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LANGUAGES & CULTURES
DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

Outreach

CAREERS NIGHT AT LONDON CENTRAL SECONDARY
Profs. Constanza Burucúa, Alba Devo Colis, and Victoria Wolff attended the London Central Secondary School Careers night to represent our department and promote the benefits that language acquisition can have on students’ future professional and personal development.

The evening was a great success with many students stopping by the booth to ask questions and talk with our faculty members.

Important Dates

June 2nd, 2023
- Intersession first term ends*

June 5th, 2023
- Intersession/Summer term drop deadlines*

June 12th-16th, 2023
- Spring Convocation

June 19th, 2023
- Summer Evening and Distance second terms begin*

June 26th-27th
- Intersession Exams*

*Undergraduate Date

Have news to share? Send it to undergraduate_lc@uwo.ca
All 70 students from the Japanese 1036 class joined Prof. Aimaiti Aikeremu to celebrate and cook traditional Japanese foods including Temakizushi, Soba noodle, Yakisoba, and Miso soup. The students also enjoyed Japanese cheesecake with Maccha tea and watched the classic Japanese film *Tokyo Story* by Yasujiro Ozu.
Upcoming Events

OF MANY WORLDS IN THIS WORLD
Collection currently on display at the artLAB Gallery until June 8th, 2023. Curated by PhD candidate Ashar Mobeen and showcasing a selection of works by faculty artists Soheila Esfahani, Jessica Karuhanga, and Sheri Nault, this collection address issues of race, gender, sexuality, and diaspora whilst pushing the limits of what art is and can be.

SUMMER SHAKESPEAR RETURNS
Mark your calendar for Canada’s longest-running outdoor Shakespeare event! This year, Western Summer Shakespeare presents: 'Much Ado About Nothing' July 18-23, 2023 on campus.

Awards & Publications

ASOCIACIÓN CANADIENSE DE HISPANISTAS CONGRESO 2023
Hispanic Studies students Lorena Moncada (Ph.D. candidate), Maria Laura Flores Barba (Ph.D. candidate), and Nadav Benjamin (M.A. candidate) recently joined department alumni David Navarro (Ph.D.) and Maria de Luna (Ph.D.) to participate in the ACH 2023 Congreso.

The students and alumni presented alongside Prof. Felipe Quetzalcoatl Quintanilla (Languages & Cultures) and Prof. David Heap (Linguistics).

CONSTANZA BURUCÚA
During a trip to Argentina in April, Prof. Constanza Burucúa participated in a roundtable on Methodological Approaches to Film Studies organized by the Instituto de Artes del Espectáculo, University of Buenos Aires.

Prof. Burucúa was also invited to present a paper on The Presence of Latin American Cinema at TIFF, in a panel on media and international relations, organized by the Escuela de Política y Gobierno, University of San Martín.
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YURI SANGALLI
“What Story to Tell? Framing the Weighty Past in Maggie Gyllenhaal’s The Lost Daughter”. Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Italian Studies, Université de Montréal. Montreal (QC), May 4, 2023.

ALEXANDRA IRIMIA
Ph.D. Comparative Literature candidate Alexandra Irimia has recently been awarded a three-month Junior Fellowship in the Erich Auerbach Institute for Advanced Studies at the University of Cologne, Germany.

Maria was selected from a large pool of candidates from universities across Canada, and her research focuses on the utilization of gastronomy as a peacebuilding mechanism. Congratulations Alexandra!

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LUCA POCCI
“Epica priapica: il fascismo secondo Gadda”. Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Italian Studies (CAIS), Université de Montréal (Montréal, Québec), May 7, 2023.

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MARIA PAULA ESPEJO
Ph.D. Hispanic Studies candidate Maria Paula Espejo has recently been selected as the Research Awardee Recipient (2023-2024) for the Climate Resilient Food Systems program at the International Development Research Center (IDRC).

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Announcements

Congratulations to our adjunct professor Laura Spinu who welcomed a twin boy and girl this past spring!
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2023 TRAVEL COURSE TO RONDINE, ITALY
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2023 TRAVEL COURSE TO SEVILLE, SPAIN
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2023 SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES IN CUBA