General News and Announcements

• Please join us for this semester’s first Continental Coffee Hour on Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Departmental Lounge.

• MCL’s three Who’s Who nominees this year are: Gabriel Andalus (Russian), Luwani Cayetano (Spanish) and Meghan Hill (French).

• Fulltime colleagues are needed for interviewing the most qualified freshman applicants for the Presidential Scholarship and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship. For more information, go to: http://www.slu.edu/x27682.xml.

• Mr. Chris Stormer, our former LLC Director, has accepted a new position at St. Xavier University in Chicago, a job more in line with his desires to be in the classroom. Chris can be contacted at christopher.stormer@gmail.com.

Meetings

• Departmental Meeting for all fulltimers on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 4 in BSC 352/53. (Please note the 30 minute later start.) Materials forthcoming. The other Departmental Meetings have been set for Thursday Feb. 5, March 5 (note change from previous March 12 date) and April 16, all from 3:30 to approx. 5 in BSC 352/353 with the exception of the March 5 meeting in DuBourg 157.

Deadlines

• For those fulltime returning colleagues who have not yet submitted their Annual Activity Reports, they are considerably past due at this point. All Letters of Evaluation will be turned into the Dean’s office on Monday, Feb. 2.

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Kudos

• At a breakfast event in November, members of the Department received Distinguished Service Awards for their years of service at SLU: Dr. Sandy Hamrick for 20 years, Drs. Ana Montero and Nil Santiáñez for five years.

• At the 50th Annual MMLA Conference in Minneapolis in November, colleagues in the French Division gave the following papers:
  • Dr. Kathleen Llewellyn: "Bereaved or Relieved?: Poetry of Widowhood in Early Modern France";
  • Dr. Pascale Perraudin: “Changing Worlds: the Power of Testimonials”;
  • Dr. Annie Smart: "Speaking like a Citoyenne: Public/Private Voice in the Writings of Olympe de Gouges."

• Dr. Yelena Belyaeva-Standen authored an article on “Rechevye akty v culture: urovni vzaimodeistvia” (Speech Acts and Culture – Levels of Interaction) in the scholarly journal, Theoretical and Applied Aspects of Language Description and Intercultural Communication, 2 (Voronezh: Voronezh University Press, 2008).

• Dr. Jean-Louis Pautrot’s book on Pascal Quignard ou le fonds du monde (Rodopi, 2007) has been reviewed in French Forum 33.1-2 (Winter/Spring 2008). The review can also be read online through JSTOR.

From the Chair

• This semester’s mantra is (thanks to Linda Ritter): Taper the paper!

• Due to Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 19, the next MCLanguage Matters will be out on Monday, January 26.

• Have a great start into the new semester!