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Calendar Items:



FACULTY MEETINGS FOR FALL 2014:

- ◆ **Friday, Sept. 5, 3:00-4:00 pm, 113 A&S**
- ◆ Friday, Oct. 3, 3:00-4:00 pm, 113 A&S
- ◆ Friday, Nov. 7, 3:00-4:00 pm, 113 A&S

RL DEPARTMENT SEMINARS (TO DATE) FOR FALL 2014:

SELFA CHEW-SMITHART, Assistant Director of the African American Program and Lecturer at the University of Texas at El Paso.

- ◆ Friday, Sept. 19, 4:00-5:30 PM, Room **TBA**

MEGAN MOORE, Assistant Professor of French, University of Missouri, Dept. of Romance Languages and Literatures

- ◆ Friday, Sept. 26, 4:00-5:30 pm, 113 A&S

MAITE ZUBIAURRE, Professor of Spanish and Gender Studies, UCLA, Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese

- ◆ Friday, Oct. 17, 4:00-5:30 pm, 113 A&S

A note from the Chair.....

Dear Colleagues:

Many thanks to all faculty, instructors, staff, and students for an exciting yet seamless first week of classes.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, I attended a Chairs' Retreat organized by the Provost's Office on campus. There, Chancellor Bowen Loftin, Provost Ken Dean, and a host of other officials announced significant changes to the university that will affect all academic units. All these changes flow from the most recent version of MU's Strategic Operation Plan (MUSOP), which you can read at this site:

<http://strategicoperatingplan.missouri.edu/MUSOP10-15-2013.pdf>

I will update faculty, staff, and students about these changes—exciting, challenging—over the course of the semester.

Meantime, please read the most recent issue of our annual Department Newsletter, available on our website:

<http://romancelanguages.missouri.edu/pdfs/newsletter/F14.pdf>

And please browse the photo gallery on our website, which includes pictures from the department's surprise celebration of our outgoing Chair Dr. Flore Zéphir and her six years of outstanding service.

Thanks to all of you for your excellent work and for supporting our department.

Best,

Charles Presberg



CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Asier Alcázar received from the Office of the Provost a prestigious award reserved for "High-Performing Faculty." This award recognizes outstanding research over a period of three years. Dr. Alcázar thus joins the ranks of such department luminaries as Dr. Juanamaría Cordones Cook and Dr. Michael Ugarte, who won the same award last year. Please feel free to send your congratulations to him: alcazara@missouri.edu

Dr. Cecilia Saenz Roby, who completed her PhD under the direction of Professor Michael Ugarte, was just promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, Michigan. You may send your kudos to Cecilia here: saenzrob@oakland.edu Please see her website at Oakland here: <http://www.oakland.edu/csaenz>

Please share all your good news. Send Brenda Klemme (klemmeb@missouri.edu) or me (presbergc@missouri.edu) any items you wish to appear in our Bulletin by the second and the fourth Tuesday of every month. And please include relevant contact information so that readers can send their inquiries about events and their congratulations for achievements.