Welcome back!

I hope all of you, faculty, graduate students, and World Languages undergraduate majors, are off to a great start of the semester. If you are new to the department, you should know that the Gazette is a weekly electronic newsletter sent to everyone in the department, as well as a number of people in other parts of the university and local community. Contributions about events and achievements are always welcome. Usually the Gazette is prepared on Thursday, and sent out on Friday morning (with a few exceptions over the course of the academic year). Information about events in particular should be sent as early as possible so that we can help get the word out in advance. I hope you find the Gazette informative. We try to put as much information in one message a week so we don’t clutter up your inbox!

Sincerely,

Dr. Will Thompson, Chair

Congratulations!

On Wednesday July 10th, Dr. Diana Ruggiero, Associate Professor of Spanish, received the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award at the college level. [www.aatsp.org/page/FourYearCollegeUniTeacherYear](http://www.aatsp.org/page/FourYearCollegeUniTeacherYear)

Dr. Fernando Burgos, Professor of Spanish, was named the recipient of a Catherine and Charles Freeburg University Professorship at the faculty meeting of the College of Arts and Sciences on August 22.

At the same meeting, Lindsey Shelton, Instructor of Spanish, was named the 2019 recipient of the Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence, the highest honor in the college for teaching.

Dr. Cosetta Gaudenzi, Associate Professor and Head of the Italian section, has been elected Treasurer of the American Association for Italian Studies (AAIS).
Announcements

World Languages Student Ambassadors for 2019-2020

The department is looking for a few students interested in serving as Student Ambassadors for the 2019-2020 academic year. Complete information about the program is available on the department website at: https://www.memphis.edu/wll/ambassadors.php. Please contact Dr. Will Thompson at wjthmpsn@memphis.edu with any questions.

Student Internships

During Spring 2019, 7 Spanish majors completed successful internships in the Memphis area; Su Casa Ministries, Peer Power, Young Life, Morgan & Morgan and Shelby County Schools. For Fall 2019, 5 Spanish majors have secured internships with local organizations; Peer Power, Bellevue Baptist Church, Su Casa Ministries and The Exchange Club. Great job, Spanish Majors!

Pink Palace Exhibit

The Pink Palace Museum is creating an exhibit about the history of the University of Memphis basketball programs. Guest-curated by Aram Goudsouzian of the Department of History, Tiger Hoops: 100 Years of Memphis Basketball will run from March-October 2020. They are asking Memphians to loan them their favorite fan shirt for a t-shirt wall in the exhibit. They will return any loaned shirts after the exhibit is over. If you have a shirt you'd like considered, please contact Jestein Gibson at (901) 636-2327.

To go along with the physical t-shirt wall, they are creating a digital t-shirt wall where visitors (in the museum and online) can click on the image and read why the shirt and the team matter to the lenders. You can see it as it evolves by visiting www.tigerhoops100years.com/fan-shirts

Events

Language and Culture Assistants in Spain Information Session
Language & Culture Assistants in Spain

Experience Spain for a full academic year with a monthly stipend & medical coverage

The University of Memphis Department of World Languages and Literatures will hold an informational meeting about the North American Language and Culture Assistants Program in Spain on

Friday, September 13 at 1:00 p.m.
Jones Hall 212
University of Memphis
Memphis, TN 38152
Light refreshments will be served.

The North American Language and Culture Assistants Program is an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of Spain to provide North American (US and Canadian) native speakers of English or French with the opportunity to assist teachers in the English or French programs in elementary, secondary or language schools in Spain.

You may qualify for the program if you are a US or Canadian citizen and meet one of the following requirements:
☐ undergraduate juniors or seniors majoring in any subject
☐ graduates with a bachelor’s degree or an associate degree and some proficiency in Spanish
☐ community college students in their last semester of studies by the end of the academic year preceding the start of the program

For more information, contact the
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901.678.2507 • jnave@memphis.edu

Career Services Information Tables
The Study Abroad Fair will take place Monday, September 16 from 10-2 in the Rose Theatre.
Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. Ralph Albanese’s article, entitled "La Dialectique savoir/ignorance dans Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," has appeared in Papers on French Seventeenth Century Literature, XLVI, 90 (2019), 93-105.

Dr. Inma Gómez Soler’s chapter (co-authored with Ana de Prada Pérez of Maynooth University) “The Effect of Person in the Subject Expression of Spanish Heritage Speakers” appeared in Dialects from Tropical Islands: Research on Caribbean Spanish in the United States, edited by M. González Rivera & W. Valentín Márquez (Routledge, 2019).


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