General News and Announcements

• Continental Coffee Hour on Wednesday, April 22 from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Departmental Lounge. Please remember the Special Edition of the CCH a week from this Wednesday to celebrate our awardees, many accomplishments, the end of the semester ... and say some good-byes...

• Many congratulations to Dr. Sandy Hamrick who has received an Outstanding Service to Undergraduate Students Award. The award comes with $500 for faculty development.

• The Senior Legacy Symposium will be held this Thursday, April 23 starting at 3 in BSC. Three of our majors will be presenting: Amanda Regensburger (French), Mary Elizabeth Longue (Russian) and Michael A. Reddy (Spanish). Please plan on attending in order to support the work of these excellent students. The Symposium will be followed by the Provost's Reception at 5. The exact schedule and locations have not yet been publicized but should become available at: http://www.slu.edu/x22490.xml.

• Dr. Jean-Louis Pautrot will be giving a lecture on "Did a Frenchman Win World War II after All? The Remarkable Life of Eugène Houdry" at 4:30 on Thursday, April 23 in the Anheuser Busch Auditorium in Cook Hall (School of Business). The event is the Eighth Annual Jacques Chicoineau Lecture presented by Saint Louis-Lyon Sister Cities.

Meetings

• The final Departmental Meeting for the semester has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 30 at 3:30 in DuBourg 404.

Deadlines

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Kudos

• Earlier this month, Dr. Elsy Cardona gave a paper on "José Corredor-Matheos, Aurora Luque, y Ricardo Virtanen: tres aproximaciones españolas al haikú japonés" at a conference at Florida International University entitled Orientálismos: Symposium on Asian Influence on Spanish and Spanish-American Literature and Film. She has also published the first part of a "Entrevista con José María Merino" in Con-Textos, Revista de Semiótica Literaria 20, 41 (Julio-Diciembre 2008).

• Dr. Jean-Louis Pautrot organized and chaired a session titled "Pascal Quignard, imprévisible écrivain de l'après-coup" at the XXth & XXIst Century French & Francophone Studies Colloquium, Séismes, at the University of Minnesota in March.

• In early April, Dr. Reinhard Andress gave a presentation on “Alexander von Humboldt, His Latin American Travels, and the Chimborazo” for the International Studies program at Webster University.

• Congratulations to Drs. Sandy Hamrick and Oscar López who have received Mellon Grants to partially fund their research projects in France and Colombia.

From the Chair

• Just a quick note that I'll be off-campus on Monday and Tuesday of this week.