

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Gazette

Announcements

Victoria Busse, a 2014 B.A. graduate in Foreign Languages (French), International Studies, and Political Science, has been named a **Fulbright English Teaching Assistant** in France for **2015-2016**. Victoria is currently finishing her M.A. in Political Science.

Kyra Clapper, a current M.A. student in French and History, has been accepted into the **History Ph.D.** program at the **University of Memphis**. She will study the experiences of French writers and travellers in the American South during the Romantic era.

The Japanese section won big again this year at the eighth annual **Tennessee Area Japanese speech contest** on **Saturday, April 4**. U of M Japanese students swept the level 3 contest (the highest level). The U of M winners are as follows: Level 3: 1st place: **Kaylor Roberts**; 2nd place: **Erik Warberg**; 3rd place: **Corderrius Muse**; Level 2: Consul General's Award: **Jonathan Jones-Edwards**; Level 1: 3rd place: **Miaya Johnson**. Congratulations to all of the other speakers from the U of M who also competed well and delivered amazing speeches!

Events

There will be a department workshop from **2:20 pm** to **3:20 pm** on **Monday, April 27** in **Jones 214**. The topics to be covered include: assigning online homework (Vistas), sharing syllabi, and sharing materials online (Google Sites).

The Italian section is organizing the **Italian Film Festival USA**, which will begin next week and to which both U of M 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:

Friday, April 17 - *Il capitale umano* (drama)

Tuesday, April 21 - *La sedia della felicità* (comedy)



Faculty Activities

Will Thompson was part of a pre-event panel discussion of Poulenc's opera *Les Mamelles de Tirésias*, which is based on a play by Guillaume Apollinaire, on **April 10** as part of **Opera Memphis's** performance of the work at Playhouse on the Square.

Inma Gómez Soler, Adoración Berry, Jennifer Johnston, and Dustin Williams have been awarded one of the **TBR Course Revitalization Grants** in order to redesign Spanish 1020 in Fall 2015.

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures was well represented at the first ever **Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association West Workshop** (TFLTA West), held at **Memphis University School** on **April 11, 2015**.

Will Thompson, Associate Professor of French and Department Chair, served as the keynote speaker at **TFLTA West**, and also presented the session "**When the Mid-South Was French.**"

Rita Pasqui, Instructor of Italian and Classics presented "**Teaching Foreign Languages Through Instructor-Made (Sing-Along) Karaoke Videos.**"

Patrick McFadden, adjunct instructor of Classics and at teacher at St. Mary's Episcopal School, presented "**Mater Linguarum, Mater Scientiarum: Demonstrating the Practicality of Latin in a STEM-Focused World.**"

Jennifer Johnston, Adoración Berry, and Dustin Williams, all Instructors of Spanish, presented "**Engaging in Higher-Level Thinking Skills Through the Use of Authentic Materials.**"

Diana Ruggiero, Assistant Professor of Spanish, presented "**Engaging Ideas For Your Students: From Community Service Learning to Classroom Metacognition: How Do We Know They Are Listening?**"

Errol O'Neill, Assistant Professor of French, presented "**Electronic Language Tools For Student Success.**"