



**Sarah Delany '17**

Hometown: Clayton, NY  
(Abroad in Rouen, France)

*"I actually flew out of Paris a few hours before the attack for a weekend trip to Switzerland. I didn't know about the attacks until Saturday morning when I had wifi. This is France's equivalent to 9/11, however, we are all safe in Rouen."*



**Hayley Humiston '16**

Hometown: Lake George, NY  
(Abroad in Rouen, France)

*"At first, I couldn't wrap my head around what was going on, especially since my mom, aunt and I had just been in Paris two days prior and they would have to return to Paris to fly back to the US the following Sunday. This honestly made it so much more personal and real for me."*



**Judith DeGroat**

**Associate Professor of History**

*"I lived in Paris for more than a year and return often for research. France is a second home to me. When I saw the news, the echo of violence around the world became an inseparable part of the horror and grief. I began to wonder: how do the souls of people who live through such violence every day survive?"*



**Haley DeParde '17**

Hometown: Minneapolis, MN  
(Abroad in Prague)

*"On my way home in the metro, I saw a woman with a small pin of the Eiffel Tower in her hat and I almost started to cry. It was such a small thing but symbolized so much strength and perseverance to me; it was a resistance to living in fear and a symbol of love to Paris."*



**Emily Smith '17**

Hometown: Scituate, MA  
(Abroad in London)

*"My friend who is studying in Paris messaged me saying, 'They're shooting people execution style. Sixty people are dead so far. I remember hearing fireworks down the street the next evening and reassuring myself that that's what they were—fireworks—and not AK-47s.'"*



**Paul Barrett '16**

Hometown: Rochester, NY

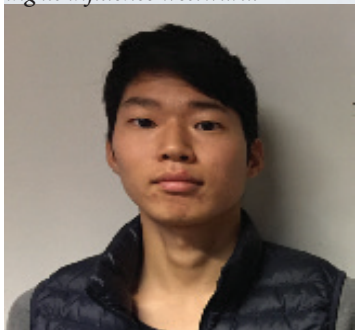
*"Having visited Paris briefly during my time spent abroad, my heart goes out to Parisians and the SLU students that were in Paris at the time. This tragedy shows us that the Islamic State terrorist group is an organized entity capable of expanding its influence westward."*



**Natalia Singer**

**Professor of English**

*"I have been to France 12 times, and I was the accompanying faculty member on the Global Francophone Cultures program twice, in 2010 and 2011. I have spent time in the neighborhood where many of the fatalities took place. I know those streets. As I tried to process the horrific events of Friday night, I worry that people will close their hearts to the refugees from Syria who are seeking asylum and are running for their lives, running from the prospect of becoming victims of deadly attacks like the ones that shook Paris."*



**Yoshifumi Kobayashi '17**

Hometown: Osaka, Japan

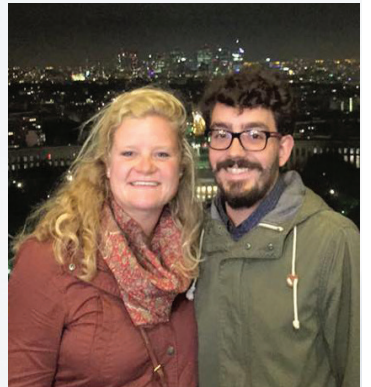
*"It reminded me of the huge tsunami that hit northern Japan 5 years ago. What's scary about this tragedy in Paris is that it was people who attacked, which let the victims have the enemy to revenge on. I am scared of what could happen next."*



**Avery Twist '16**

Hometown: Potsdam, NY

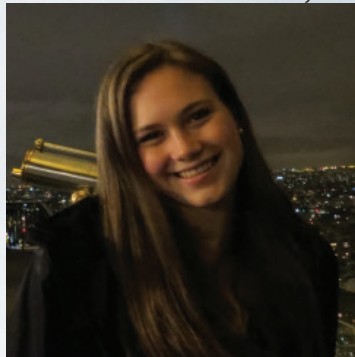
*"I immediately remembered landing in Paris for my second semester during the Charlie Hebdo shooting, and awaking from my jet lag slumber in order to protest the attacks on the streets of Rouen that same night. I know all of France is now showing that same defiant resolve I got to witness last year."*



**Anna Pond '15**

Hometown: Burlington, VT  
(Alumna living in Le Havre, France teaching English)

*"For me, the most powerful thing has been the French's determination to continue life as usual and to show that they aren't going to be beaten by anyone threatening their country or their culture."*



**Paige Friedlander '16**

Hometown: Oyster Bay, NY

*"It is hard to imagine that a place with a bridge full of locks holding people's love together could be targeted by a terrorist group to only gain the grief of a nation and the world."*

**Tim Wheeler '15**

Hometown: West Hartford, CT  
(Alumnus living in Paris teaching English; was 1 mile away from the attacks)

*"I received a text from a friend who I was supposed to be meeting at a bar in the 11th arrondissement that said, 'Hey, go home. It's not safe out. I'm not sure if you've heard but there are shootings all over Paris. Go home.' It was all that was on TV for the rest of the night."*



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