Dr. Sheri Anderson-Gutierrez and her husband Jose Lugo Gutierrez welcomed their son Gabriel Dante Lugo Anderson to the family June 10, 2015. He weighed 5lbs 12oz and was 17" long at birth. Now, two months later is over 11 lbs! He is healthy, happy and is a joy to be around.

Dr. Ana Montero was sworn in as a citizen of the United States of America on August 7, 2015.

Meetings
Department meetings this semester will take place 3:30-5:00 p.m., in Morrissey 3400, on the following dates.
Thursday, September 24
Thursday, October 29
Thursday, December 3
**Deadlines**

All applications for sabbaticals and other leaves are due in the Chair’s office on September 25.

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**Kudos**

Dr. Sydney Norton presented the paper "German Immigrant Abolitionists: Fighting for a Free Missouri" at the Society for German American Studies' annual symposium in St. Louis, April 9-11, 2015. She is organizing an exhibition on this topic which will open at the Center for Global Citizenship in Spring 2016.


The book *Trasfondos: Antología de narrativa en español del medio oeste norteamericano 2014*, in which the short story “Xochitl”, by Dr. Oscar López, was included, received two awards: Multi-Author Book and Best Latino-Focused Book. This took place at the International Latino Book Awards 2015.

Dr. López delivered a presentation, "Apocalipsur: vagabundos urbanos en Medellín, at the XIX Congreso de la Asociación de Colombianistas. Colombia: Tradiciones y rupturas," in Medellín, Colombia on July 4.

Dr. Dan Nickolai gave a presentation at Harvard University entitled "Re-purposing Speech-to-Text APIs for Evaluating Student Pronunciation" on August 14, 2015, at a conference marking the 50th anniversary of IALLT (International Association of Language Learning Technology) in Cambridge, Massachusetts.