Gazette

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Announcements

Our department was very well represented at this past week’s annual conference of the Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association, with current faculty and adjuncts as well as past students who are now teaching in attendance.

In front: Melissa Cantu and Javiera Navarrete-Peña. Back row: Cathy Adams, Josh Nave, Catherine Childs, Paul Jennemann, José Franco, Patrick McFadden, Lindsay Helms, Savannah Shelton.

Spanish Club News

Thank you to all who came to the 2nd meeting! If you were not able to make it to the meeting, we discussed two outings for the end of the semester, one to a restaurant and another to volunteer with Mariposas Collective. The last event we discussed was a study session/potluck the week before finals. Please fill out this survey when you have a moment, and we will send the official dates when we have enough responses. Feel free to send any questions, comments, or concerns.
Also, this Saturday from 10 am - 2pm, Dixon will be holding one of its Family Day events (link here) and needs volunteers. If you have any availability and would like to get service hours, please contact Ms. Margarita Sandino at msandino@dixon.org. If enough people want to go, we could try to get a group to go together!

University of Memphis Spanish Club (President: Fatima Jamil; Vice-president: William Fite)

Scholarships for 2020-2021

All students should have received a message this week about applying for 2020-2021 scholarships through the Tiger Scholarship Manager. The Department of World Languages and Literatures is pleased to offer the Mary Pettus Scholarship for undergraduate majors in the department. In addition, students majoring in World Languages are eligible for the Marcus W. Orr Humanities scholarship, and are encouraged to apply for that as well. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2020.

Events

International Education Week
Japanese Business Seminar

The Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville will cooperate with the Center for Professional Exchange (CEPEX) to present a business seminar at the University of Memphis, which will be conducted in English. They’d like to invite all students and faculty at the university, as well as Japanese/US companies, economic development officials, and political leaders. This will be a great chance to explore your future careers and network with local businesses and diplomats.
Japanese Innovation and Experiences
Implementing New Technology in the U.S.
From “Product Out” to “Market In”

The manufacturing industry has been transitioning from labor-intensive to advanced manufacturing systems with automation, robotics, machine learning, and AI with IoT. This shift has created new business opportunities such as CASE* and MaaS*, but also created a growing skills gap that requires new ideas and approaches to training and reskilling employees. CEPEX* invites you to join us for a discussion of potential U.S.-Japan collaboration with private sector, government authorities and educational institutions on how to address workforce development issues and the 21st century workplace.

Agenda
4:00 p.m. Welcome Remarks
   - Thomas Nenon, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, the University of Memphis
   - Jiro Nishimura, Acting Consul-General of Japan in Nashville
4:10 p.m. Presentations
   - “From Product Out to Market In, Change Your ‘80s Mindset”
   - “Reverse Logistics Innovation, Beyond Shared Mobility in Supply Chain”
5:00 p.m. Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A
6:00 p.m. Reception

Speakers
Yukio Tada, Chairman of the Board, CEPEX; Fellow, Hokkaido University
Yoshihiro Sasaki, Founder, RL Institute, President & CEO, R-CUBES
Al Collins, Director, Business Development/HR/Accounting, Funai Service Corporation
Yuki Matsuda, Coordinator, Japanese program, Associate Professor, Department of World Languages and Literatures, University of Memphis (invited)

CASE* (Connected: Autonomous; Shared/Service; Electric) MaaS* (Mobility as a Service)
CEPEX* (Center for Professional Exchange) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating the U.S.-Japan relationship and next generation of Japan experts. [http://www.cepex.org/]

Faculty Accomplishments


Dr. Denis Grélé presented a paper entitled “Colonization as dystopia: the case of Prévost’s Le Philosophe Anglais” at the South Central Modern Language Association (SCMLA) Conference in Little Rock. He has also been elected Secretary of the FRENCH II: LITERATURE, 1600–1800 panel for next year’s conference in Houston.

Dr. Diana Ruggiero and Dr. Francisco Lara performed Latin-American music and explored different type of dances (multi-competences) for children, in collaboration with Luz Vargas, Operations Assistant at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Memphis on September 30th.