

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Gazette

Announcements

The induction ceremony for **Pi Delta Phi**, the French Honors Society, will be held on **Wednesday, April 29** in the **UC Bluff Room** (room 304). The event will welcome 10 new undergraduate students who have met the qualifications for membership in the French Honor Society, which include a minimum 3.0 GPA globally and in French, as well as nomination by a faculty member based on demonstrated excellence in French language and interest in Francophone cultures. This year's inductees are: **Briana Augustus, Andrew Bacon, Carly Davis, Emily Farris, Ashley Hiskey, Sally Mansour, Taylor Means, Alexandra Spears, Bradley Starnes, and Daniel Sullins**. Congratulations to our new members!

On **Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 pm**, the French section will be taking part in an annual event at **St. Agnes Academy** called **Célébrons le Français**. The event serves to announce the winners of the National French Contest and the Alliance Française essay contest, and to showcase winning performances from the Language Fair in the French events. There will be about 150 students, as well as their teachers and parents in attendance at the event.

Faculty Activities

Diana Ruggiero has been awarded a **Capacity Building Grant** of \$18,500 from the **Strengthening Communities Initiative**. The grant was awarded to **Caritas Village** and **Dr. Ruggiero** for their **CRuCES (Create Community Engaged Scholarship)** project.

Vania Barraza has received a **Travel Enrichment Award** from the College of Arts and Sciences for summer 2015.

Vania Barraza has started collaborating with the local Latino newspaper *La Prensa Latina*. In her bi-monthly bilingual column, entitled “**Para verte mejor /To see you better**”, she promotes Hispanic Cinema among the Mid-South readers. She has written about movies such as *The Motorcycle Diaries*, *Wild Tales*, *No*, or *Instructions not Included*. Her current review is about the Mexican film *Under the Same Moon*. You can find a link to the e-edition of *La Prensa Latina* here:

<http://www.laprensalatina.com/e-edition/index.html>

Inma Gómez Soler's co-authored article “**Development and Evaluation of a Spanish-Language Version of the Relational Health Indices**” has been accepted for publication in *Psychological Assessment*. Her co-authors are the counseling professionals Dr. **Stephen Lenz** (Texas A&M University), Dr. **Richard Balkin** (University of Louisville), and Dr. **Patricia Martínez Uribe** (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú). This article is part of an ongoing collaborative project.

Melanie Conroy will present “**The Milieu of the Prisoner-of-War Camp in *La Grande Illusion***” at the colloquium “Spaces of Conflict (1914-2015)” at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill on **Monday, April 27**.

Melanie Conroy will present “**Reclaiming Feminist Literary History through Digital Mapping**” at the Northeast Modern Language Association in Toronto on **Thursday, April 30**.