arts and Sciences internship programs can come to the lab to practice mock interviews and public speaking in any language. These sessions help students feel less anxious and build the skills and methods to ace any job interview in the future. The first event takes place on November 3 at 2 p.m. in Merrick 201, and flyers will follow soon.



Watch Our Talks on YouTube



The Modern Languages Lab now has its own YouTube channel. During October, we will upload the talks we hosted last year and so far this year. Watch the ones that interest you.



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New talks are uploaded all October. Stay tuned and watch!

AI SEMINAR SERIES

The Department of Modern Languages & Literatures Lab

A Lunchtime Conversation about Ethical Use of AI in Writing

ABOUT THE TALK

Wondering how to leverage AI in your writing without losing your personal voice or academic integrity? Join us for an engaging chat with Dr. April Mann to discover how AI can support brainstorming, drafting, and revision while keeping your critical thinking front and center. Bring your questions and experiences as we explore the balance between modern technology, transparency, and authentic authorship together!



DR. APRIL MANN



OCTOBER 21, 2026



12:00 PM



ZOOM

Presentation+Q&A

Join the conversation.

Scan to RSVP and receive the Zoom link

Open to the UM community



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Step Into the Future of Language Learning & Earn Extra Credit

Studying Spanish, French, Italian, Japanese, another language? Test immersive VR activities in the Modern Language Lab.

As a bonus for participating in these short 30-45 minute experiences, you will receive extra credit points!

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Language programs with opportunities for personalized learning

AI & VR

No prior VR experience required

Location

Merrick Building 201
Modern Language Lab

“The future of language learning is already here, and MLL is helping shape it.”



AI & VR in Language Learning

AI

Conversational practice

Practice dialogue, role-play, question formation, vocabulary retrieval, and pragmatic choices

Writing Feedback

Grammar and mechanics, word choice, cohesion, clarity, and revision planning

Speaking Support

Pronunciation practice, speech-to-text review, pacing, and repeated rehearsal

VR

Speaking Confidence

Gives students a repeatable, lower-pressure environment for oral rehearsal

Contextual Vocabulary

Connects words and phrases to places, actions, objects, and decisions

Intercultural Learning

Creates opportunities to notice social norms and discuss cultural perspectives

