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 for more information at wjthmpsn@memphis.edu.

Mesa Española for Fall 2019
Events

Department Event: 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 of 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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Spanish Club Meeting
Hispanic Heritage Month Opening Dinner
Presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Pettinaroli and Dr. Diana Ruggiero on the importance of including latinx in higher education, featuring students reading spoken word poems.

Lecture and Recital Commemorating Clara Schumann

There will be a lecture recital commemorating the composer Clara Schumann’s bicentennial at 7:30pm on Friday, September 13 in Harris Concert Hall in the Music Building, featuring Prof. Rachel Scott (soprano) and Anna B. Neal (piano).

Career Services Information Tables
Confucius Institute Open House
The Study Abroad Fair will take place Monday, September 16 from 10-2 in the Rose Theatre.
Honors Study Abroad Course in Spring 2020
Faculty Accomplishments

**Dr. Will Thompson** has been appointed to the executive board of the American Society for the French Academic Palms.

**Dr. Robert Kelz** was awarded a monthlong research fellowship at the German Literary Archive in Marbach from July 1-31 this summer.

**Dr. Melanie Conroy** presented "Metrics for Eighteenth-Century French Literary History" at *Digitizing Enlightenment IV* at the University of Edinburgh in July of 2019.

**Dr. Errol M. O'Neill**'s article, "Training students to use online translators and dictionaries: The impact on second language writing scores," has been published in the *International Journal of Research Studies in Language Learning*, 8(2), 47-65.
**Dr. Ivan Ortega-Santos** published "On the use of *uno* in Colombian Spanish: the role of transitivity," co-authored with Marcela Hurtado, in *Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics* 12 (2019), 35-64.

**Dr. Diana Ruggiero** attended the 2019 annual conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in San Diego, where she was active in several sessions. With Dr. Carmen King de Ramirez, she presented "Re-Conceptualizing Professional Development & Networking Opportunities through an Interactive Podcast Series." With Dr. Michael Doyle and Dr. Enrica Ardemagni, she presented "Foundational Curricular and Methodological Issues in Spanish for the Professions and Specific Purposes." With Dr. John Thomas Maddox IV and Dr. Thomas M. Stephens she presented a panel on Race and Place in Latin America. Dr. Ruggiero also conducted the national Community Engagement SIG Business Meeting for AATSP. Finally, she presented a panel with Dr. Carmen King de Ramirez and Dr. Barbara Lafford on "What’s Next in World Languages for Specific Purposes? Ideas for the Future and an Invitation to Approach the Field Regardless of Background."

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