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**Upcoming Events/Guest Lectures**

**Comparative Literature Graduate Forum:**

Wed., Feb. 8, 11:00 am in AHB 3B15  
**Alexandre Desbiens-Brassard** "Secret Origins:  
The Birth of Superman and Tintin as National  
Icons".

**Canadian Spanish Teaching Assistants  
Dialogues (CASTAD)**, Feb. 10, 10:00-4:00 pm,  
AHB 3B15 (Organized with the University of  
Toronto)

**The 19<sup>th</sup> Graduate Student Conference  
entitled "Toxic/City"** March 2-4, 2017.  
Examining the literary, historical, and theoretical  
investigations of toxicity in spaces, including but  
not limited to cities, suburbs, countrysides, or  
imaginary spaces. Abstracts due by Dec. 2 to:  
[uwo19mllgradconf@gmail.com](mailto:uwo19mllgradconf@gmail.com).  
For further information visit:  
[www.uwotoxicityconference.wordpress.com](http://www.uwotoxicityconference.wordpress.com)

**Past Events/Guest Lectures**

**Comparative Literature Graduate Forum:**

Wed., Feb. 1, 11:00 am in AHB 3B15  
**Eser Ari** "Beckett's Molloy".

**Conversation Groups**

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

**Film Series**

**Bollywood Nights**

**English subtitles. Everyone is welcome!**

AHB 1B06 Thursdays at 5:30pm  
Jan. 5: Pinjar  
Jan. 19: Maachis  
Feb. 2 - Bombay  
Feb. 16 - Parineeta  
March 2 - Rang De Basanti  
March 16 - Chak De! India  
March 30 - Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge

**Cineclub Italiano**

AHB 2B02, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm  
Jan. 24 - *Se Dio vuole (God Willing, E. Falcone, 2015)*  
Feb. 7 - *Il sorpasso (The Easy Life, D. risi, 1962)*  
Feb. 28 - *Pranzo di Ferragosto (Mid August Lunch, G. Di Gregorio, 2008)*  
March 7 - *Il giovane favoloso (Leopardi, M. Martone, 2014)*

**Conference Presentations**

**Adamson, Melitta.** "Von Anthimus bis zum  
*Opusculum de Saporibus: Das A und O der  
mittelalterlichen Soßenlehre,*" paper presented at  
the Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Austria, 16  
December 2016.

**Bruhn de Garavito, Joyce** (2016). 'Lo quiero  
ver' pero '\*Lo detesto ver': Knowledge of  
restructuring in L2 Spanish. Paper presented at  
the Hispanic Linguistics Symposium,  
Georgetown University, October 7-9.

**Ana García-Allén & Adriana Soto-  
Corominas,** "La clase invertida: eficacia en la  
clase de ELE". Encuentro práctico de profesores  
de ELE en Barcelona, December, 2016.

### Publications

**Bruhn de Garavito, Joyce and Otálora, Marcela** (2016). L2 knowledge of gender and number agreement in Spanish noun ellipsis. In A. Alba de la Fuente, E. Valenzuela & C. Martínez-Sanz (eds.), *Language Acquisition Beyond Parameters: Studies in Honour of Juana M. Licerias* (pp.99-124). Amsterdam, John Benjamins.

**Gomashie, G.A.** (2016). Community in Julio Cortazar's Libro de Manuel, *International Journal of Comparative Literature and Translation Studies*, Vol. 4, No. 4 (2016), pp. 60 – 63.

**Mosco, Laura** *Era digitale e democratizzazione dell'intellettuale. Note sul dibattito culturale in Italia oggi* in Dalla stampa al digitale: aspetti di un disagio culturale. / Print to Digital: Aspects of a Cultural Discomfort. Edited by Francesco Guardiani. Firenze: Franco Cesati Editore. pp. 45-56.

### Congratulations

**Ana Boller and Diana Fernandez** received the 'Great Ideas for Teaching (GIFT) Award'.

**Jaime Brenes Reyes** (HS-PhD) successfully defended his thesis prospectus "Carpe Diem! Seizing the Fantastic through Julio Cortázar" on Dec. 6, 2016.

**Esperanza Ruiz-Peña and Dr. Javier de la Rosa**, former graduate students, are the proud parents of their son 'Leo' born on Thurs., Jan. 20, 2017.



### Congratulations (cont'd)

**Meredith McGregor** (HS-PhD) and her husband are the proud parents of 'Stella Paz' born on Dec. 16, 2016. She weighed 8 lbs, 5 oz and measured 20" long.



**Ana Julia Perez Alfajarrin**, former graduate student, and her husband are the proud parents of 'Hannah' born on Dec. 10, 2016. She was 50.5 cm and weighed 3350 kg.



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