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General News and Announcements

Welcome, or Welcome Back!

Thanks to the following for their participation in the SLU 101 International Café this summer: Dr. Elsy Cardona, Dr. Sandy Hamrick, Dr. Teresa Johnson, Dr. Kathleen Llewellyn, Mr. Germán Lorenzo-Ayala, Dr. Kara McBride, Dr. Evelyn Meyer, Dr. Ana Montero, Mr. Dan Nickolai, Dr. Jean-Louis Pautrot, Dr. Pascale Perraudin, Dr. Karen Secrist, and Dr. Annie Smart.

Thanks also to Dr. David Murphy, Dr. Yelena Belaeva-Standen, Dr. Pascale Perraudin, and Dr. Kathleen Llewellyn for their participation in the Academic Fairs at SLU 101.

Welcome, Dr. Elena Dalla Torre. Elena holds a doctoral degree in French from the University of Michigan and is a native speaker of Italian. Her areas of specialization are French and Italian contemporary culture and gender studies. She has joined our Italian Division with a one-year non-tenure-track appointment.

MidTESOL Conference Join colleagues in the field of second language teaching for a plenary address by Dr. Jun Liu about "Adaptive Cultural Transformation: Quest for Global Citizenship" on Friday, October 21, 2011, 7:15-8:15 p.m. Dr. Jun Liu, TESOL president in 2006 – 2007, earned his Ph.D. in Foreign and Second Language Education from Ohio State University. He is currently the Associate Provost for International Initiatives at Georgia State University.

Attendance is free, however, registration is required. Please RSVP to Lauren Rea Preston lreapres@slu.edu by October 7.

Continental Coffee Hour will begin this Wednesday, September 2. It will take place 3:30-4:30 in the department lounge. Join us for treats and conversation! Please help keep us supplied with coffee and juice with your donation (Linda is the coffee hour fund manager).

Meetings

This year's Department Meetings will be held 3:30-5:00 on the following dates. Rooms for this semester's meetings will be announced shortly.

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| Thursday, August 25, 2011 | Thursday, January 26, 2012 |
| Thursday, September 22, 2011 | Thursday, February 23, 2012 |
| Thursday October 27, 2011* | Thursday, March 29, 2012 |
| Thursday, December 1, 2011 | Thursday, April 26, 2012 |

*The date of this meeting may change; if so, an announcement will be made next week.

Deadlines

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Cultural Events – Please consider sending photos and captions of your division’s cultural events to Dan Nickolai so that they can be included on MCL’s website. This will give us an opportunity to showcase the various cultural activities that our divisions are organizing.

Kudos

- Dr. Reinhard Andress has published an article, “Alexander von Humboldt und Carlos Montúfar als Reisegefährten: ein Vergleich ihrer Tagebücher zum Chimborazo-Aufstieg,” in the peer-reviewed, on-line journal *Humboldt im Netz*: <http://www.uni-potsdam.de/u/romanistik/humboldt/hin/hin22/andress.htm>.
- Dr. Andress has also published a review of Nicholaas Rupke's *Alexander von Humboldt: A Metabiography*. His review appeared in H-Net: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=33768>.
- Dr. Simone Bregni was re-elected president of the International Faculty and Staff Association for this academic year.