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# Gazette

#### Announcements

The **Italian section** had a table at the **Language Fair**, judged dance and costumes and offered a mini lesson in Italian.

**Elham Balan**, a current M.A. student in French, has been accepted into the **French Ph.D.** program at the **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** for January 2016. She will study Francophone literature and translation in a comparative context.

The **Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association** (TFLTA) is, for the first time, sponsoring a one-day West Tennessee Workshop tomorrow **Saturday, April 11** at Memphis University School. TFLTA has sponsored such an event in Eastern Tennessee for several years, and that event has been a great success. This is a great opportunity for some professional development and for meeting other foreign language educators from around the region. The workshop website is at: http://tfltawest.weebly.com/. The workshop is **FREE**, but you <u>must</u> be a TFLTA member (\$25; \$10 for students).

#### **Events**

On Monday, April 13, there will be a Spanish Movie Night at 3:15 pm in the Psychology Auditorium.

Glynis Cowell, Teaching Professor in Spanish and Director of the Spanish Language Program at UNC-Chapel Hill, will present "'Passive' Skills but Active Engagement" on Tuesday, April 14 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm in Jones 249.

The Italian section is organizing the **Italian Film Festival USA**, which will begin next week and to which both UM students and the Memphis community are invited. All films will be shown with English subtitles, beginning at **7:00 pm** in the **UC Theater**. Please contact **Cosetta Gaudenzi** (cgaudenz@memphis.edu) for more information. The films are as follows:

Tuesday, April 14 - Song 'e Napule (comedy)
Wednesday, April 15 - Oro Macht Frei (documentary)
Friday, April 17 - Il capitale umano (drama)
Tuesday, April 21 - La sedia della felicità (comedy)



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### **Faculty Activities**

Heike Polster received a Travel Enrichment Award from the College of Arts and Sciences for summer 2015.

**Diana Ruggiero** received a **Travel Enrichment Award** from the College of Arts and Sciences for summer 2015.