The Association of Departments of Foreign Languages presents the ADFL Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession to Malcolm Alan Compitello, Professor of Spanish and head of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Arizona, dynamic teacher, groundbreaking scholar, advocate for language education, mentor, and editor, Malcolm Alan Compitello is a model of service to the profession and to the evolving discipline of Hispanic cultural studies. He has expanded and reshaped the traditional language and literature curriculum toward a new multidisciplinary cultural definition, exemplifying innovation in his own research and through the journal he founded and serves as executive editor, the Arizona Journal of Hispanic Cultural Studies. Generous stewardship is reflected everywhere in his department, where the number of undergraduate majors has tripled since he took over in 1995, the number of graduate students has doubled, and time to degree has decreased steadily. He is among the legendary mentors of the profession, nurturing his own students with extraordinary acumen and contributing to the professionalization of students and junior faculty members on and beyond his own campus. Colleagues and students speak of his honesty, fairness, capacity for intellectual growth, and academic rigor. We honor Malcolm Alan Compitello as a consummate professional, who has given his time tirelessly not just to the field and the community but to the ADFL in particular, as an adviser, leader, colleague, and friend.

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