**Upcoming Events/Guest Lectures**

**Wishing a warm welcome to Ingrid Timusk**
who is our new Undergraduate Assistant and started in ML&L on Mon., Oct. 17, 2016.

**Diwali (Festival of Lights)**
Wed., Nov. 9, 2016 from 12:00-1:00 pm
D.B Weldon Library Atrium
Students registered in Hindi are celebrating one of the most famous festivals in India marking the victory of good over evil, and also the start of a new fiscal year for some communities in India. The cultural program will show the history, art of ‘ragoli’, song and dance ending with an Q&A session. All are welcome!

**International Week 2016 (Nov. 21-25, 2016)**

**Tues., Nov. 22:**
German Conversation Club
3:30-4:30 pm, SH 3355, contact: vtumanov@uwo.ca
German Film: “Labyrinth of Lies”, 6:30 pm, SH 2316, German with English subtitles
Arabic Poetry Presentation, 3:00 pm, AHB 2B04
Poets Jalal Jaf and Hafida Bencherif

**Wed., Nov. 23:**
Club di Conversazione, 2:30-4:00 pm, AHB 3R19, contact: teresa.aconito@gmail.com
Arabic countries presentation by Arabic students, 2:30 pm, UCC 59
La Tertulia-Spanish Conversation Group, 4:30-9:30 pm, IGAB 1N05, contact: tertulia@uwo.ca
Thurs., Nov. 24:
Spanish Film: “María llena eres de Gracia”, 7:00 pm, AHB 1B04, Spanish with English subtitles
Japanese Film: “The Apology King”, 7:00 pm, AHB 2B04, Japanese with English subtitles
Sponsored by the Japan Foundation
Arabic Film: “Taimour & Shafi’aa”, 7:00 pm, AHB 1B02, Arabic with English subtitles

**Past Events/Guest Lectures**

**The 19th Graduate Student Conference entitled “Toxic/City”**
March 2-4, 2017.
The conference will examine the literary, historical, and theoretical investigations of toxicity in spaces, including but not limited to cities, suburbs, countryside, or imaginary spaces. For further information contact: Parastoo Nasrollahzadeh pnasroll@uwo.ca. Organized by CL, HS and CSTC.

**Christmas Potluck Party:**
Tues., Dec., 6, 2016, 11:30-1:30 pm, AHB Library.

**Italian Studies Cultural Awareness Day:**
March 22, 2016, 9:00-4:30 PM, UCC Main Atrium
Italian 1030 students (all sections) made presented their bilingual posters on several topics related to Italian culture: history, economy, immigration, traditions, cuisine, art and more. The event was a great success and was immediately featured on the USC website. For pictures see the Italian Studies at Western unofficial blog at https://westernuitalian.wordpress.com/

**Serata Italiana:** March 31, 2016
First year Italian students performed to the third annual Serata Italiana, with art and fun, all Italian, with music, poems, and humorous skits. Another great success for ITA 1030 students!

**Walk and Picnic in the Park**
Friday, Sept. 2, 2016 at 1:30 pm
Gibbons Park

**Beginning of Term Reception**
in honour of Joyce Bruhn de Garavito
Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016, 5:00-7:00 pm
Windermere Manor Grand Hall
Linguistics Talk
Oct. 7, 11:00-12:00 pm, AHB 2R09
Robert Stainton, UWO, “Quasi-Factives and Cognitive Efficiency”.

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)
Wed., Nov. 2, 2016 from 12:00-2:00 pm, DB Weldon Library Atrium
A cultural celebration in Hispanic culture honouring those who have passed. There will be food, poems, music, dancing and a beautiful display. All are welcome!

Innovative Approaches to Second Language Teaching (IASLT) Forum presented by the Language Learning Centre, UWO
Fri., Nov. 4, 8:45-12:30 pm, AHB 3B15

Conversation Groups

German: Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30, SH 3355
contact: vtumanov@uwo.ca.
Italian (Club de Conversazione):
Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30 pm AHB 3R19
contact: teresa.aconito@gmail.com
Japanese: Mondays and Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30, AHB 3R19, contact: rshiraka@uwo.ca
La Tertulia-Spanish Conversation Group,
4:30-9:30 pm, IGAB 1N05, contact: tertulia@uwo.ca

Film Series

English subtitles. Everyone is welcome!

Arabic
Mondays, 7:00 pm, AHB 3B02
Nov. 7: The Syrian Movie, Passion (Bab Al Maquam), Mohammed Malas.
Nov. 21: The Syrian Movie (A Flood in Baath Country), Omar Amiralay.
Dec. 5: The Egyptian Documentary (The Kemetian philosophy and its echoes in Egyptian oral traditions), produced by Ayman Kharrat.

German
Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30 pm, SH 2316
Oct. 11 - The Nasty Girl (Das schreckliche Mädchen), Michael Verhoeven, 1990
Nov. 1 - Victoria, Sebastian Schipper, 2015
Nov. 22 - Labyrinth of Lies (Im Labyrinth des Schweigens), Giulio Ricciarelli, 2014

Conference Presentations


Conference Presentations (cont'd)

**deLooze, L.** USC President’s Distinguished Nominee Award for Innovation in Teaching. 29 March, 2016.

**Gomashie, G.A.** 'Papiamentu: Theories of its genesis and textual comparisons with Spanish'. Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Hispanists (CAH), Calgary, Alberta. 1 - 3 June, 2016


**Rafat, Y., Spinu, L., & Ruiz-Peña, E.** Exploring the bilingual advantage in the acquisition of intonation: the case of Quebec French-English bilinguals, 46th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL 46), Stoney Brook University, New York, March, 2016.


**Robin, A.** “Hallazgo de una pintura de Antonio Enríquez en el Museo Regional de Guadalajara,” Seminario de Pintura Virreinal, Museo Regional de Guadalajara, Guadalajara (Mexico), February 5, 2016.


Conference Presentations (cont'd)


Publications
Congratulations (cont’d)


PhD:

Mohammed Afana " La identidad cultural a través del espacio urbano y arquitectónico en la Ciudad de México: el caso de la Villa de Guadalupe" Aug. 16, 2016.

Naqaa Abbas " Organizations of Knowledge about the Orient in German and British Romanticism 1780-1820". Aug. 29, 2016.


Awards:

Yanxiang Wu "Paradise Lost: Astronomy, Scepticism, Perspective" (defended on 11 December 2015) was selected as one of three Western recipients of the prestigious Governor General’s Gold Medals for 2016.


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Congratulations (cont’d)

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Congratulations to the following MA and PhD students who have successfully defended their thesis:

Masters:


Congratulations (cont’d)

Brenes Reyes, Jaime (CL-PhD) "Retoque transatlánticos: la 'enfermedad del ensueño' en Los raros de Rubén Darío." A Contracorriente: A Journal on Social History and Literature in Latin America 14.1 (Fall 2016): 290-305.


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