Announcements
Victoria Busse, a 2014 B.A. graduate in Foreign Languages (French), International Studies, and Political Science, has been named a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in France for 2015-2016. Victoria is currently finishing her M.A. in Political Science.

Kyra Clapper, a current M.A. student in French and History, has been accepted into the History Ph.D. program at the University of Memphis. She will study the experiences of French writers and travellers in the American South during the Romantic era.

The Japanese section won big again this year at the eighth annual Tennessee Area Japanese speech contest on Saturday, April 4. U of M Japanese students swept the level 3 contest (the highest level). The U of M winners are as follows: Level 3: 1st place: Kaylor Roberts; 2nd place: Erik Warberg; 3rd place: Corderrius Muse; Level 2: Consul General's Award: Jonathan Jones-Edwards; Level 1: 3rd place: Miaya Johnson. Congratulations to all of the other speakers from the U of M who also competed well and delivered amazing speeches!

Events
There will be a department workshop from 2:20 pm to 3:20 pm on Monday, April 27 in Jones 214. The topics to be covered include: assigning online homework (Vistas), sharing syllabi, and sharing materials online (Google Sites).

The Italian section is organizing the Italian Film Festival USA, which will begin next week and to which both U of M students and the Memphis community are invited. All films will be shown with English subtitles, beginning at 7:00 pm in the UC Theater. Please contact Cosetta Gaudenzi (cgaudenz@memphis.edu) for more information. The films are as follows:

Friday, April 17 - Il capitale umano (drama)  
Tuesday, April 21 - La sedia della felicità (comedy)
Faculty Activities

Will Thompson was part of a pre-event panel discussion of Poulenc’s opera *Les Mamelles de Tirésias*, which is based on a play by Guillaume Apollinaire, on April 10 as part of Opera Memphis’s performance of the work at Playhouse on the Square.

Inma Gómez Soler, Adoración Berry, Jennifer Johnston, and Dustin Williams have been awarded one of the TBR Course Revitalization Grants in order to redesign Spanish 1020 in Fall 2015.

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures was well represented at the first ever Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association West Workshop (TFLTA West), held at Memphis University School on April 11, 2015.

Will Thompson, Associate Professor of French and Department Chair, served as the keynote speaker at TFLTA West, and also presented the session “When the Mid-South Was French.”

Rita Pasqui, Instructor of Italian and Classics presented “Teaching Foreign Languages Through Instructor-Made (Sing-Along) Karaoke Videos.”

Patrick McFadden, adjunct instructor of Classics and at teacher at St. Mary’s Episcopal School, presented “Mater Linguarum, Mater Scientiarum: Demonstrating the Practicality of Latin in a STEM-Focused World.”

Jennifer Johnston, Adoración Berry, and Dustin Williams, all Instructors of Spanish, presented “Engaging in Higher-Level Thinking Skills Through the Use of Authentic Materials.”

Diana Ruggiero, Assistant Professor of Spanish, presented “Engaging Ideas For Your Students: From Community Service Learning to Classroom Metacognition: How Do We Know They Are Listening?”

Errol O’Neill, Assistant Professor of French, presented “Electronic Language Tools For Student Success.”

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