



General News and Announcements

The Department Holiday Party will take place on Friday, December 11, 5-7 p.m. It will be held in DuBourg 409 (Sinquefield State Room).

Meetings

Department meetings next semester will take place on the following Thursdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m.: January 14, February 11, March 25, April 29.

Deadlines

LLC

Kudos

- Dr. Kathleen Fueger successfully defended her dissertation at the University of Missouri at Columbia, on November 18, 2009. ¡Felicitaciones!
- Arline Cravens (French) presented a paper, “Woman as Artist: Literary Delicacies in the Correspondence of George Sand and Marie d’Agoult,” at the Midwest Modern Language Association Convention in St. Louis on November 13, 2009. Arline also chaired a session at the M/MLA, titled “Art What Thou Eat: Food in Literature, Art, and Culture.
- Dr. Kathleen Llewellyn also presented a paper, “Freeze Frame: Narrative Framing and Diminished Agency in Du Bartas’s *La Judit*,” at the Midwest Modern Language Association Convention on November 14, 2009.
- Shannon Porfilio, a graduate student in French, chaired a session, “Framing the Narrative, Narrating the Frame,” at the Midwest Modern Language Association Convention on November 14, 2009.
- Dr. Jean-Louis Pautrot has been awarded a Mellon grant to attend the Colloque International on Pascal Quignard in Bordeaux, France in February 2010. He has been invited to deliver a paper at the colloquium, which is being organized by ARDUA, an association of scholars of the Bordeaux area, which includes the top Quignard scholar in the world, Professor Dominique Rabaté (Université de Bordeaux – Michel de Montaigne).
- On November 15th, 2009, Adjunct Professor of Russian and Theological Studies Elizabeth Blake presented "Ridiculing the Revolutionaries in *Besy*: Dostoevsky's Writing of Herzen into Russian History" at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in Boston. Her research, part of the fourth chapter of the anticipated monograph, *Dostoevsky and Catholic Revolutionaries*, was funded by a Title VIII grant from the U.S. Department of State for the 2009 Summer Research Laboratory at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana.
- Warmest congratulations to our two Fall 09 Spanish MA candidates, Sandra Covin and Kevin O'Connell, who successfully passed both their MA Written and Oral exams.

From the Chair

The next issue MCLanguage Matters will be published on December 7. Happy Thanksgiving to all!