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**General News and Announcements**

- Continental Coffee Hour on Wednesday, March 4 from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Departmental Lounge.
- Plans for an INTERNATIONAL CULINARY TASTING in connection with Atlas Week are moving along. The event will take place on April 2 from noon until ??? in the foyer of Ritter Hall. All proceeds will go to *La Clínica*, a non-profit community health center whose mission is to provide health care to immigrants and refugees. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve a diverse assortment of international dishes. If you would like to share your culinary talents with the SLU community, please contact Dr. Ana Montero at [monteroa@slu.edu](mailto:monteroa@slu.edu) or 977-2615.
- Dr. Jean-Louis Pautrot will be giving two lectures in St. Louis open to the public:
  - "Eugène Houdry, inventeur : la vie exemplaire d'un franco-américain" at the Société Française de Saint Louis on Friday, March 6 at 7:30;
  - "Did a Frenchman Win World War II after All ? The Remarkable Life of Eugène Houdry" as the Eighth Annual Jacques Chicoineau Lecture presented by Saint Louis-Lyon Sister Cities at the Anheuser Busch Auditorium, Cook Hall (School of Business) at 4:30 on Thursday April 23.

**Meetings**

- There seems to be no pressing reason to have our Departmental Meeting scheduled for March 5, so it is canceled. Due to other time conflicts, the final Departmental Meeting of April 16 has been rescheduled for 3:30 on April 23 in DuBourg 404.

**Deadlines**

- The spring Mellon Grant applications are due to the Chair by Friday, March 6.

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**Kudos**

- In early February Ms. Siham Boumer (Graduate Student in French) gave a paper on "Lettres parisiennes: de la littérature de l'exil à al littérature migrante" at a conference on "Trespassing, Translation, Transcendence an Transvestism: Finding Comfort in the Space between," held at the University of Iowa.
- Dr. Vijay Dixit (Professor of Physics and our teacher of Hindi) was interviewed by St. Louis Channel 11 in connection with "Bollywood" and the Academy Awards for *Slumdog Millionaire*. Parts of the interview aired in the evening news program.

**From the Chair**

- Due to Spring Break, the next *MCLanguage Matters* will be out on March 23. Have a good one!