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Professor Meredith McClain Receives Distinguished German Honor

Dr. Meredith McClain, who has taught German at Texas Tech since 1976, was named the winner of the Lucius D. Clay Medal by the Federation of German-American Clubs. According to the letter announcing the award, the Lucius D. Clay Medal is the highest award the Federation presents to Germans or Americans who contribute in a special way to initiating and deepening German-American relations and friendship. She is the first academic to receive the award.

Director of the Southwest Center for German Studies, Dr. McClain has organized several projects recently, including an exhibit financed by the Federal Republic of Germany on German heritage in Texas which is currently touring in Texas museums and universities, and which will be sent to Germany in 2002. She helped to direct and host the Annual Convention of the German Karl May Society from September 7-12, 2000. Convening for the first time outside the Federal Republic, this convention brought together eighty scholars from around the world for the discussion of the works of Karl May, the best-selling author of more than 100 novels and stories about the American West.

Dr. McClain's efforts have also done much to promote the visibility of the TTU German program among Texas's German-American community.

