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General News and Announcements

- Continental Coffee Hour on Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Departmental Lounge.
- Better late than never, let me introduce some new colleagues: Jason Baker (Adjunct, German), Dina Fachin (Adjunct, Spanish and Italian), Erin Houlihan (Adjunct, ESL), Joseph Koerner (Adjunct, Classics), Stephen Rekas (Adjunct, ESL), Ben Shepard (Adjunct, ESL), Katie Swanstrom (TA, French), and Ling Thumin (Adjunct, Chinese).
- On Monday, Feb. 9 at 6 pm, the Committee for the Language Learning Series at Washington University is presenting a panel discussion entitled: "Transforming College and University Foreign Language Programs: Response to MLA Report." The discussion is with the two of the Report's authors, Scott McGinnis of the Defense Language Institute and Michael Geisler of Middlebury College. The discussion will take place in the Women's Building Lounge with a reception to follow.
- All full-time faculty, adjuncts, TAs and/or graduate students have been requested to go into Banner (https://fssselfserv.slu.edu/prddb01_banprd/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin) to make sure everything is correct under "Personal Information." This is particularly important with regard to phone numbers so that the University can contact you in the event of an emergency.
- The 7th Annual French & Spanish Graduate-Undergraduate Student Symposium will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 8:30 to 5:30 on the third floor of RH. Plan to come for a day of exceptional cultural and linguistic presentation, study and refreshment. To give a paper at the Symposium, please submit a 300-word abstract by Feb. 13 to Dr. Annie Smart for French (smart@slu.edu) or Dr. Ely Cardona for Spanish (cardonae@slu.edu).

Meetings

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Kudos

•Ms. Lauren Rea, an Adjunct Instructor in ESL, had received a Sustainability Grant from VOICES and has meanwhile successfully completed the work connected with that grant. It involved a wide range of community service with students on 14 project days with the help of Restore St. Louis, a faith-based ministry, and was accompanied by on-going reflection in the classroom, in the process bringing about a sense of purpose and community in students and instructors. In connection with the grant and together with her colleagues, Dr. Diana Pascoe and Ms. Amanda Bohne, she presented "Teaching Social Justice Through Reflective Practice and Service" at the Annual Mid-American Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (MIDTESOL) Conference in October in Storm Lake, Iowa.

•Dr. Reinhard Address has published a journalistic article on "Der Exilant Benno Weiser Varon und sein Roman *Yo era europeo* - das Schicksal eines 'Luftmenschen'" in *Literaturblatt Baden-Württemberg* (November/Dezember 2008).

From the Chair

•Have you had the chance to take a look at our International Humor Board? Further contributions are most welcome!

•I'll be out of town Feb. 11-14. The next *MCLanguage Matters* will be out on Monday, Feb. 23.