

September 15, 2014

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Calendar Items:



**FACULTY MEETINGS FOR FALL 2014:**

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

The Benefits Office will present the new healthcare options.

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

**RL DEPARTMENT SEMINARS 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, 113 A&S

**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,

*A note from the Chair.....*



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are delighted to host the first two events this year of our department's Seminar Series. First, **Dr. Selfa Chew-Smithart** will deliver a lecture titled "Narratives from the Borderlands," at 4 PM on Friday, September 19, 2014, in Room 113 of the Arts and Science Building. Dr. Chew-Smithart is Lecturer as well as Assistant Director of the African American Program at the University of Texas at El Paso. She is author of *Silent Herons* (Berkeley Press 2012) and Spanish Editor of the literary journal *Boder Senses*. Please join us for Dr. Chew Smithart's stimulating presentation, followed by refreshments.

For our second seminar in the series, **Dr. Megan Moore**, Assistant Professor of French in our Department will deliver a lecture titled "Translating Authority: Women and the Making of the Medieval Mediterranean." The lecture starts at 4 PM on Friday, September 26, 2014, in Room 113 of the Arts and Science Building, also followed by refreshments. Dr. Moore is author of *Exchanges in Exoticism: Cross-Cultural Marriage and the Making of the Mediterranean in Old French Romance* (University of Toronto Press, 2014).

All lectures in the series free and open to the public—especially to alumni and friends of the Department.

For organizing both seminars, many thanks to members of our Lectures Committee, especially the Chair of the committee Dr. Jack Draper, and Dr. Guadalupe Pérez Anzaldo, who invited Dr. Chew-Smithart.

Please remember to share your news—faculty, students, staff, alumni—so that we can share it in our Bulletin. We look forward to seeing you at our first two lectures.

Best wishes.

*Charles Presberg*

**DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Professor Juanamaría's documentary titled *La Habana expuesta, un diseño de Estévez / Havana on Display, a Design by Estévez* (2012) was screened on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at 6 pm in San Francisco, at the Koret Auditorium, under the sponsorship of The San Francisco Museum of the African Diaspora, The San Francisco Public Library and the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. The documentary is an anthology of poetry by Nancy Morejón, 21 minutes long, with English subtitles. You can find a trailer for the documentary on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hk-s31h75Kw&feature=relmfu>

**FACULTY SEMINARS**

**Jack Draper**, Associate Professor of Portuguese, will deliver a lecture titled "Youth on Film in Brazil's Favelas: The Advent of Child-Centric Perspectives on Life at the Margins." This event forms part of the Noel P. Gist Seminar Series. International Center, N52 Memorial Union, **Thursday, September 25, 12:00 -1:00 pm**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Dario Cersosimo**, Spanish, has accepted a position as Software Engineer with Lockheed Martin in Orlando, Florida.

**WELCOME**

New instructor of Spanish; **Javier Kelty**  
New instructor of Italian; **Arianna Soldati**

**RETIREMENT**

Staff member **Mary Harris** has returned to her retirement. Mary joined the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures in 1992. She first returned from her retirement to help us part-time in 2009. We wish Mary the very best and thank her for many years of service to students and faculty alike.

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.