Events/Guest Lectures

April 5, 2018, 10:00-5:00 pm, Weldon Library
**Spanish 1030 Poster Session.** Exhibit includes children’s books for 4-6 yrs old written in Spanish donated to a primary school in Cuba.

April 13, 2018, 9:00-12:30 pm, AHB 2R23
**Innovative Approaches to Second Language Teaching.** For further information contact Ana Garcia-Allen (agarcia@uwo.ca) or Henri Boyi (hboyi@uwo.ca)

March 29, 2018, 8:30 am, AHB 1B06
**Christy Garland,** filmmaker, screening of “Cheer Up”, sponsored by ML&L and the London and Middlesex Film Festival Research Group, organized by C. Burucua.

March 29, 2018, 10:30-3:00 pm, UCC Atrium
**Italian Studies Cultural Awareness Day**

March 26, 2018, 1:30-3:30 pm, AHB3B15

March 22, 2018
**‘Happy Nowruz/New Year Celebration’**
Persian 1030 class displayed their culture through food and song.

March 21, 2018
**Arabic 2250 End-of-Year Party** to celebrate Arabic culture in our traditional way. Thirty students prepared and served Middle Eastern food. The dishes included chicken and rice, tabouli and hummus, and delicious desserts like baklava and basbousa. The attendees also enjoyed listening to Arabic music, and then danced together. Two guest professors R. Montano and A. Borchert joined the students for dancing. It was a festive way to conclude the academic year.

March 3, 2018, University of Toronto
The 36th Ontario Japanese Speech Contest
Of the thirty-nine contestants from universities around Ontario, both UWO students delivered excellent speeches, Patrick Tan (Beginner's Category) winning a Special Prize and Jiabao Ai winning the 2nd Place in the Intermediate Category. Congratulations to their outstanding achievements!

Colloquium Series Talk:
Wednesdays, 11:30-12:30, AHB 3B15

CL Graduate Research Forum
Tuesdays, 11:30-12:30 pm, AHB 2R23
April 3: Natalya Domina “To Appropriate Post-Soviet Space: Memory and Trauma in Victor Pelevin’s Homo Zapiens (1999) and Serhiy Zhadan’s Voroshilovgrad (2010).”
March 27: Helga Ruppe “So You Think You Know Merlin”?

Conversation Groups

**Arabic:** Let's Talk in Arabic ( خلينا نحكى )
Mondays, 3:00-4:00 pm, AHB 3R19
Contact: ykharrat@uwo.ca or adahab@uwo.ca

**German (Stammtisch)**
Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00 pm, AHB 3R19
Contact: Vladimir Tumanov

**Italian (Club Di Conversazione)**
Wednesdays, 2:30-4:00 pm, AHB 3R19
Contact: Teresa Aconito

**Japanese**
Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 pm, AHB 3R19
Contact: Mitsume Fukui
Conversation Groups (cont’d)

Spanish (La Tertulia)
Wednesdays 4:30-6:30 pm, Lawson Hall 2205 tertulia@uwo.ca.

Film Series

All films have English subtitles and everyone is welcome!

Cineclub Hindi: Bollywood Nights
Thursdays, 5:30 pm, UCC 41
April 5: Kuch Kuch Hota Hai
Hispanic Movie Nights
Thursdays, 5:30 pm, UCC 41
April 5: Biutiful

Conference Presentations


Rafat, Y. Auditory orthographic interaction in L2 speech learning. WISSLR. (March, 2018)

Spinu, L., Rafat, Y., & Philipp-Muller, N. Digit span error patterns in bilinguals and monolinguals. WISSLR. (March, 2018)


Publications


CulturePlex Data Points Report:
"Retweets show a strong allegiance between users and their leaders, and retweeting a message is usually perceived as an endorsement of the opinion contained in the original tweet. The more retweets and users retweeting your messages, the better. The current DataPoint analyses the retweets of 31,442 users to the five candidates to Colombian Presidential Elections during February 2018: Gustavo Petro, Humberto De La Calle, Sergio Fajardo, Iván Duque, and Germán Vargas Lleras. The study computes the political similarity, using Jaccard Coefficient, among the candidates based on the network of users that retweeted them. Results show two major groups leaded by Petro and Duque, and a Centre which better player is De La Calle.”
The document is available at: http://www.culturplex.ca/datapoints/de-la-calle-is-the-only-option-for-the-centre-retweets-point-the-way-forward/


Congratulations

Constanza Burucúa has been awarded the Graham and Gale Wright Distinguished Scholar Award for the academic year 2018-19.

Graduate Student Fellowships and Awards:
Grace Gomashie: Mary Routledge Fellowship, $750.00
José Luis Jaimes-Dominguez: Alumni Graduate Award, $1,000.00
Yadira Lízama: Graduate Thesis Research Award, $1,000.00
Además, José Luis Jaimes-Dominguez se ganó eca de MITACS para hacer investigación en México.
In The News:

Y. Kharrat:  
https://news.westernu.ca/2018/03/kharrat-music-provides-way-arabic-language-understanding/

M. McGregor  
https://news.westernu.ca/2018/03/taking-students-deeper-foreign-language/