General News and Announcements

The traditional Cabaret evening of the French division took place on April 9 and attracted around 100 people. Most French classes contributed songs, and several individuals contributed songs or poems. Numbers presented spanned from the 19th century to the present. Thanks to sophomore Margot Foster for presenting, to senior Veronica Niedzinski for the projections, to Linda Ritter and Rachel Boeglin for their singing, to Dan Nickolai for his musical support, to SLU graduate Sarah-Marie Land (MA, French, 2009) for returning to sing two songs, to the French Villa for providing beverages, to all teachers for preparing their students, and to all student participants who made this evening a success.

Please plan to attend the final “Continental Coffee Hour” of the semester on Wednesday, April 28. We will have some awards to present and some accomplishments to cheer.

Meetings

The remaining department meeting this semester will take place on Thursday, 3:30-5:00 p.m. April 29 and will be held in BSC 352/353.

Deadlines

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Kudos

Ms Yaoska Tijerino has published a book of poetry, TREINTA VECES ISHA: POESIA REUNIDA (1997-2009). Editorial PAVSA, March 2010. The book includes a special thanks to our Department. More than 200 people were at the presentation in Managua. There were three television interviews and a newspaper article. Yaoska read several poems from her book in the First Annual Poetry Symposium at SLU on April 16.

Mr. Dan Nickolai presented a paper at a conference this past weekend in Saratoga Springs at Skidmore College for the Northeast Association for Language Learning Technology (NEALLT). His presentation was entitled, "Evaluations de compétence en langue étrangère avec Web 2.0". Dan tells us that it was a very productive conference and that both Carnegie Mellon and Yale expressed interest in our new placement test initiative.


In the same issue also appeared Dr. Pautrot’s review of Lutz Bassman's (pseudonym of Antoine Volodine) collection of postexotic short stories, Avec les moines soldats (Paris, Verdier: 2008), pp. 1102-1103.

One of our students of Chinese, Johanna Hemminger, received a U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) for participation in the Chinese intensive summer language institute. She will be studying at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics from June 6 to August 9. This is entirely sponsored by the State Department.

From the Chair

More people to thank for their generous help with the French & Spanish Graduate & Undergraduate Symposium a few weeks ago: Both Dr. Kara McBride and German Lorenzo-Ayala also mentored students.