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**American Translators Association Honors Recently Elected Spanish
Language Division Administrator, Francesca Samuel, with Harvie
Jordan Scholarship**

ALEXANDRIA, VA— The American Translators Association awarded Francesca Samuel, a freelance translator and court interpreter in Tucson, Arizona, the 2012 Harvie Jordan Scholarship. She was also recently elected administrator of the ATA Spanish Language Division.

The Harvie Jordan Scholarship promotes, encourages, and supports leadership and professional development of translators and interpreters within ATA's Spanish Language Division and to honor Harvie Jordan's lifetime contributions as a language professional.. To be eligible for the award candidates must be Spanish Language Division members in good standing with two or more years of membership.

The selection criteria are demonstrated leadership skills and career goals; Spanish Language Division involvement and commitment to service; and special contributions to translation and interpretation.

Samuel is the new administrator for the ATA Spanish Language Division, has been an active member of the Division since 1999, and has been a key volunteer working on every Spanish Language Division Mid-Year Conference, serving as conference organizer in 2010 and co-organizer in 2012. She has served as Spanish Language Division treasurer and from 2006-2010 as Spanish Language Division assistant administrator. Samuel is also an active volunteer for Arizona Translators and Interpreters, Inc., serving as vice president, and is a member of the Pima County Community College Translation Studies Curriculum Advisory Committee.

Founded in 1959, the American Translators Association's primary goals include fostering and supporting the professional development of translators and interpreters and promoting the translation and interpreting professions. ATA, based in Alexandria, Virginia, currently has 11,000 members worldwide. For more information on ATA, please visit www.atanet.org.

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