October 2023

LANGUAGES & CULTURES
DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

CELEBRATION OF DAY OF THE DEAD
October 25 at 3pm, University College, study area, main floor. Join us for games, activities, treats, and so much more!

FALL PREVIEW DAY
Tour Western. Discover your program options. Learn about experiences beyond the classroom on November 19.

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL WEEK
International Week is a campus-wide celebration of all things international. Join us on November 20-24 at Mustang Lounge to
• Celebrate Western’s international community, diversity and international collaborations
• Learn about international learning and intercultural sharing opportunities

Conversation Groups

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.
Tutoring

SPANISH TUTORING SESSIONS
Available Monday to Friday. Contact Ana at agarcia@uwo.ca for more information.

ITALIAN TUTORING SESSIONS
Available Monday to Wednesday. Please find more information on your OWL site.

Awards & Publications

Jara, Victoria

Lizama-Mué, Yadira
Western Postdoctoral Fellowship Award for two years

Rafat, Yasaman
Graham & Gale Wright Distinguished Scholar Award (2023-2024)

DID YOU KNOW?

Canadians celebrate German Heritage Month and Oktoberfest in October before Thanksgiving.

Have news to share? Send it to undergraduate_lc@uwo.ca
Presentations

Adamson, Melitta

“From 11th-Century Baghdad to 16th-Century Strasbourg: Abbasid Dishes in the Medical Works of Ibn Butlân and Ibn Jazla and Their European Reception.” Invited speaker, Yale Lectures in Medieval Studies, Fall 2023, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 5 October 2023 (on Zoom).

Breitkopf, Tiffany (German Major student)

presented the paper “Verstecken und Suchen” on an undergraduate panel at the Annual Conference of the German Studies Association (GSA) at Le Centre Sheraton, Montréal, Québec, on 7 October 2023.

Second Language Acquisition and Multilingualism Lab

- Ansari Dezfuly, N., Rafat, Y. & Spinu, L. (June 1, 2023). "The correlation between music experience, bilingualism, and tone discrimination." Canadian Linguistics Association (CLA). York University, Toronto, ON.


Past Events

Global Café: Day of the Dead | October 19
Over 60 students and staff gathered to commemorate an early Day of the Dead. We learned about the tradition through slide presentations, enjoyed a Kahoots trivia game and creative activities crafting Calaveritas, Calavera masks and Papel Picado.