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-Smithhart 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-Smithhart 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 Smithhart’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-Smithhart. 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