The Japanese Program at UoM hosted the 35th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Teachers of Japanese on February 22, 2020. Educators of Japanese from 12 states in the U.S., as well as Canada and Japan, attended the conference. Dr. Jae DiBello Takeuchi from Clemson University served as the keynote speaker. Thanks to the generous support from The Japan Foundation Los Angeles, the Association for Asian Studies, the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, the Office of the Provost at the University of Memphis, the FedEx Institute of Technology, and the Department of World Languages and Literatures, the conference was a big success!

**Webinar**
Dr. Diana Ruggiero, February 20th, conducted the webinar “Significant Learning and Languages for Specific Purposes in 3 Areas.” The webinar had over 389 participants signed up from all over the world. It was sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese and Executive Director Dr Sheri Spaine Long and Sergio Troitiño from Difusión editorial house. Dr. Ruggiero will be hosting the the Special Interest Group meeting on community engagement at the AATSP Annual Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico (July 9-12, 2020). Many Thanks to the department for its support of this event.

**Make-A-Wish Mid-South**
Make-A-Wish Mid-South will host a volunteer wish granting training on Sunday, March 29th 1:00-5:30pm. Make-A-Wish is in need of speakers of all languages as people come from around the world seeking medical attention in the Memphis area. Contact Ashleigh Rainer arainer@midsouth.wish.org for more information.

**El Pueblo Spanish Camp**
Attention Future Counselors: Inspire young people to be lifelong learners and lovers of languages and cultures while working with a passionate bilingual team. Visit their web site to learn more: https://languagesouth.com/our-team/

**Career Pathways**
The Consular Fellows Program in the U.S. Department of State offers candidates with language skills in Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin Chinese, or Arabic a unique opportunity to serve their country, utilize their foreign language skills,
and develop valuable skills and experience that will serve them well in follow-on professions. For more information, please go to https://careers.state.gov/work/foreign-service/consular-fellows/.

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**Events**

**Afro-Latino Week**

![Afro-Latino Week poster](image)

**Spanish Club**

**SPANISH CLUB MEETING**

Tuesday (3/3) from 2:00-2:30 in Jones Hall 003 (in the basement)

**no experience with Spanish Required!!**

[uofmspanish-club@outlook.com](mailto:uofmspanish-club@outlook.com)

Join us on Tiger Zones!
The Spanish Club would like to invite students from the Department of World Languages and Literatures to attend our second meeting of the semester, which will be on Tuesday, March 3rd at 3:30 in Jones Hall, room 003. We will be discussing a movie night for the month of March, volunteering with Desayuno con Libros, leadership opportunities, and more.

**Become a Tiger, Become a Teacher**
The College of Education will host Become a Tiger, Become a Teacher Day 2020 March 6 from 8:30 a.m-2:30 p.m. in the University Center. Prospective students from area high schools can learn about one of the highest-rated teacher pre programs in Tennessee, interact with COE faculty and staff, and explore scholarship and teaching opportunities in Memphis. RSVP at becomeateacher2020.eventbrite.com.

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**Faculty Accomplishments**


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