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LANGUAGES & CULTURES
DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP: CLUB DI CONVERSAZIONE
Reoccurring every Wednesday. Contact Teresa at teresa.aconito@gmail.com for more information.

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP: LA TERTULIA
Reoccurring every Tuesday. Contact Valeria at vmendezd@uwo.ca for more information.

Important Dates

Dec 10 – Dec 22
Mid-year examination period

Dec 23 – Jan 3
University closed

Jan 8, 2024
- Classes resume
- Last day to pay Graduate winter term tuition (1st installment)

Jan 16, 2024
Last day to add or drop a second-term 0.5 course or a second-term full (1.0) course

Feb 16, 2024
Last day to submit your photo(s) for the Photo Contest

Photo Contest 2024
Submission Deadline
4 p.m. on February 16, 2024

Conversation Groups
Awards, Publications & Talks

Adamson, Melitta

de Looze, Laurence
- Recipient of the Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award, one of the new Western Research Excellence Awards

Martinez Loyola, Richard (Graduate student)
- His Project “Quetzalcoatl in Children’s Mythology” was chosen as one of the five winners of 2023 Western Libraries Undergraduate Library Research Awards

Devo Colis, Alba
Forthcoming publications:
- “Colonizing Monsters and Decolonizing Beasts: The Case of Mariana Enríquez’s Our Share of Night” (Chapter in the book: Fantastic, Mythical, and Legendary Beasts of the Hispanic World)
- “Interculturality and Gender in Spanish as a Foreign Language Class through Women’s Literature” (Book’s chapter in: /K/cultura e interculturalidad en la clase de lengua/literatura español)

Second Language Acquisition and Multilingualism Lab

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DID YOU KNOW?

December 22 is the day with the longest night in 2023.
This day is celebrated in Japanese Culture as “Touji”

Awards, Publications & Talks Cont.

Wolff, Victoria F.
- Presented a research paper at the 76th Annual Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Convention (October 12-14, 2023) held in Golden, Colorado, USA. She was also part of the Special Topics Panel "All Things Adaptations."
- She also Chaired one of the General Topics Sessions on "Literature for Children and Young Adults."

Outreach Events
Our department participated Fall Preview and the Cultural Showcase of International Week.

Featured Courses
- Study Spanish in Cuba and Earn Western Credits: Information Sessions will be held on January 18 & February 13. Contact icolgiu@uwo.ca for more details.

- Interdisciplinary Insights: Exploring Coding in Digital Humanities
The University’s latest news (https://news.westernu.ca/2023/11/western-programming-course/) spotlighted the exceptional impact and achievements arising from the course Digital Humanities 1011A: Programming my Digital Life offered by Professor Yadira Lizama-Mué. The course bridges the gap between disciplines, inviting students from diverse academic backgrounds to explore the practical application of coding in real-life scenarios. It emphasizes problem-solving and analysis while fostering a collaborative coding community through an online forum. Student testimonials echo the course's interdisciplinary impact, empowering them to wield coding across diverse fields.

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