



Mod News . . .

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Former and Current Events/Guest Lectures

Beginning of Term Reception

Oct. 3, 2014, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
 Windermere Manor Grand Hall

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Nov. 4th, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 pm, Weldon Library
 A cultural celebration in Hispanic culture honouring those who have passed. There was food, poems, music and a beautiful display.

Film premiere "The Meadows will Bloom Again (Torneranno i prati)," Ermanno Olmi - director.

Nov. 4th, 7:00 pm, SEB 2202
 Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri, in collaboration with the Istituto Italiano di Cultura in Toronto and our Italian Program at Western.

Annual Christmas Potluck Party

Dec. 3rd, 2014 11:30-1:30 p.m.
 AHB Library Reception Room 2G30

The 17th Annual Graduate Student Conference

"(((Trans- & Trance)))," March 5-7, 2015
 Organizers: J. Afana, S. Warren and C. Ylagan. To submit an abstract click on:
<https://www.tfaforms.com/348456>

Comparative Literature Research Forums (Fall 2014)

Wednesdays, 11:30-12:30, UC 207
Sept 17: Alexandre Desbiens-Brassard, "The figure of the enemy in selected American and Québécois texts of the 1960s and 1970s"
Sept 24: Kevin Godbout, "Classical Melancholy in the Age of Baudelaire"
Oct 1: Alexandra Salyga-Reynolds, "Female Agency and Assigination of Valour in the *Odyssey*"
Oct 8: David Mongor-Lizarrabengoa, "Tales of Trauma and Torture in Exile: The Fiction of Tununa Mercado"
Oct 15: Kristoffer Conner, "Romance and the Mirror of Reflection in *The Mechanical Bride*"
Oct 22: Mehraneh Ebrahimi, "Aestexasy"
 Oct 29 – Reza Ashouri Talooki, "Diaspora ▪ Home ▪ India ▪ Iran"
 Nov 5: Barbara Guerrero, "On Frida Kahlo: Non Fiction Fictionalized"

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CL Literature Research Forums (Fall 2014) cont'd:

Nov 12: Sheena Jary, "Parroted Perception or Revolutionized Reader? The Evolution of Simplicity in Flaubert's 'A Simple Soul'"
Nov 19: Rachel Wong, "Distinct Dichotomies: Literary Representations of Vancouver Chinatown in Contemporary Canadian Fiction"
Nov 26: Bruna Reis, TBA
Dec. 3: Diana Bychkova, TBA

Hispanic Studies Speaker Series

Oct. 8: David Rozotto, "Entre escrituras y culturas: El proceso mestizo de escribir", Spanish and Latin American Studies, University of Waterloo.
Oct. 27: Enrique García Santo-Tomás, "Midwifing Fiction," University of Michigan.
Oct. 23: Luciano García Lorenzo, "Ultimas tendencias en la investigación del teatro clásico español." Professor and Researcher (Centro de ciencias humanas y sociales - instituto de lengua, literatura y antropología).

CulturePlex items of interest can be viewed at the following link entitled: "The Official CulturePlex Blog" <http://official.blogs.cultureplex.ca/>

Yahya Kharrat invited Dr. Haddara to his Arabic classes who explained the history and traditions of Eid. The instructor then played Arabic songs reflecting and showing the beauty of Eid.

Conversation Groups & Tutoring

Arabic Conversation Group

Mondays, 4:30-5:30 pm, UC 207
 contact: [Yahya Kharrat](#)

Stammtisch (German Conversation Group)

Tuesdays 1:30-2:30pm, UC 207
 contact: [Angela Borchert](#)

Club di Conversazione (Italian Conversation Group)

Wednesdays 2:30-4:00 p.m., UC 117
 contact: Teresa Aconito

Conversation Groups & Tutoring (cont'd)

La Tertulia (Spanish Conversation Group)

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m., UC 205

La Tertulia is a Spanish Conversation Group that operates on a drop in basis all year round. The group is headed up by PhD candidate Ricardo Munoz Castiblanco. Each week the topics vary, and Ricardo also arranges occasional special guest speakers and events. The group is populated by members of the community, students, faculty and staff. It is the perfect opportunity to continue your Spanish conversation skills. Read more about La Tertulia in [Scene Magazine's May 9-22, 2013 issue](#). For more information please contact [La Tertulia](#) or visit their [facebook page](#).

Film Series

English subtitles. Everyone is welcome!

Arabic:

Nov. 18, 7:00 pm, UC 205

German: The Fall of the Wall: 25 Years

Wednesdays, 6:30-9:00 pm, UC 207

Sept. 17: "Sonnenallee," 1999.

Oct. 1: "Das Leben der Anderen-The Lives of Others", 2006.

Oct. 15: Go Trabi Go," 1991.

Oct. 29: Das Versprechen (1995)

Nov. 12: Good Bye Lenin (2003)

Nov. 26: Go for Zucker (2004)

Italian:

Tuesdays, 8:00 pm, SEB 2202

Sept. 30: Viaggio in Italia

Oct. 14: Mimi Metallurgico ferito nell'onore

Oct. 28: Non ci resta che piangere

Nov. 11: (International Week): La grande bellezza

Nov. 25: Morte a Venezia

Spanish:

Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 pm, SEB 2200

Sept. 11: The Motorcycle Diaries (2004)

Sept. 25: Pariso Travel (2008)

Oct. 9: Gloria (2014)

Oct. 23: Violeta (2011)

Nov. 6: The Sleeping Voice (2011)

Conference Presentations

Bruhn de Garavito, Joyce "Teaching pragmatics: unexpected results for semantics," WEFLA 2014, University of Holguín, Cuba, April 23-25, 2014.

Bruhn de Garavito, Joyce "Pragmatics and word order in the Spanish language classroom". Annual Meeting of the Asociación Canadiense de Hispanistas, Brock University, May 27-30, 2014.

Bruhn de Garavito, Joyce and Silvia Perpiñán "Subject pronouns and clitics in the Spanish interlanguage of French L1 speakers," Annual Meeting of the Canadian Linguistics Association, Brock University, May 24-26, 2014.

Conference Presentations (cont'd)

Bruhn de Garavito, Joyce "Languages in contact and bilingualism: The case of object doubling in Spanish," Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages 2014 (LSRL), The University of Western Ontario, May 2-4, 2014.

Bruhn de Garavito, Joyce "La importancia de nuestro idioma en Canadá: hablemos español con la familia," Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages 2014 (LSRL), The University of Western Ontario, May 2-4, 2014.

Bruhn de Garavito, Joyce "Acquisition of determiners in L2 Spanish: evidence from noun drop" Second Language Research Forum (SLRF 2014), University of South Carolina, Oct. 23-25, 2014.

Darby, David "Berlin Streets and Squares around 1820," The Arts and Letters Club, Toronto, May 6, 2014. Invited lecture.

Privitera, Andrea "C'eravamo Tanto Amati, A Meta-Narrative of Italy's Divided Memory," American Association of Italian Studies 2014 Annual Conference, Zurich, Switzerland, May 23-25, 2014.

Rafat, Yasaman "Revisiting transfer in the second language acquisition of Spanish clusters," Linguistic Symposium on Romance Language. Western University, London, Ontario, May 2014.

Mosco, Laura "Digital Age and democratization of the intellectual. Reflections on the cultural debate in Italy today," European Culture Old and New: From the Age of Print to the Age of Electronics, University of Toronto, Oct. 23-24, 2014.

Publications

deLooze, Laurence "The Problem of Look-Alike Characters in the *Vulgate Cycle of the Arthurian Romances* and Juan Manuel's *El conde Lucanor*." *Comparative Literature* 66 (2014): 173-185.

Congratulations

Reza Ashouri Talooki (CL-PhD) and his wife are the proud parents of a baby boy named 'Sepanta', meaning "holy" in the Zoroastrian faith in Ancient Persia.



Congratulations (cont'd)...

Marcela Otálora (HS-PhD) received a Graduate Student Teaching Award through the Society of Graduate Students in May, 2014.

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