



Mod News . . .

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<http://www.uwo.ca/modlang>

Events/Guest Lectures

March 10, 2018:

March Break Open House

March 15-17, 2018

The 20th Annual Graduate Student Conference entitled "Matter(s) of Fact"

Keynote speakers: Dr. Pauline Wakeham (UWO) and Dr. Steve Bailey (York University)

For more information:

<https://mattersoffactblog.wordpress.com>

March 21, 2018, 4:00-5:30 pm, SH 3315

CSTC and MLL presents:

Professor Simona Forti, University of Piemonte Orientale, Italy "The Ghost of Totalitarianism: Between Politics and Philosophy".

March 23, 5:30 pm, AHB 1R40

Noche Herética, Promotion of integration and interaction between cultures through dancing, singing and performing.

Colloquium Series Talk:

Wed., Feb. 28, 2018, 11:30-12:30, AHB 3B15

Feb. 28: **A. Borchert** "Intercultural Digital Storytelling: Practicing Cultural Humility".

March 14: **Y. Kharrat** "Enhancing Language Sills by Studying Songs for Students learning Arabic as a Foreign Language".

Graduate Research Forum

Tuesdays, 11:30-12:30 pm, AHB 2R23

March 13: "Masqueraded Subjects and Subjectivization in Paul Auster's The New York Trilogy" by **Nafise Shajani**.

March 20: "Lenny: The (Dis)abled Narrator in Bapsi Sidhwa's Cracking India" by **Ishrat Ismail**.

Conversation Groups

Arabic: Let's Talk in Arabic (خلىنا نحكي)

Mondays, 3:4:30 pm, AHB 3R19

Contact: ykharrat@uwo.ca or adahab@uwo.ca

German (Stammtisch)

Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00 pm, AHB 3R19

Contact: [Vladimir Tumanov](mailto:Vladimir.Tumanov@uwo.ca)

Italian (Club Di Conversazione)

Wednesdays, 2:30-4:00 pm, AHB 3R19

Contact: [Teresa Aconito](mailto:Teresa.Aconito@uwo.ca)

Japanese

Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 pm, AHB 3R19

Contact: [Mitsume Fukui](mailto:Mitsume.Fukui@uwo.ca)

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!

Arabic: Arabian Stories (حكايات عربية)

Thurs., Feb. 15, 2018, 6:30 pm, AHB 3B15

'When I Saw You'

Cineclub Hindi: Bollywood Nights

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, UCC 41

March 1: Cooking with Stella

April 5: Kuch Kuch Hota Hai

Hispanic Movie Nights

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, UCC 41

April 5: *Biutiful*

Cineclub Italiano

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, AHB 2B02

March 14: *Terraferma (Mainland, dir. E. Criales, 2011)*.

Conference Presentations

Aziz J., Machado Araujo V., Valdivia C., Swiderski N., Rafat Y., Rao R., and Stevenson R., Intonation patterns in Argentinian- and

Venezuelan-Canadian heritage speakers of Spanish: Investigating parental and English influences at The 44th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, University of Berkeley, February 9-12, 2018,

Aziz J., Machado Araujo V., Valdivia C., Swiderski N, Rafat Y., Rao R., and Stevenson R., *Intonation patterns in Argentinian- and Venezuelan-Canadian heritage speakers of Spanish: Investigating parental and English influences* at The Intonation Workshop, University of Toronto, February 16, 2018,

Congratulations to **C. Burucua** and **Y. Rafat** for the great stories published in Western News.

<http://news.westernu.ca/2018/02/documentary-project-celebrates-legacy-expo-67/>

<http://news.westernu.ca/2018/02/database-lends-ear-language-evolution-multilingual-immigrants/>

Congratulations to **L. DeLooze** who was interviewed on “The Sounds of Science” radio series: <http://www.soundofsci.org>.

Publications

The CL Graduate Journal entitled ‘**The Scattered Pelican**’ can be viewed at: <http://www.thescatteredpelican.com>; <https://www.facebook.com/thescatteredpelican/> as well as Twitter (@writethepelican).

The second issue of **CulturePlex's Data Points** has been released on Feb. 22nd containing short communications from the Cultureplex Lab showing the results of the projects they are currently working on, present information computed with data analysis techniques, and is intended to be read by academic and non-academic audiences. As part of the volume: *2018 Colombia's presidential elections*, the current issue is focused on how the future political alliances will be created. <http://www.cultureplex.ca/datapoints/alliances-for-2018-colombias-presidential-elections/>

Congratulations

Successful Theses Defences:

Zohre Javaheri: "Subjectivity in Children's Literature (Philip Pullman's *His Dark Materials*, Marjane Satrapi's *Persepolis*)"

Parastoo Nasrollahzadeh: "Exploring Kitsch: Kundera's *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* and Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse-Five*"

Elkin Sierra Rios: “The perception of Spanish lexical stress in yes/no questions and exclamations by Japanese-speaking late learners: evidence for the effect of context of learning”.