Announcements

World Languages Student Employment Position for Spring 2020

The department is looking for 2-3 student workers for the spring semester to work in the Language Media Center (LMC; Jones 220). If you are interested in being considered for a position, please email the department chair, Dr. Will Thompson, at wjthmpsn@memphis.edu. Student workers are employed from approximately 8-12 hours per week at $13.00 per hour. Students are chosen based on their GPA, knowledge of the department, and availability to work during the regular LMC hours (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 or 4 p.m.).

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will sponsor Operation Warm Hearts to benefit students in Shelby County Schools. Please make donations of NEW coats, hats, gloves or scarves to Jennifer Johnston in Jones Hall room 108H. All donations must be made by Monday, December 2nd at 3:30pm. Items will be delivered to SCS on Tuesday, December 3rd!
Internship Opportunity

**Urban Fellows** is seeking applications for the spring semester if anyone is interested in applying! Information at: [https://www.memphistn.gov/government/careers/internships](https://www.memphistn.gov/government/careers/internships). Tyler Stegall, tyler.stegall@memphistn.gov, is the contact person.

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.

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### Events

#### 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
Yoshiihiro Sasaki, Founder, RL Institute, President & CEO, R-CUBES
A. 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. Ralph Albanese’s article, “Critique universitaire et discours scolaire sur les Pensées de Pascal : De la Restauration au Second Empire (1817-1856),” has been accepted for publication in the Australian Journal of French Studies.
Dr. Yuki Matsuda was invited as a guest speaker and delivered a lecture on November 5 entitled “Yakuwarigo (Role Language) in Japanese Popular Culture: The Hidden Multimodality in Japanese Characters,” for the Institute of Japanese Studies at the Ohio State University.

Dr. Benjamin Sparks published his review of *La formation des cadres sous le régime colonial au Dahomey 1932-1972* in volume 93.1 of *The French Review* in October 2019.